

CABINET DECISIONS – 15 NOVEMBER 2019

1. Cabinet has taken note that the rates of basic pensions are being increased with effect from 1 December 2019 as hereunder –

- (a) Monthly old age basic pension (BRP) as follows –
 - (i) 60 to 89 years – from Rs6,210 to Rs9,000
 - (ii) 90 to 99 years – from Rs16,210 to Rs16,710
 - (iii) Centenarians – from Rs21,210 to Rs21,710
- (b) Basic Widow's Pension and Basic Invalidation Pension from Rs6,210 to Rs9,000 per month;
- (c) Basic Orphans Pension for those under 15 years not in full time education from Rs3,710 to Rs5,000 and those 3 years and up to 20 years in full time education from Rs5,210 to Rs7,000 per month; and
- (d) Carer's Allowance and beneficiaries of BRP also drawing invalidity allowance from Rs3,000 to Rs3,500. Other allowances, namely Child Allowance, Guardian's Allowance, Inmates Allowance as well as minimum contributory pensions are also being adjusted.

2. Cabinet has taken note that the first meeting of the Tripartite Committee for Salary Compensation 2020 would be chaired by the Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, on 20 November 2019.

3. Cabinet has taken note that the 14th edition of the *Festival Internacional Kreol* would be organised by the Ministry of Tourism from 5 to 8 December 2019. The Festival, an annual event organised in the context of the International Creole Day, aims at showcasing the authenticity of the Creole culture through local music, arts, language and cuisine.

The *Final Konkour Teat an Lang Kreol* organised by the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage would be held on 16 November 2019.

4. Cabinet has taken note that the 17th Regional Seminar of ACP-EU Economic and Social Interest Groups would be held in Mauritius on 21 and 22 November 2019. The event would be organised by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), an official EU advisory body, that gives socio-economic stakeholders (employers, trade unions, farmers, consumers' organisations, cooperatives, NGOs and other representatives of the civil society) a formal platform to express their views. Representatives of economic and social interest groups from the Indian Ocean islands and African countries as well as institutional participants from the ACP countries, COMESA and EU would attend the event.
