Madam Speaker,

I wish, with your permission, to inform the House that the Central Water Authority has carried out a soft launch of the Bagatelle Water Treatment plant on last Thursday.

The Bagatelle Water Treatment plant project consists of the construction of a rapid gravity sand filtration at Bagatelle dam, with a production capacity of 60,000 cubic meter and ancillary works. The cost of the Bagatelle Water Treatment Plant is around Rs 890 million.

In May 2014, the Central Procurement Board approved the award of the contract to JV HWPC/First Bureau/HUDP, a Chinese company. However, works could not start due to challenges at the Independent Review Panel and the Supreme Court.

The construction started in February 2017 and has now been completed. The equipment in the different processes of the treatment plant have been tested and commissioned.
The release of treated water from the plant will be on a progressive basis. Initially, 22,000 cubic meter is being released to supply the regions of Lower Quatre Bornes, Belle Rose, Roches Brunes, Stanley, Mont Roches, Trefles, Rose Hill and Beau Bassin, Coromandel, Pailles- Guibies, Soreze and Camp Chapelon.

The volume of water produced will increase gradually to reach full capacity by end November, following the completion of the outstanding pipe laying works in Belle Rose.

With the coming into operation of the Plant, some 175,000 inhabitants will receive 24/7 hours of supply. In addition, water from Mare aux Vacoas, which is now supplied to these regions, will then be channelled to Tamarin, Riviere Noire, La Gaulette, Coteau Raffin and Le Morne, thus increasing hours of supply in the west.