

INTERIM REPORT

**OF THE JOINT SELECT
COMMITTEE APPOINTED
TO CONSIDER AND REPORT
ON**

**THE MISCELLANEOUS
PROVISIONS (LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
REFORM) BILL, 2020**

**PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

FIRST SESSION, TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

Committee Mandate

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Monday November 09, 2020 and of the Senate on Tuesday November 17, 2020, a Joint Select Committee was established to consider and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020 and was empowered to consider and report on the general merits and principles of the Bill and report by Thursday December 31, 2020.

Committee Membership

Mr. Clarence Rambharat	-	Chairman
Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP	-	Member
Mr. Esmond Forde, MP	-	Member
Mr. Keith Scotland, MP	-	Member
Ms. Khadijah Ameen, MP	-	Member
Ms. Vandana Mohit, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Laurel Lezama- Lee Sing	-	Member
Mr. Kazim Hosein	-	Member
Mr. Paul Richards	-	Member
Mr. Deeroop Teemal	-	Member
Mr. Anil Roberts	-	Member

Secretariat Support

Mr. Brian Caesar	-	Secretary
Mr. Johnson Greenidge	-	Assistant Secretary
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CHAIRMANSHIP

1. At its First Meeting on Wednesday November 18, 2020, your Committee elected Mr. Clarence Rambharat as Chairman, in accordance with House of Representatives Standing Order 97(3) and Senate Standing Order 87(3).

MEETINGS

2. Since its appointment, your Committee has held two (2) meetings on the following dates:

- **Wednesday November 18, 2020; and**
- **Tuesday December 01, 2020;**

WORK TO DATE

3. At its First Meeting held on Wednesday November 18, 2020, the Committee agreed to have a presentation done on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020.

4. At its Second Meeting held on Tuesday December 01, 2020, the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, on the invitation of the Committee, presented (in-camera) on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020.

Additionally, the Committee discussed and agreed on its Work Programme and decided that at its next meeting a list of key stakeholders would be approved and subsequently invited to provide comments on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020.

REPORT

5. Your Committee wishes to report that it has advanced in its work, but is constrained in meeting the Thursday December 31, 2020 deadline for submission of its final report. Consequently, your Committee requires additional time to continue and complete its work programme with a view to fulfilling its mandate.

RECOMMENDATION

6. Your Committee therefore requests an extension of three (3) months to continue and complete its work and to submit a final report by **Wednesday March 31, 2021**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgd.
Mr. Clarence Rambharat
Chairman
December 11, 2020