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Minister Hosein Hosts Multi-Ministerial Meeting to Modernise Development Approval Processes

The Honourable Saddam Hosein, Minister of Land and Legal Affairs and Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, chaired a critical meeting today at Government Plaza to spearhead the modernisation of the national construction and development approval framework. The initiative aims to enhance the ease of doing business in Trinidad and Tobago and simplify the approval experience for all citizens.

The Government has established a target to ensure all statutory approvals are achieved within 45 days. To realise this, the Ministers and their respective technical teams from the Town and Country Planning Division (TCPD), Environmental Management Authority (EMA), Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA), and the Drainage Division discussed several transformative strategies.

In attendance and full participation at this session were Senator Dr. the Honourable Kennedy Swaratsingh, Minister of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development; the Honourable Jearlean John, Minister of Works and Infrastructure; and the Honourable Khadijah Ameen, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government. These ministerial teams have committed to meeting regularly to continue streamlining processes, ensuring that the transition to a modernised digital platform delivers the full benefits of efficiency, accountability, and transparency to the public.

"We are committed to eliminating the circular bureaucratic hurdles that have historically hindered development," stated Minister Hosein. "By unifying our national standards and fully leveraging the DevelopTT platform, we are building a transparent and reliable system that drives economic expansion while helping every citizen and developer turn their vision into reality".

While the Government has already agreed to remove the County Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) from the routine building approval process, it is currently exploring other bottlenecks to eliminate the issues that frequently cause unnecessary delays.

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