

Corporate Social Responsibility

Mauritius Telecom Foundation disburses another Rs 15.5 million

After a first disbursement of Rs 19.6 million by the Mauritius Telecom Foundation earlier this year to finance poverty reduction projects, Mauritius Telecom CEO Sarat Lallah announced the names of a second list of beneficiaries yesterday in the presence of ICT Minister Hon T. Pillay Chedumbrum. Another Rs 15.5 million will go towards financing some seven projects designed to feed undernourished children and support students, the poor and the needy.

The Mauritius Telecom Foundation, set up in

December 2009 to support and facilitate Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects on behalf of Mauritius Telecom, has so far been closely involved in poverty reduction and social housing projects as well as the dissemination of Information and Communication Technology amongst underprivileged/disadvantaged students and youths. It will go on to support access to ICT for the benefit of disadvantaged Mauritian through a donation of Rs 6 million to the National Computer Board for the purchase of an additional "Cyber Caravanne" and the

donation of 200 NetPc (as well as free internet subscription for one year) to the e-inclusion Foundation. It will also donate: Rs 1.3 million to the Mauritius Scouts Association for the training of young Scouts members; Rs 100,000 to the Thalassemia Society to support patients suffering from this rare disease affecting the blood; Rs 220,000 to the Arya Sabha to feed undernourished children of Dubreuil; Rs 5 million to the National Empowerment of Rodrigues to finance eradication of poverty programmes in the island as well as the Trevor Huddle-



ston Association which is involved in supporting handicapped Rodriguan children. Another Rs 250,000 will go to the Pierre Gonzague

Louis Special Learning Centre, which trains handicapped children in specific work skills.