The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development: -

Whether, in regard to the Rose Belle Business Park Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Landscape Mauritius Ltd., information as to the (a) extent of the building thereof (b) names of the contractors and of the consultants thereof, indicating the (i) procedures followed for the allocation of the contract thereto and (ii) total amount of money paid thereto (c) extent of spaces that will be available thereat and (d) expected date of coming into operation thereof?

REPLY

Madam, Speaker,

The Rose Belle Business Park Project is being developed on 56 arpents of land.
The site is serviced with modern infrastructural utilities and services.

As regards part (a) of the question, the high-tech building has been built by ex-BPML now merged into Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd on about 2 acres of land along the motorway. It consists of ground plus five floors and covers a total floor area of 6,800 square metres.

Regarding part (b) of the question, I am informed that following a bid exercise, the Consultancy Services for the design, tendering and construction supervision was awarded on 07 August 2013 to a joint venture of Messrs P. Desai/Kothari and Associates for an amount of Rs 11,327,500 inclusive of VAT.

After a tender exercise, the contract for the project construction was awarded in August 2014 by ex-BPML to Hyvec Partners for Rs 328.9 million inclusive of VAT.

I am further informed that the total amount paid as at date is Rs 248.7 million VAT inclusive, in particular Rs 238.5 million to Hyvec partners and Rs 10.2 million to Messrs P. Desai/Kothari and Associates.

As regards part (c) of the question, the rentable space in the building is 5,070 square metres.
In relation to part (d) of the question, I am informed that the construction of the building has been completed. The contractor is currently attending to the snag list and the building is expected to be handed over to Landscope (Mauritius) Ltd by 31 May 2017.

2 floors of the building were earmarked to host the Spot Trading Platform of the proposed ‘Mauritius International Derivatives and Commodities Exchange’ (MINDEX). To this end, I am informed that the Financial Services Promotion Agency has launched international call for proposals on 6 January 2017 to appoint a consultancy firm or consultant to advise on the feasibility of such a platform as well as the modalities of the implementation of the project. The contract for consultancy services will be awarded shortly. Landscope (Mauritius) Ltd has started marketing the remaining 4 floors to private operators.

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