

## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

**B/516**

The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River  
**(Mrs Hanoomanjee)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the grant of fishing permits to foreign vessels to operate in our territorial waters, he will state (a) the number thereof granted since November 2007 to-date and (b) if it is proposed to grant additional ones in the immediate future?**

## REPLY

Mr. Speaker Sir,

I wish to inform the House that licences are not issued to foreign fishing vessels for fishing in our territorial waters which extend up to 12 nautical miles from the base line. Our territorial waters are reserved solely for exploitation by our local fishing boats. Therefore parts A and B do not arise.

2. However, the House may wish to note that we do issue fishing licences to foreign fishing vessels for fishing in the maritime zones of Mauritius beyond the territorial waters and distances from the baseline as appropriate.