To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the Roche Brunes Seed Production Centre, he will state if his Ministry has leased it out and if so

(a) the name of the lessee
(b) the value ascribed to the land and to its building
(c) the extent of the land leased
(d) the rental value and
(e) the terms and conditions of the lease?

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Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Roche Brunes Seed Production Centre is of an extent of 95A comprising the following:

(I) An extent of 69A under the control of my Ministry consisting of:

(a) 62A for vegetable seed production producing some 3 tonnes of seeds annually which represents 25% of the total annual seed production of this Ministry (12 tonnes);
(b) 5A is under orchard (mango, coconut, letchis) for plant propagation and plant genetic resources;
(c) 2A under buildings and offices;
The remaining 26A leased as follows:

(i) 5A to Institut de Development Viti Vinicole on 16 April 1999 for table grape production at an annual rent of Rs. 14,000 for a period of 7 years. The leased expired on 12 January 2006 and was not renewed for noncompliance by the lessee with the contract;

(ii) Two plots of 16A to Mr. Richad Punjoo as follows:

(a) a first plot of 7A for goat breeding purposes on 4 September 2000 at an annual rent of Rs. 10,000;
(b) a second plot of 9A for fodder production on 19 January 2004 at an annual rent of Rs. 13,500;

Mr. Punjoo has submitted a request for an additional 10A for the expansion of his goat breeding activities which is being considered by my Ministry;

(iii) 2A to Mr. Hervé Aimée for mixed farming on 27 March 2008 at an annual rent of 1000/arpent;

(iv) 1A to Mrs. Mylene Abdoolkader for vegetable cultivation on 16 May 2008 at an annual rent of 1000/arpent;

(v) 1A to Mrs. Arianne Antoinette for vegetable cultivation on 18 April 2008 at an annual rent of 1000/arpent; and

(vi) 1A to La Ferme Coowar Ltd for farming and fodder development on 6 June 2008 at an annual rent of 1000/arpent.