PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Le Val Nature Park, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to (a) the name of the manager thereof (b) the extent of land vested therein (c) if there is any project for the (i) upgrading thereof and (ii) contracting out of the management thereof and (d) if any compensation has now been paid to the previous lessee thereof?

REPLY

Madam Speaker,

Le Val Nature Park is owned by Le Val Development Ltd, with SIC and Rose Belle Sugar Estate as shareholders.

As regard part (a) of the question, SIC has designated Mr Kevin Dukhira to manage the Park.
Concerning part (b), I am informed that 100 arpents of land were acquired from Rose Belle Sugar Estate in 1987 for a sum of Rs 6.2 million. However, a land survey carried out in 1999 showed that the land area was actually 83 arpents and 30 perches.

Regarding part (c) of the question, I am informed that concerning the upgrading of the Park, the Company had already invested some Rs 7.5 million in 2013 for the refurbishment of its restaurant, wedding hall and other facilities. I am informed that the business model is being reviewed, including the possibility of contracting out the management of the Park.

As to part (d), I am informed that no compensation has been paid to the previous lessee.

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