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Addendum
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Paragraph 4 of the guidelines
Dissemination of scientific knowledge

383. Scientific information knowledge has been incorporated in the primary school curriculum through environmental studies. Science subjects form an integral part of the lower secondary school curriculum. For the higher secondary classes, science subjects are made available in schools of excellence which are properly equipped to that end. Teaching staff and laboratory attendants are continually trained with a view to upgrading their skills. In this context seminars and workshops are regularly organized with the collaboration of the University of Mauritius/the Mauritius Institute of Education and the Mauritius College of the Air.

384. With a view to disseminating science among the student community and the public at large, a science centre will be set up, incorporating a science museum, a science park, a planetarium and an exhibition hall.

385. A guide to places of scientific and technological and industrial interest is under publication. This guide aims at stimulating the diffusion of scientific knowledge amongst the school population and is intended to be of use equally to teachers, parents and members of the public.

386. Science exhibitions involving secondary school students are held yearly at national and regional level. It has been observed that as a result of these exhibitions there has been a gradual increase in the number of students offering science subjects.

387. An Action Plan on Science Education has been published and is now being implemented.