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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

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 Ebene Cybercity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd., information as to if consideration will be given for the uplifting of the environment thereat, especially, with regard to parking facilities and a new hawker zone thereat and, if so, when?

REPLY

Madam Speaker,

In March 2018, Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd appointed a consultant, namely a Joint Venture comprising IYER Architects of South Africa, GIBB (Mauritius) Ltd and Hooloomann and Associates Ltd, to prepare an urban regeneration development plan for the Ebène Cybercity.

In their report submitted in October 2018, the consultants have proposed a number of measures to be implemented in phases. The key proposals include improvement to the environment, better parking solutions, smoother traffic flow, modern amenities for food sellers and creation of pedestrian walkways.

A leisure space comprising a garden, a jogging track, a children's playground, an outdoor gym, a kiosk and seating benches will be developed on some 0.8 arpent of land belonging to Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd to improve the public environment. The works are scheduled to start shortly and will be financed by the High Commission of India.

As regards the parking issue, I am informed that works have started in April 2018 for the construction of a multi-storey building with 934 parking slots and construction is expected to be completed by the end of the year 2019.

Moreover, Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd will manage an off-site parking on the periphery of Ebene on some 3 Arpents of leased private land for around 500 cars with shuttle facilities. This off-site parking will be operational in December 2019.

I am also informed that Hermès Properties Ltd, which is developing the Trianon Smart City project on the other side of the motorway, is proposing to make available some 2000 parking spaces with shuttle service facilities to service the Cybercity as from November 2019.

To allow a smoother traffic flow, Government will upgrade the Ebène Flyover. It will be widened into a dual carriageway, the roundabouts will be redesigned and new junctions will be added. The traffic flow will, subsequently, be re-engineered to provide commuters safer and quicker access, to and from Ebene. Tenders have already been launched on a design and build basis, and works are expected to start in January 2020 and be completed in May 2021.

Madam Speaker,

As regard hawkers, Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd has allocated, free of charge, 0.5 arpent of land on a temporary basis to accommodate the 50 food sellers who were operating along the streets of Ebène. I am informed that Landscape intends to launch a tender to select a private Promoter to lease 0.8 Arpent of land and develop a commercial project. One of the conditions would be that the Private Promoter must provide a food court to house 50 food sellers at a discounted rental rate.

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