**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY** 

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## **NOTICE OF QUESTION**

BY

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I hereby give notice that on Thursday, 1 April 2021, I shall ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform the following:

It is the information that a certain OnesmusTobias Kuugongelwa, ID 630405 0138 0 married out of community of property to a certain Saara Nandjila Kuugongelwa-Amadhila ID 671012 01 37 7 took a loan from AgriBank to the value of N\$ 5 262 million, and an additional amount of N\$1 052 400 million from the said institution on 6 December 2020, using the close corporation "Seize the Moment Investment Fifty Six CC, registration number: CC/2010/06/19.

It appears that the debt was meant for the purchase of Portion 1 of Farm Duwib No: 1149, measuring 2 476 hectares in the Otjozondjupa Region.

However, it is the information further that the said Saara Nandjila Amadhila-Kuugongelwa has received a resettlement farm through the Ministry of Land Reform, which Farm she has registered on her own name or that of the Close Corporation, completely unlawful in terms of resettlement laws and policies of the country.

It also further alleged by certain Hai//Om San community members in the Tsumeb area, that a farm to which they were resettled was occupied by the Amadhila family, threatening and attempting to force them from this land about two to three years ago.

We are further informed that the above mentioned individuals took loan amounts totalling N\$15 million from BANK WINDHOEK and NEDBANK as follows: Bank Windhoek-N\$8 million, NEDBANK N\$7 million. These loans have become due and payable and it seems that the debtors are unable to pay the amounts and are, as alleged, attempting to force the Ministry of Lands, Water and Agriculture, to purchase Farm Duwib and another undisclosed farm at premium prices, with the sole of purpose of paying off the principle debt of N\$15 million to the commercial banks.

## Therefore we ask:

- 1) Is the Minister of Lands and Agriculture aware that there was an unlawful transfer of state land into the private hands of a senior politician in the SWAPO PARTY, namely Saara Nandjila Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, and under which law or exception to the law was such transfer of state land made to the said person?
- 2) If it is correct that the said person was indeed resettled on state land, as part of the national resettlement programme, she would only qualify to obtain a loan amount of N\$ 200 thousand Namibian dollars. How then did she obtain loans from commercial banks to the value of N\$ 15 million, contrary to the resettlement policy?
- 3) Moreover, it seems that the state land was used as part of the collateral for the loan application. Yet, we loan monies were not utilised on the improvement of the farm but was rather used for construction of houses in the north of the country. Is the Minister aware of this transgression and how does he intend to visit this matter to the satisfaction of the public and to the prudent use of national resources.
- 4) At the same time, is the Minister aware of the land grab-pointing toward a certain Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila and her husband against the vulnerable San communities, who are landless and homeless, who have been dispossessed of land and livelihood, by a sitting Prime Minister in the socalled SWAPO Government.

## I so submit!