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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Agriculture Minister: EMBD Investigating Claxton Bay Incident**

Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries Senator the Honourable Clarence Rambharat said that the Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited (EMBD) is currently investigating the incident at Bellview Gardens, Claxton Bay. The Minister remarks came as he responded to a question in the Senate earlier today (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021).

Reading directly from a correspondence written to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries, the Honourable Stewart Young from the Chairman of the Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited (EMBD), Mr. Ronnie Mohammed dated September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Honourable Minister said, “EMBD personnel visited the area of the affected houses and reported that one house had collapsed and another appears to be moving, an internal investigation team was immediately was assigned to investigate the complaints.

He added, “this team comprised of Quantity Surveyor, Project Manager, Security Manager and Land Surveyor as well as a representative from the Quarry Contractor and Operator. Given that the matter involves land slippage, the EMBD has also asked Mr. Charles Alleyne, a Geo-Technical Expert to conduct a site visit with EMBD personnel today (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021) with a view of assisting with the investigations, in particular, on advising technically on the potential or the actual cause of the land slip. As of 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, the EMBD has halted all quarrying operations as a precautionary measure pending these investigations.

This is a Preliminary Report and ad we shall revert with you a more complete report once investigations into this matter proceed”.

The incident is very unfortunate Minister Rambharat said, and he has also asked the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services for their intervention in assisting the families of the area.

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