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**REPORT OF THE  
ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION  
ON THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF  
HINDUSTAN/ST MARY'S  
HELD ON MONDAY 25TH JANUARY, 2021**



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## REPORT

of the Elections and Boundaries Commission on the  
Local Government Bye-Election in the Electoral District of Hindustan/St. Mary's held on  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

### GIVING

- (a) the number of votes polled for each candidate, by polling divisions;
- (b) the number of rejected ballots;
- (c) the number of names on the revised list of electors and on the list of special electors; and
- (d) any other information that the Commission has deemed fit to include.

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29<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

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Minister of Rural Development & Local Government  
Ministry of Rural Development & Local Government  
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Honourable Minister

Election Rule 108(6) of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 2:01 (the Act) requires the Elections and Boundaries Commission (the Commission) to cause to be printed, after each election, a report giving:

- (a) the number of votes polled for each candidate by polling divisions;
- (b) the number of rejected ballots;
- (c) the number of names on the revised list of electors and on the list of special electors; and
- (d) any other information that it may deem fit to include.

Further, the said rule specifies that a copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Minister responsible for local government, as well as to the Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Corporation.

Acting in accordance with the said election rule 108(6), therefore, the Commission submits herewith its report on the Bye-Election in the Princes Town Regional Corporation held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. The data in respect of (a) and (b) above are provided in **Appendix I**. A summary of the information contained in Appendix I is given in **Appendix II**, while the requirement at (c) is met in **Appendix III**. Other pertinent information deemed fit for inclusion in the report, in addition to what is contained in this text, can be found in **Appendices IV-IX** inclusive.

## 1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE OF THE ELECTION

By means of correspondence dated Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 from Her Excellency, the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Commission was informed that the Honourable Prime Minister had agreed to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 as the date for the conduct of a Bye-Election in the Electoral District of Hindustan/St. Mary's in the Princes Town Regional Corporation, consequent on the declaration by the said Corporation of a vacancy in the Electoral District. The vacancy arose as a consequence of the election of the

then Councillor for the electoral district as Member of Parliament for the constituency of Moruga/Tableland in the 2020 Parliamentary Election.

The correspondence also indicated that Nomination Day had been fixed for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

## **2. ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Act, a nine-day period of electoral registration was conducted from 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

While the time-span cited actually amounts to eleven (11) calendar days, the legal stipulation of nine (9) days was not exceeded. This is due to the fact that Christmas Day and Boxing Day (i.e. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2020), which fell within the period, had to be excluded in accordance with provisions of section 159(1) of the Act.

During the period of the Electoral Registration there were no new registrations or requests for change of address.

The Preliminary List of Electors posted, as required, on the date of the commencement of the period of the Electoral Registration, reflected an electorate of eight thousand, seven hundred and twenty-six (**8,726**). Changes made to this list on the completion of the exercise, by way of deletions, resulted in an electorate of eight thousand, seven hundred and twenty-three (**8,723**) on the Revised List of Electors which was posted on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. Since there were no adjustments to the Revised List, it was not necessary to post a Supplemental List.

## **3. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER**

Mr. Harold Yacub was selected as the Returning Officer for the electoral district by the Commission, and the Writ of Election was duly prepared and delivered to Her Excellency, the President on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 for signature.

Commissioner, Ms. Roslyn Khan Cummings, on behalf of the Commission, officially appointed Mr. Yacub as Returning Officer, and presented him with the Writ of Election issued by Her Excellency the President on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. The office of the Returning Officer was established at the Princes Town West Secondary School, East Matilda Junction, Princes Town.





## **4. NOMINATION DAY/ PROCEEDINGS**

On Nomination Day, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, two (2) candidates were nominated by two (2) political parties. There were two (2) independent candidates. Pertinent information relating to the candidates nominated is provided in **Appendix XIII**.



The breakdown of the candidates nominated is provided in **Table 1** below, together with approved symbols.

**TABLE 1**  
**NUMBER OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED & PARTY AFFILIATIONS**

NAME OF POLITICAL PARTY	ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION OF PARTY SYMBOL	PARTY SYMBOL	NO. OF CANDIDATES
People's National Movement	P.N.M.	An oval with a balisier flower inside, at the base the letters PNM and the words PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT		1
United National Congress	U.N.C.	Rising Sun over the Trinity Hills above the letters U.N.C.		1
Independents	IND.	The Balanced Scale		1
		The Star		1
TOTAL CANDIDATES NOMINATED				4

## 5. POLLING STATIONS AND STAFFING

Fifteen (15) polling stations were established for the purpose of the taking of the poll in the eight (8) polling divisions in the electoral district.

A total of one hundred and eighteen (118) individuals received training in polling station and related poll-day activities. Of this number, ninety-five (95), comprising eighty-four (84) females and eleven (11) males, were assigned to work on poll-day. They were recruited to fill the positions of Presiding Officer, Deputy Presiding Officer, Poll Clerk, Officer-in-Charge of the Ballot Box, Information Officer, Roving Officer and Sanitization Officer.

## 6. COMMUNICATION

The Commission issued messages in various media which satisfied legal requirements for publication, and undertook proactive communication which publicly shared accurate, timely information to increase voters' understanding of new processes and procedures, as well as messages which focused on protecting voter participation and inclusion.

In addition to the usual pre-election advertisements, the Commission produced television and radio advertisements aimed at addressing any concerns which the voting public may have had

about the electoral process during the COVID-19 pandemic. These advertisements provided information on the measures implemented by the Commission, aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19 and to safeguard the health and well-being of voters on poll day.

## **7. PREPARATION FOR THE POLL/IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS ON ELECTION PROCESSES**

As it did in the preparation for, and conduct of the 2020 Parliamentary Elections, the first election to be held during the pandemic, the Commission again strictly followed the protocols set out by the Ministry of Health. Consequently, changes were made, but not restricted to:

- ❖ the training programme for prospective poll-day staff;
- ❖ the layout of polling stations; and
- ❖ the means by which election-related documents were made available to the public and election officials.

In all of this, the use of technology proved to be an effective tool.

Further, strict adherence was observed with respect to physical distancing, the mandatory wearing of masks, the wearing of gloves where deemed necessary, the sanitization of the hands of both voters and polling station personnel and the frequent sanitization of equipment provided for use at polling stations.

## **8. CONDUCT OF THE POLL**

Voting by Special Electors commenced as scheduled, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at the office of the Returning Officer, while similar activity began on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at the Special Polling Stations established by the Commission for that purpose. All persons who turned up to vote were able to exercise their franchise without incident.

On poll-day, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, voting commenced as scheduled; and there were no incidents which negatively impacted the voting process. Election Day went as anticipated, and all persons wishing to exercise their franchise were able to do so in the stipulated time.

As is customary, members of the Commission were deployed in the Electoral District on Election Day in order to monitor operations at polling stations. The casting of ballots and the counting of votes were incident free. Generally, the Commission was satisfied that poll-day arrangements enabled the electorate to exercise their franchise freely and fairly.



## 9. ELECTION DOCUMENTS

All relevant election documents have been submitted to the Commission for storage and are being maintained in safe custody in accordance with the Act.


## 10. RESULTS OF THE POLL

The 2021 Local Government Bye-Election in the Electoral District of Hindustan/St. Mary's was won by the United National Congress; their candidate received one thousand, one hundred and seventy-eight (1,178) votes or 40.22% of the valid votes polled. The candidate for the People's National Movement received one thousand and eighty-two (1,082) votes or 36.94% and the two (2) independent candidates received a combined total of six hundred and sixty-nine (669) votes or 22.84%. Further details are provided in **Appendix IV**.

The number of electors exercising their right to vote amounted to two thousand, nine hundred and forty-five (2,945), representing 33.76% of the total number of eligible voters. The number of valid votes polled was two thousand, nine hundred and twenty-nine (2,929) or 99.46% and the number of ballots rejected was two (2) or 0.54%.

Yours faithfully

  
MARK RAMKERRYSINGH  
CHAIRMAN

  
LEWIS W. CHARLES  
MEMBER

  
NOEL KALICHARAN  
MEMBER

  
DANIELLE CHOW  
MEMBER

  
ROSLYN KHAN CUMMINGS  
MEMBER

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**BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2021  
ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF HINDUSTAN/ST. MARY'S**

POLLING STATION NUMBER	POLLING STATION ADDRESS	NO. OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE				NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST AT EACH POLLING STATION	NUMBER OF REJECTED BALLOTS AT EACH POLLING STATION	NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS
		FARRELL, TYLON DWIGHT U.N.C.	LOUBON-LEGENDE, MARTINA MARIA P.N.M.	MORALES, PETERSON MARINUS IND.	SAUNDERS, ARIEL JOHN AARON IND.			
*3425	CHANDRIKA MAHARAJ ROBERT VILLAGE HINDU PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTH TRACE, ROBERT VILLAGE, TABLELAND	115	51	1	17	184	1	422
3430-01	ST. MARY'S GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL MORUGA ROAD, ST. MARY'S VILLAGE	47	42	2	59	150	1	488
3430-02	ST. MARY'S GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL MORUGA ROAD, ST. MARY'S VILLAGE	68	40	2	75	185	1	511
3500-01	COWEN HAMILTON SECONDARY SCHOOL MORUGA ROAD, FIFTH COMPANY VILLAGE	95	61	0	108	264	2	664
3500-02	COWEN HAMILTON SECONDARY SCHOOL MORUGA ROAD, FIFTH COMPANY VILLAGE	87	47	1	89	224	0	618
3505	WILLIAM WEBB MEMORIAL BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL HINDUSTAN ESTATE ROAD, HINDUSTAN	153	93	1	13	260	5	727
3510	NIPAL PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL POORAN ROAD, GEORGE VILLAGE TABLELAND	193	36	0	17	246	1	661
<b>TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>758</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4,091</b>

\* Polling Station where the ballots of Special Electors were intermixed (Election Rule 93).

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		FARRELL, TYLON DWIGHT U.N.C.	LOUBON-LEGENDE, MARTINA MARIA P.N.M.	MORALES, PETERSON MARINUS IND.	SAUNDERS, ARIEL JOHN AARON IND.			
	<b>TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4,091</b>
3515-01	TABLELAND SECONDARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA-MAYARO ROAD, GEORGE VILLAGE, TABLELAND	75	72	0	16	163	0	538
3515-02	TABLELAND SECONDARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA-MAYARO ROAD, GEORGE VILLAGE, TABLELAND	155	38	1	13	207	0	586
3530-01	NORTH TRACE GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA-MAYARO ROAD, NORTH TRACE, NEW GRANT	26	122	0	55	203	1	647
3530-02	NORTH TRACE GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA-MAYARO ROAD, NORTH TRACE, NEW GRANT	36	119	2	45	202	1	635
3530-03	NORTH TRACE GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA-MAYARO ROAD, NORTH TRACE, NEW GRANT	40	80	1	43	164	0	598
3535-01	NEW GRANT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA-MAYARO ROAD, NEW GRANT	14	105	1	37	157	0	525
3535-02	NEW GRANT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA-MAYARO ROAD, NEW GRANT	38	104	1	30	173	0	561
	<b>TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8,181</b>

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	<b>TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	1,142	1,010	13	617	2,782	13	8,181
3535-03	NEW GRANT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA-MAYARO ROAD, NEW GRANT	36	72	3	36	147	3	542
	<b>TOTALS</b>	1,178	1,082	16	653	2,929	16	8,723

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a Statement of the Poll showing the number of votes cast for each Candidate, and do on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 declare TYLON DWIGHT FARRELL elected.

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HAROLD YACUB  
Returning Officer  
Electoral District of HINDUSTAN/ST. MARY'S

(SUMMARY OF APPENDIX I)

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**BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2021**  
**APPENDIX III**  
**NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS AND**  
**ON THE LIST OF SPECIAL ELECTORS**

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NO. OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS	NO. OF NAMES ON THE LIST OF SPECIAL ELECTORS (Extracted from Revised List)
HINDUSTAN/ST. MARY'S	8,723	57

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**APPENDIX IV**  
**ANALYSIS OF VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH POLITICAL PARTY, INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES AND REJECTED BALLOTS**

	ELECTORAL DISTRICT	TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST	REJECTED BALLOTS	VALID VOTES POLLED	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST AS AGAINST THE ELECTORATE	DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES CAST								
						P.N.M.		U.N.C.		IND. 1 MORALES		IND. 2 SAUNDERS		
						NO. OF VOTES	%	NO. OF VOTES	%	NO. OF VOTES	%	NO. OF VOTES	%	
HINDUSTAN/ST. MARY'S		8,723	2,945	16	2,929	33.76	1,082	36.94	1,178	40.22	16	0.55	653	22.29

**BYE ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2021**  
**APPENDIX V**  
**PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF HINDUSTAN/ST. MARY'S**

<b>ELECTORAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>ELECTORATE</b>	<b>TOTAL NO. OF VOTES CAST</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST AS AGAINST THE ELECTORATE</b>
HINDUSTAN/ST. MARY'S	8,723	2,945	33.76%

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**APPENDIX VI**

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF ELECTORS PER POLLING STATION AND  
AVERAGE NUMBER OF VOTERS PER POLLING STATION**

<b>ELECTORAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>NO. OF ELECTORS</b>	<b>NO. OF POLLING STATIONS</b>	<b>AVERAGE NO. OF ELECTORS PER POLLING STATION</b>	<b>NO. OF ELECTORS WHO VOTED</b>	<b>AVERAGE NO. OF VOTERS PER POLLING STATION</b>
HINDUSTAN/ST. MARY'S	8,723	15	582	2,945	196







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**APPENDIX VII**  
**RESULTS OF THE POLL IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE WINNER**

<b>ELECTORAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>PARTY AFFILIATION</b>	<b>NO. OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE</b>	<b>MAJORITY OF FIRST OVER SECOND</b>
<b>HINDUSTAN/ST. MARY'S</b>				
FARRELL, TYLON DWIGHT	U.N.C.	1,178	40.00	96
LOUBON-LEGENDRE, MARTINA MARIA	P.N.M.	1,082	36.74	
SAUNDERS, ARIEL JOHN AARON	IND.	653	22.18	
MORALES, PETERSON MARINUS	IND.	16	0.54	
REJECTED BALLOTS		16	0.54	
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		<b>2,945</b>	<b>100.00</b>	

BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2021  
APPENDIX VIII  
NAMES, ADDRESSES, OCCUPATIONS AND PARTY AFFILIATIONS OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT

IN THE COLUMN HEADED "PARTY AFFILIATION" THE ABBREVIATIONS HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS

IND. - INDEPENDENT	U.N.C. - UNITED NATIONAL CONGRESS
P.N.M. - PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT	

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	CANDIDATE'S NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	PARTY AFFILIATION	SYMBOL
HINDUSTAN/ST. MARY'S	TYLON DWIGHT FARRELL	NO. 29 BLACKWELL TRACE, ST. MARY'S VILLAGE, MORUGA	FABRICATOR AND BUSINESS OWNER	U.N.C.	
	MARTINA MARIA LOUBON-LEGENBRE	NO. 1166 NAFARIMA MAYARO ROAD, TABLELAND	MANAGER	P.N.M.	
	PETERSON MARINUS MORALES	NO. 285 SANCHO ROAD, NEW GRANT, PRINCES TOWN	BUSINESSMAN	IND.	
	ARIEL JOHN AARON SAUNDERS	NO. 826A MORUGA ROAD, MORUGA	STUDENT AIDE	IND.	

**BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2021**  
**APPENDIX IX**

**NAMES OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTION CLERK**

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NAME OF RETURNING OFFICER	OCCUPATION	NAME OF ELECTION CLERK	OFFICIAL ADDRESS
HINDUSTAN/ST. MARY'S	HAROLD YACUB	OVERSEER	NICOLE J. CHIN KUNG CHEW	PRINCES TOWN WEST SECONDARY SCHOOL EAST MATILDA JUNCTION, PRINCES TOWN

