

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION B/1260**

B/1260      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 reforms in the sugar sector, he will state whether funds have so far been disbursed by the European Union in connection therewith and, if so, indicate the amount and the use to which they have been put?**

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**REPLY** (on 04.12.07)

Mr Speaker, Sir,

I am advised by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development that the first tranche of €6.5 million, which is a fixed tranche, was disbursed by the European Union to Government in June 2007 under the sector budget support programme.

I am further advised that funds to the tune of Rs 309 million have been subsequently allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development to the Mauritius Sugar Authority to refund loans taken for the implementation of Phase I of the Field Operations and Regrouping Project for small planters.