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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

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The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) date of appointment of the new Director General thereof, indicating his terms and conditions of appointment and (b) reasons for the resignation of the former Acting Director General thereof?

REPLY

Madam Speaker,

The Director-General of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation is appointed under section 13 (2)(a) of the MBC Act, which provides that,

I quote

“The Director-General shall be appointed by the Minister, with the approval of the Prime Minister on such terms and conditions as he thinks fit”

Unquote

I have accordingly appointed the new Director General of the MBC on a contractual basis for a period of one year. The new Director General has assumed duty on 16 August 2019.

Madam Speaker,

The new Director-General is being paid the same salary as the former substantive Director General of the Corporation, that is, Rs 225,000 per month. The other terms and conditions of his appointment, such as car benefits, travelling, leave, passage benefits and gratuity are as per the recommendations of the Pay Research Bureau.

In regard to part (b) of the Question, I am informed that the former Acting Director-General of the MBC tendered his resignation for personal reasons.