

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO B/972**

**B/972**      **The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and**  
**(29.07.08)**    **Montagne Longue (Mr. Lesjongard)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the Bois Marchand Agricultural Centre, he will state of his Ministry has leased it out and if so**

- (a) the name of the lessee**
- (b) the extent of the land leased**
- (c) the rental value and**
- (d) the terms and conditions of the lease?**

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**Mr. Speaker, Sir,**

The Bois Marchand Agricultural Centre is of an extent of 39A58. Its main activity was the production of seeds and planting materials for sale to growers and the public.

2. Following the launching of Tianli project in May 2007:

- (i) 15 bona fide ex-tenants of the Riche Terre Land Settlement were relocated to Bois Marchand over an extent of 15 arpents for seed production activities. In the first instance they are allowed to cultivate vegetables. Subsequently they would be encouraged to go for seed production under the guidance of the technicians of the Ministry and AREU.
- (ii) The lease is valid for a term of 8 years and 2 months as from 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2007 to expire on the last day of June 2015 at a nominal rent varying between Rs117.50 and Rs126.00 per arpent per year.

- (iii) Eight plots of an extent of 8 arpents have not yet been allocated since the eligible planters have entered a case against the quantum of compensation in the Supreme Court. The case is scheduled for 31 July 2008.
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- (i) The remaining 15A02 under orchard, nursery and office premises have been leased to a private company (BRG Gain Private Co Ltd) to carry exactly the same activities that were being performed in the nursery solely for the production of planting materials for sale to growers and the public;
  - (ii) The lease is valid for a term of 25 years as from 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2008 to expire on last day of February 2033 at an annual rent of Rs 15,020 for the period 01.03.08 to 28.02.2015. Thereafter the rent shall be increased annually by a percentage which shall not exceed 5% of the current rent.
4. The name of lessees, the terms and conditions of the leases are being tabled.

