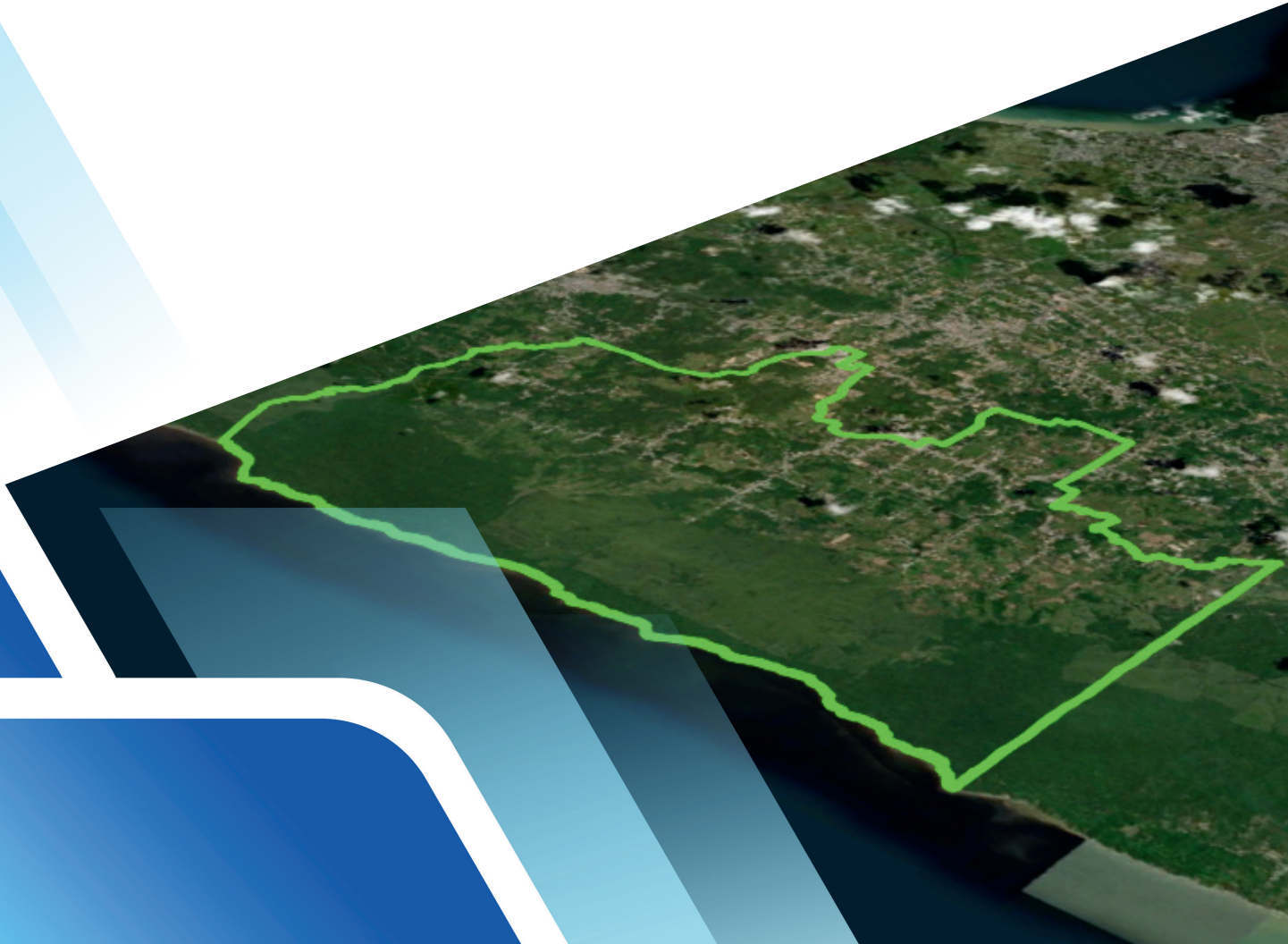


LOCAL GOVERNMENT Bye-Election Report

for the Electoral District of
Quinam/Morne Diablo

17th June, 2024





REPORT

of the

Elections and Boundaries Commission

on the

Local Government Bye-Election
in the Electoral District of
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- (d) any other information that the Commission has deemed fit to include.

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6th September 2024

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Honourable Minister

Report of the Elections and Boundaries Commission on the Local Government Bye-Election in the Electoral District of Quinam/Morne Diablo held on Monday 17th June, 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

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 Penal/Debe Regional Corporation.

Acting in accordance with the said election rule 108(6), therefore, the Commission submits herewith its report on the Local Government Bye-Election in the electoral district of Quinam/Morne Diablo which was held on Monday 17th February, 2024. The data in respect of (a) and (b) above are provided in **Appendices I and 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.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE OF THE ELECTION

Her Excellency, the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago informed the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Mark Ramkerrysingh via correspondence dated Tuesday 7th May, 2024, that the Honourable Prime Minister had agreed to **Monday 17th June, 2024** as the date for the conduct of a Bye-Election in the Electoral District of *Quinam/Morne Diablo* in the *Penal/Debe Regional Corporation*, consequent on the declaration by the said Corporation of a vacancy in the Electoral District. The vacancy in the Electoral District arose as a result of the death of Mr. Diptee Ramnath, the then Councillor for Quinam/Morne Diablo.

The correspondence also stated that *Nomination Day* had been fixed for **Friday 24th May, 2024**.

3. ISSUANCE OF WRIT OF ELECTION TO RETURNING OFFICER

On Friday 10th May, 2024, the Chairman of the Commission delivered the Writ of Election, issued by Her Excellency the President, to Ms. Ramawatee Rampersad Ganga Persad, the Returning Officer appointed by the Commission to conduct the poll. This activity was held at the Conference Room of the Elections and Boundaries Commission, Scott House, 134-138 Frederick Street, Port of Spain.

In his address to the newly appointed Returning Officer, the Chairman thanked her for accepting the appointment and stressed the significance of her role in the democratic process.

The Returning Officer was assisted in the execution of her duties by an Election Clerk appointed for this purpose by the Commission, as is provided for in Section 7 of the Act.



Ms. Ramawatee Rampersad Ganga Persad, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Quinam/Morne receives her Writ of Election from EBC's Chairman, Mr. Mark Ramkerrysingh.

4. 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 13th to 21st May, 2024.

During the period of Electoral Registration, (5) five notifications of change of address were received.

The Preliminary List of Electors posted, as required, on the date of the commencement of the period of Electoral Registration, reflected an electorate of eight thousand, three hundred and seventy-five (8,375).

Changes made to this list, by way of additions and deletions, resulted in an electorate of eight thousand, three hundred and sixty-nine (8,369) on the Revised List of Electors which was posted on 24th May, 2024.



There were no adjustments to the Revised List; therefore a Supplemental List was not required.

5. NOMINATION DAY PROCEEDINGS

On Nomination Day, 24th May, 2024, two (2) candidates were nominated to contest the election by two (2) political parties. There were no independent candidates contesting this election. Pertinent information relating to the candidates nominated is provided in **Appendix VIII**.

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

Table 1: Number of Candidates Nominated and their 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
TOTAL CANDIDATES NOMINATED				2

6. POLLING STATIONS AND STAFFING

Sixteen (**16**) polling stations were established for the purpose of the taking of the poll in the eight (**8**) Polling Divisions which constituted the Electoral District.

A total of ninety-three (**93**) individuals received training in polling station and related poll day activities. Of this number, ninety (**90**) individuals, comprising seventy-four (**74**) females and sixteen (**16**) 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 and Roving Officer.

7. COMMUNICATION

In accordance with legislation, pre-election advertisements were published in the local newspaper and the Gazette as required and they were also posted on the Commission's website.

In addition, the Commission aired television and radio advertisements to share accurate and timely information to increase voters' understanding of election processes and procedures, as well as messages which focussed on encouraging voter participation.

8. CONDUCT OF THE POLL

On poll day, Monday 17th June, 2024, voting commenced as scheduled and there were no major 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.

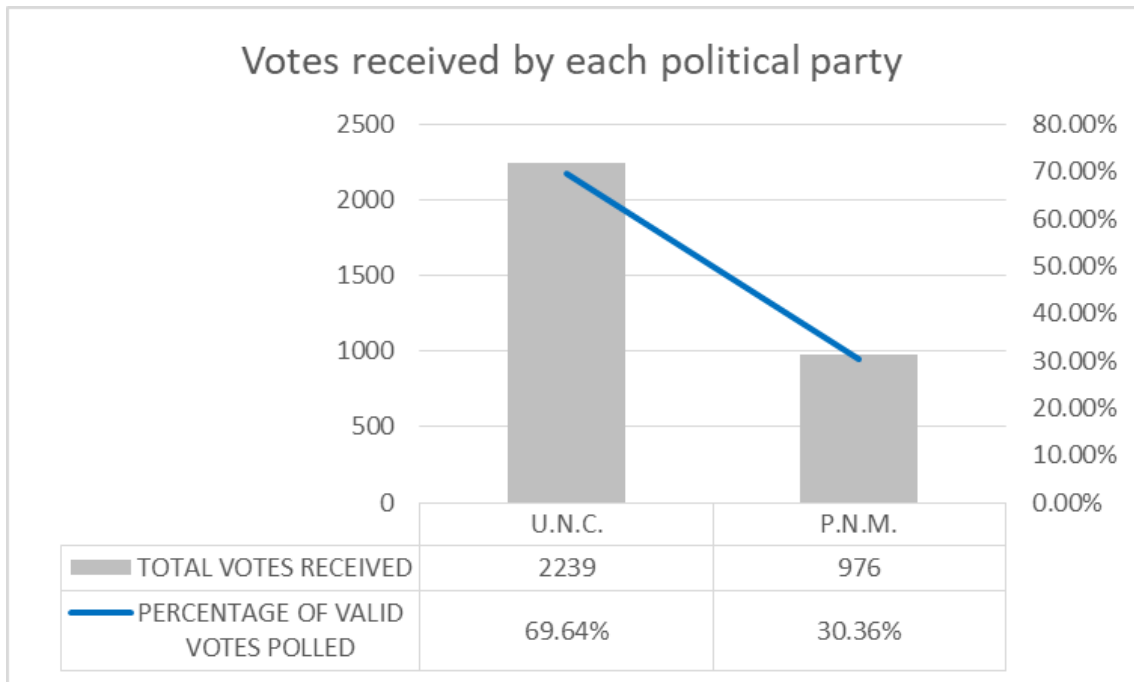
Senior members of staff were deployed to the Electoral District in order to monitor operations at polling stations. They reported that the casting of ballots and the counting of votes were incident free. Generally, the Commission was satisfied that poll day arrangements enabled the electorate to exercise their franchise freely and fairly.

9. RESULTS OF THE POLL

The 2024 Local Government Bye-Election in the Electoral District of Quinam/Morne Diablo was won by the United National Congress; their candidate having received a total of two thousand, two hundred and thirty-nine (**2,239**) votes or **69.64%** of the valid votes polled. The People's National Movement received a total of nine hundred and seventy-six (**976**) votes or **30.36%** of the valid votes polled, as shown in **Appendix IV** and **Figure 1** on the next page.

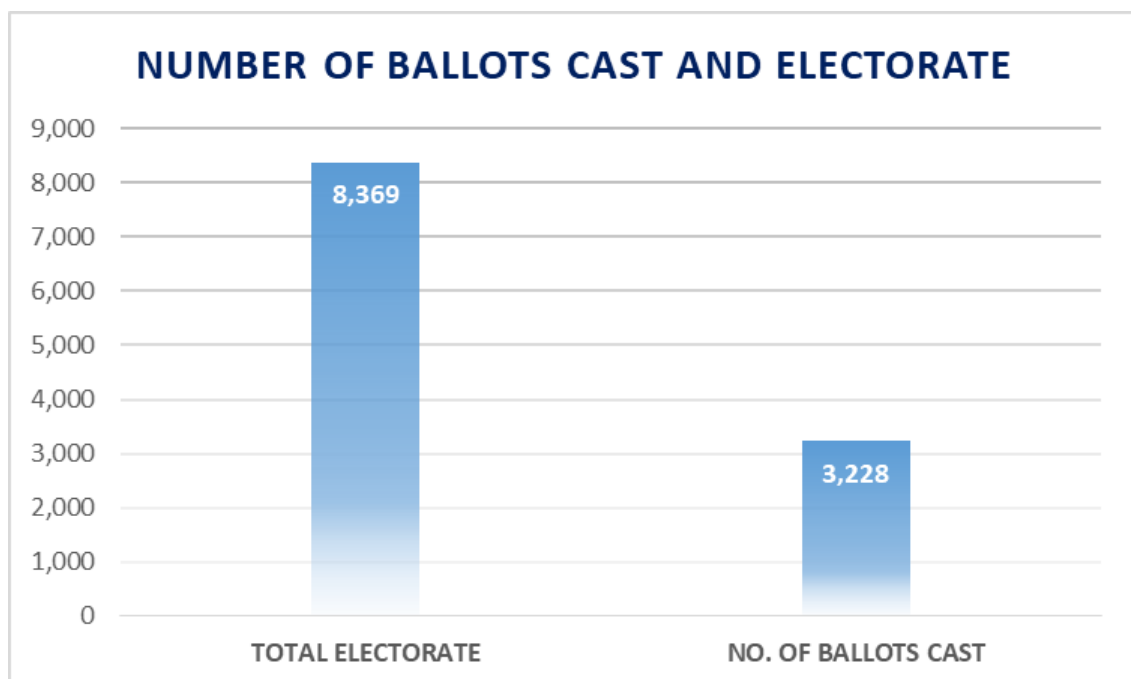
There were no challenges to the results of the polls.

Figure 1: Votes received by each political party



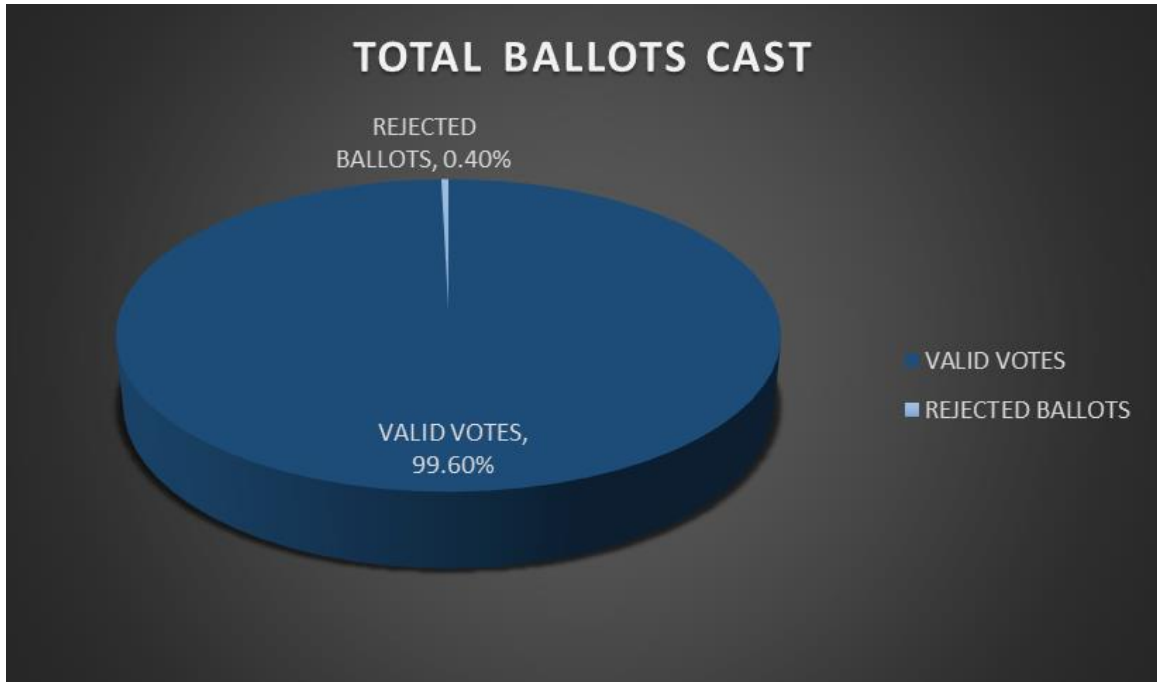
The number of electors exercising their right to vote amounted to three thousand, two hundred and twenty-eight (**3,228**), representing **38.57%** of the total number of eligible voters, as shown in **Figure 2** below.

Figure 2: Number of Ballots Cast as against the Electorate



The number of valid votes polled was three thousand, two hundred and fifteen (3,215) or 99.60% and thirteen (13) ballots were rejected or 0.40%, as shown in Figure 3 below.

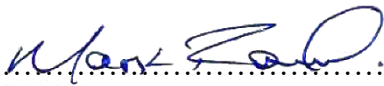
Figure 3: Total ballots cast

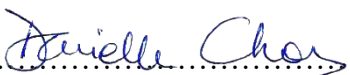


10. ELECTION DOCUMENTS

At the end of the voting and reporting election period, all relevant election documents were submitted to the Commission for storage and are being maintained in safe custody in accordance with the Act.

Yours faithfully


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MARK RAMKERRYSINGH
CHAIRMAN


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DANIELLE CHOW
MEMBER


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ROSLYN KHAN CUMMINGS
MEMBER


.....
GILLIAN MACINTYRE
MEMBER


.....
WENDELL C. WALLACE
MEMBER

BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PENAL/DEBE CORPORATION, 2024

APPENDIX I

(SUMMARY OF APPENDIX II)

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTORAL LIST	VALID VOTES POLLED	REJECTED BALLOTS	TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	CANDIDATE DECLARED ELECTED AND HER PARTY AFFILIATION
QUINAM/MORNE DIABLO	8,369	3,215	13	3,228	SARAH SOOKDEO U.N.C.

Appendix II

**BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PENAL/DEBE CORPORATION, 2024
ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF QUINAM/MORNE DIABLO**

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
		NANAN, ANDERSON P.N.M.	SOOKDEO, SARAH U.N.C.			
4255-01	PENAL ROCK ROAD R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL 8 M.M. PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	37	146	183	0	545
4255-02	PENAL ROCK ROAD R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL 8 M.M. PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	49	88	137	0	370
4255-03	PENAL ROCK ROAD R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL 8 M.M. PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	32	218	250	0	645
4260-01	MOOLCHAN TRACE COMMUNITY CENTRE 173 MOOLCHAN TRACE, PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	32	172	204	0	398
4260-02	MOOLCHAN TRACE COMMUNITY CENTRE 173 MOOLCHAN TRACE, PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	39	181	220	0	432
4265-01	KUBAIRSINGH PENAL ROCK ROAD HINDU PRIMARY SCHOOL 579 PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	39	193	232	3	649
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		228	998	1,226	3	3,039

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		NANAN, ANDERSON P.N.M.	SOOKDEO, SARAH U.N.C.			
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		228	998	1,226	3	3,039
4265-02	KUBAIRSINGH PENAL ROCK ROAD HINDU PRIMARY SCHOOL 579 PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	26	194	220	2	548
4300-01	PENAL ROCK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL 481 PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	68	109	177	1	507
4300-02	PENAL ROCK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL 481 PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	88	145	233	0	608
4305	MORNE DIABLO R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL 413 SCOTTS ROAD, MORNE DIABLO	198	30	228	3	543
*4310-01	MORNE DIABLO R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL 413 SCOTTS ROAD, MORNE DIABLO	102	100	202	3	380
4310-02	MORNE DIABLO R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL 413 SCOTTS ROAD, MORNE DIABLO	39	120	159	0	408
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		749	1,696	2,445	12	6,033

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

Appendix II

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		NANAN, ANDERSON P.N.M.	SOOKDEO, SARAH U.N.C.			
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		749	1,696	2,445	12	6,033
4315-01	MORNE DIABLO R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL 413 SCOTTS ROAD, MORNE DIABLO	83	115	198	0	601
4315-02	MORNE DIABLO R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL 413 SCOTTS ROAD, MORNE DIABLO	68	129	197	0	662
4355-01	PENAL QUINAM GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL PENAL QUINAM ROAD, MENDEZ VILLAGE, PENAL	52	144	196	0	603
4355-02	PENAL QUINAM GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL PENAL QUINAM ROAD, MENDEZ VILLAGE, PENAL	24	155	179	1	470
TOTAL		976	2,239	3,215	13	8,369

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 18th day of June, 2024 declare SARAH SOOKDEO elected.

RAMAWATEE RAMPERSAD GANGA PERSAD
Returning Officer
Electoral District of QUINAM/MORNE DIABLO

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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)
QUINAM/MORNE DIABLO	8,369	61

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APPENDIX IV

ANALYSIS OF VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH POLITICAL PARTY AND THE NUMBER OF REJECTED BALLOTS

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTORATE	TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST	REJECTED BALLOTS	VALID VOTES POLLED	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST AS AGAINST THE ELECTORATE	DISTRIBUTION OF VALID VOTES CAST			
						P.N.M.		U.N.C.	
						NO. OF VOTES	%	NO. OF VOTES	%
QUINAM/MORNE DIABLO	8,369	3,228	13	3,215	38.57	976	30.36	2,239	69.64

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PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTORATE	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES CAST	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST AS AGAINST THE ELECTORATE
QUINAM/MORNE DIABLO	8,369	3,228	38.57%

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APPENDIX VI
AVERAGE NUMBER OF ELECTORS PER POLLING STATION AND
AVERAGE NUMBER OF VOTERS PER POLLING STATION

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NO. OF ELECTORS	NO. OF POLLING STATIONS	AVERAGE NO. OF ELECTORS PER POLLING STATION	NO. OF ELECTORS WHO VOTED	AVERAGE NO. OF VOTERS PER POLLING STATION
QUINAM/MORNE DIABLO	8,369	16	523	3,228	202

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RESULTS OF THE POLL IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE
WINNER



ELECTORAL DISTRICT/ NAME OF CANDIDATE	PARTY AFFILIATION	NO. OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE	MAJORITY OF FIRST OVER SECOND
QUINAM/MORNE DIABLO				
SOOKDEO, SARAH	U.N.C.	2,239	69.36	1,263
NANAN, ANDERSON	P.N.M.	976	30.24	
REJECTED BALLOTS		13	0.40	
TOTAL VOTES CAST		3,228	100.00	

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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

P.N.M. - PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT

U.N.C. - UNITED NATIONAL CONGRESS

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	CANDIDATE'S NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	PARTY AFFILIATION	SYMBOL
QUINAM/MORNE DIABLO	NANAN, ANDERSON	27 GOODMAN TRACE, PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	WS SUPERVISOR	P.N.M.	
	SOOKDEO, SARAH	609 PENAL ROCK ROAD, PENAL	HSE ADVISOR	U.N.C.	

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APPENDIX IX
NAMES OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTION CLERK

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NAME OF RETURNING OFFICER	OCCUPATION	NAME OF ELECTION CLERK	OFFICIAL ADDRESS
QUINAM/MORNE DIABLO	RAMAWATEE RAMPERSAD GANGA PERSAD	RETIRED PUBLIC OFFICER	SUVI GANGARAM-SONNY	EBC'S PENAL/DEBE REGISTRATION AREA SUB-OFFICE 1323 S.S. ERIN ROAD, PENAL

