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Minister Hosein Resolves Garbage Collection Crisis in Princes Town Regional Corporation

February 12th 2019, Maraval – Senator the Honourable Kazim Hosein, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government along with Permanent Secretary Jennifer Daniel paid a visit to the Princes Town Regional Corporation (PTRC) yesterday in an effort to address the on-going issue of garbage collection that is currently plaguing this Corporation.

The Minister and Permanent Secretary met with Chairman of the PTRC, Gowrie Roopnarine, CEO Sherifa Heru and members of the Public Health Unit where it was revealed that the contractor in question demanded a forty (40) percent increase in fees for services rendered to the people of Princes Town and environs. They later voluntarily terminated their contract, thus opening the door for selection of another contractor which is in accordance with government procedure. As a result this emergency meeting was scheduled with the CEO and the Council.

CEO Sherifa Heru admitted that several other contractors have come forward to make their service available to the Corporation and as such she was guided by Permanent Secretary Daniel that an alternative contractor be selected forthwith.

Minister Hosein observed that this waste collection problem has been consistent within the Princes Town Regional Corporation and as Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, he has oversight of ALL fourteen (14) Corporations and seeks the best interest of citizens at all times. He therefore took the opportunity to impart some words of wisdom to the CEO of the PTRC and Council and demanded that more consistent contractors be selected.

Minister Hosein, PS Daniel and staff of the PTRC also toured the Princes Town area and met with affected residents who were promised immediate relief. Minister Hosein took the opportunity to apologize to all affected citizens noting that this situation could have been avoided. The Minister reiterates that garbage collection is an essential service to the public and citizens will not suffer at

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the hands of unscrupulous businessmen under his tenure as Minister of Rural Development and Local Government.

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From left – Councillor Raffi Mohammed, Chairman PTRC Gowrie Roopnarine, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, the Honourable Kazim Hosein, Permanent Secretary Jennifer Daniel, CEO Sherifa Heru and Gerard Ramharack, Sanitation Foreman III meet to find a resolution to the waste collection impasse at the PTRC Conference Room, Princes Town

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Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, the Hon. Kazim Hosein tour the Princes Town area with Chairman of the PTRC and Public Health Officers in an on-going effort to address the garbage collection impasse and bring relief to residents.

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