

Tancoo, Howai meet with bankers



Minister of Finance Davendranath Tancoo PHOTO BY OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENT

The Government has begun fresh engagement with the banking sector as officials move to strengthen collaboration on economic management, financial stability and legislative reform.

In a news release yesterday, the Ministry of Finance yesterday disclosed senior Government officials recently met executives from Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago (BATT) and representatives from Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago to discuss market conditions, the economy and banking sector issues.

The meeting was convened by Finance Minister Davendranath Tancoo.

Also attending were Minister in the Ministry of Finance Dr Kennedy Swaratsingh, Central Bank Governor Larry Howai, Permanent Secretary Suzette Taylor-Lee Chee, technical officials from the Ministry of Finance, BATT executives, and senior banking officials.

Discussions included the government's policy direction and proposed legislative improvements affecting the financial sector.

The Ministry described engagement as constructive, with participants recognising the importance of continued dialogue, market stability, public confidence, and practical collaboration.

Tancoo said the meeting marked the beginning of a deeper working relationship between the Government, the Central Bank, and commercial banks.

“This meeting represents the start of a deeper and more practical working relationship with both CBTT and the banking sector dedicated to national interest,” Tancoo stated.

“Our objective is not to operate in silos, but to work together in the national interest, to strengthen confidence, improve stability, support businesses, and ensure that the financial system continues to serve people of Trinidad and Tobago,” he remarked.

The Finance Minister also indicated engagement formed part of wider consultations with stakeholders across the economy as the Government develops policy initiatives.

“The ultimate goal is to ensure responsible economic management, build stronger institutions, and implement policies that directly support citizens, local businesses, and overall national development,” Tancoo added.