PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

Question : 1153 (10)
To Be Asked On : Thursday 16th August, 2012
By : Hon. M.M. Goya, MP (Palapye)

QUESTION

To ask the Minister of Local Government:-

i) if he is aware of the apparent congestion at the Gaborone City Council bus/taxi terminal (rank) which has become totally unbearable, not only during peak hours periods, but throughout as a result of the new shopping complexes within the periphery (that is, KB Mall and Rail Park Mall);

ii) whether he will consider using a portion of the Fire Brigade plot which is currently used as a football pitch to expand the bus/taxi rank and then re-align the ‘N’ and ‘OUT’ routes to ameliorate the traffic congestion.

ANSWER

Madam Speaker,

I am aware of the congestion at the bus rank due to the opening of new shopping complexes.

My Ministry through Gaborone City Council has submitted a proposal under project review for the provision of additional lanes to the existing ones to take the portion of the Council Fire Station to re-align the “In and Out” lanes. In addition the Central Business District (CBD) Master Plan has recommended the provision of Exclusive Public Transport Corridor which will include the construction of a tunnel across the Molepolole road that will link the bus rank and the Central Business District (CBD)
dual carriageway that runs parallel to the railway line. The CBD project has also been proposed in the Mid-Term Review. Implementation of both projects will depend on approval of funding.

Thank you.