

- n) The schemes / incentives in respect of small planters have not worked and a new approach is required;
 - o) The Sugar Industry has a multiplier effect in terms of protection of biodiversity and environment for various sectors of the economy. Assess the possibility of having the Sugar Industry remunerated for this contribution;
 - p) Look into new regional research avenues to improve the development and release of new varieties in Mauritius to improve productivity;
 - q) Look into research collaboration to improve innovation of by-products such as bioplastics;
 - r) Evaluate the impact of climate change and identify mitigation prospects to limit impact on local production;
 - s) Identify funding, technical assistance and possible funding sources required for such projects.
3. To this end, the JTC is being mandated to work on short and medium, 2017 to 2022, strategy for the sugar industry taking into account the recitals in paragraph 2.
4. Given the urgency of the situation, the JTC would have to submit an interim report, with legislative proposals as the case may be, by 15 February 2018, and its final report by end March 2018.
5. As for the previous JTC, it will be co-chaired by the ex-PS Minister of Agro Industry, M. Vishnu Gondeea and the CEO of Business Mauritius, M. Raj Makoond. Other members of the JTC include representatives of the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority (MCIA), Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture (MCA), Mauritius Sugar Syndicate (MSS), Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MOFED). Co-opted members may be invited as and when necessary.
6. The MCIA will be member and act as secretariat for the JTC.

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