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Minister Hosein grants approval for \$1 Million Dollars Per Municipal Corporation to Combat Water Shortages

December 22nd, 2020. Kent House, Maraval – The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, Senator the Honourable Kazim Hosein, has granted the necessary approval to allow Corporations to utilize a maximum of one million (\$1Mn) dollars from their “Unspent Balances”, to combat water challenges faced by various communities across the island. This is in accordance with Section 112 (2) of the Municipal Corporations Act, Chapter 25:04.

On Monday 21st December 2020, Minister Hosein hosted a virtual meeting with the Permanent Secretary Ms. Desdra Bascombe, Deputy Permanent Secretary Mr. Raymond Seepaul all Mayors, Chairmen and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) to discuss the use of up to 1 million dollars from their unspent balances to assist Corporations in providing critical service upgrades and repairs to water tenders and water trucking in order to assist with the efficient provision of water across all municipalities.

Minister Hosein affirmed “With the approval to use up to 1 million dollars, each Corporation will be better able to help those in need in their regions, boroughs and cities. Water is critical! Each citizen needs to have access to potable water, not just at Christmas time, but all year round. We must also remember that we are in the midst of a global pandemic and having clean water is of paramount importance to curb the spread of the coronavirus.” Senator Hosein also commended the ongoing efforts of the Corporations as well as ministry personnel for their continued service as it relates to the ministry’s COVID-19 response.

The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government will be working closely with the Municipal Corporations to ensure that the necessary procedures are followed and requests for utilization of unspent balances are urgently processed.

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