

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

B/820 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr.Dowarkasing))

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a Central Slaughter House, he will state (a) the date since when this project has been conceptualized (b) the estimated initial cost and the estimated actual cost thereof (c) the amount of money disbursed, as at date and (d) the present status thereof?

REPLY

Mr. Speaker Sir

I am informed by the Mauritius Meat Authority that a project for the rehabilitation of the existing Central Slaughter House was conceptualized in 1997 by a Belgian Consultancy Firm, namely, International Montage and Maintenance (IMM).

2. The initial project cost was estimated at Rs 83 Million in 1997. The project value was revised to Rs 125 Million in 2004 by a South African firm namely CES Consultant Pty Ltd. No revision of project value has been made since.

3. The MMA has so far spent an amount of Rs 40 Million on this project. The scope of this project has been revised recently to enable the Slaughter House to operate under optimum hygienic conditions. In this context, the MMA proposes to spend some Rs 39 Million over the next two financial years, with the technical assistance for the preparation of tender documents and supervision of works, of the Architect and Quantity Surveying Divisions of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, which have been involved since the very start of the rehabilitation project.