

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. B/515

B/515 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 applied research, he will state the results achieved by his Ministry since July 2005 to-date by making use of the existing laboratories?

REPLY

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Applied agricultural research is scientific work and studies at various levels of the production and supply chain in agricultural, food and the fisheries sectors, the knowledge of which is used to solve practical real-world problems and which can therefore be put into practice by various beneficiaries.

These beneficiaries are the agricultural and food producers; and ultimately the consumer; as well as the institutions and organizations themselves that are providing research and analytical support services for delivery of their products and services.

The laboratories that are undertaking applied research which is on a continuing basis, ensure the availability of safer food products to the consumer, improving productivity of farmers as well as guaranteeing that research institutions are carrying out these functions with use of the latest technologies and techniques.

I am submitting a brief list of the activities of the laboratories at the level of my Ministry, that are concerned with applied research, and tabling the detailed research undertakings of the Laboratories and Institutions concerned since July 2005 and as at date.

I am also extending the list by including the MSIRI and the University of Mauritius.