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CPO Engages in Key Discussions with Prisons Association As Union Negotiations Continues

November 25 2024 – Negotiations entered its second week, with Chief Personnel Officer, Commander Dr. Daryl Dindial, meeting with the Executives of the **Prison Officers' Association of Trinidad and Tobago (POATT)** at the **Alexandra Street** office of the Personnel Department today.

Commander Dindial reported the current discussions with the **Prison Officers' Association** are part of ongoing efforts by the State to improve the working conditions of our nation's Prison personnel. He added, every day, our servicemen and women face unique and often dangerous challenges and their sacrifices, both physical and emotional, often go unseen, but they are a key element of the safety we enjoy in our communities.

The CPO revealed, discussions during the meeting covered a range of topics, including, but not limited to, **Pension Reform, Group Health Plan, Funeral Grant, New Allowances, Tribunal Officer Allowance, Investigating Officer Allowance, Meal Allowance, House Allowance, Laundry Allowance and the Job Evaluation Exercise (JEE)** for Prisons. Dindial acknowledged that the negotiations with the Executive of the Prisons Association ensures that we meet their needs, allowing them to continue to serve with the dedication they are known for.

Commander Dindial expressed his sincere gratitude to the Association's **President Mr. Gerard Gordon** and his Executive for their continued collaboration and dedication. He acknowledged the Executives' essential role in fostering positive change and ensuring the well-being of their members. As the discussions move forward, the **CPO** reaffirmed his commitment to working together with the Association to achieve meaningful progress, ultimately strengthening the services that benefit both the Prison Officers and the nation.

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