

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO B/971**

**B/971**      **The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and**  
**(29.07.08)**    **Montagne Longue (Mr. Lesjongard)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the Roche Brunès 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 Brunès Seed Production Centre is of an extent of 95A comprising the following:

- (l) 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, litchis) for plant propagation and plant genetic resources;**
  - (c) 2A under buildings and offices;**

(II) 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.

