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Member Asking: Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Minister Answering: Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Robert M. Persaud, MBA. MP

QUESTION

**MAJOR PROJECT CONCERNING THE CONSEQUENCES TO GUYANA BY
CLIMATE CHANGE**

The World Bank and the Guyana Government are presently negotiating a major project concerning the consequences to Guyana by climate change, and preventative/remedial actions to be taken to avoid adverse infrastructural and social damage, monies for which will be in the form of a grant not a loan. There are two “sticking points” which need clarification before negotiations can be completed so that the project could commence.

Can the Minister state:

*Whether they are any obstacles in the negotiations between the World Bank and the Guyana Government in connection with the project on Climate Change and its consequences to Guyana. If there are any obstacles, can the Minister state what are these obstacles and Guyana’s position relating to them?

ANSWER

Project Negotiations were completed for the Conservancy Adaptation Project on June 11, 2007. The World Bank team submitted the negotiated project to the Global Environmental Facility for approval to obtain the US\$3.8 million required to carry out the project.

Once approval has been granted (which is expected in September), the project will be forwarded to the World Bank Board of Directors for final approval. The World Bank has indicated that the project will be ready for signing and implementation in October 2007.