

### **PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION B/87**

B/87                      The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and  
10.04.07                  Phoenix (**Mr Soodhun**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Board of the Mauritius Sugar Authority, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the name of its Chairperson and members and (b) state if he proposes to appoint a representative of the sugar industry workers and a representative of small planters thereon?**

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### **REPLY**

Mr Speaker, Sir,

The Chairperson of the Mauritius Sugar Authority is Mrs Krishnawtee BEEGUN, Senior Chief Executive of the Ministry of Agro Industry & Fisheries. The other members are:

- Mr Aswanee Kumar RAMCHURN - Accountant
- Mr Kishore MUNDIL – Agricultural Economist
- Mr Nitish BENIMADHU - Economist
- Mr Cyril MAYER – Accountant.

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As regards part (b) of the question, I wish to point out that according to Section 5(2) of the Mauritius Sugar Authority Act, the Board shall consist of a Chairman and four members who have professional expertise or wide experience in the sugar industry to be appointed by the Minister.

The Hon. Member may wish to note that Section 7 of the Act provides for the setting up of an Advisory Council to advise the Board. The Advisory council includes inter alia four representatives of employees of the Sugar Industry and also representatives of small planters.

Presently the four representatives of the employees of the sugar industry are:

- (i) Mr Gopal Bhujan            - Plantation Workers Union
- (ii) Mr Lall Dewnath            - Artisans & General Workers Union

(iii) Mr Gérard Lall - Organisation of Artisans Unity  
(iv) Mr B. Joaheer - Sugar Industry Overseers Association  
and the representatives of small planters are:

- (i) Mr Ezra Jhuboo
- (ii) Mr S. Ramdharee
- (iii) Mr G. Juggessur

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Mr Speaker, Sir, the Mauritius Sugar Authority Act clearly provides, under sections 6 and 7, the means to ensure that all interests are represented and I have ensured that this is so.