

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO B/247

B/247 **The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and**
(24.04.07) **Phoenix (Mrs Dookun - Luchoomun)**

*To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime minister, Mister of
Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-*

**Whether, in regard to the hotel development projects at
Bel Ombre, he will; state if the small planters of the
region were relocated and a compensation was paid to
other small planters whose leases were terminated?**

REPLY

Mr Speaker Sir,

1. I am informed that Salt Lake Resort Ltd was granted an industrial lease in February 2004 for hotel development at Bel Ombre on an aggregate extent of 88,749.49 m² which include land forming part of Bel Ombre Small Scale Irrigation Project occupied by 5 planters. Those planters were relocated to a nearby site acquired by Government under the land exchange mechanism with Bel Ombre S.E and no compensation was paid to them.

2. In December 2004, SOREPVACCOR, a French holding made a request to my Ministry through the Board of Investment for 3 hectares of land at Bel Ombre for a hotel project. 8 planters were concerned and they have voluntarily relinquished their rights on some 8A83 against a total compensation of Rs 3,973,500 on the basis of Rs 450,000 per arpent paid by the promoter. They were not relocated.

3. I wish to point out that the Lease Agreement between the Irrigation Authority and the planters expired on 30 June 2001 and was not renewed because of the integrated hotel and leisure development project at Bel Ombre. However, the planters not affected by the hotel projects are continuing to occupy their lands by 'tacit reconduction' until now.