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मॉरिशसचे खासदार राज रामप्रताप या वेळी म्हणाले, की परदेशी उद्योजकांना प्रोत्साहन देण्याचा सरकारने निर्णय घेतला आहे. आजच्या घडीला मॉरिशसमध्ये विविध क्षेत्रांत १७ हजारांहून अधिक उद्योजक आहेत. नच्या उद्योजकांसाठी मॉरिशसमध्ये मोठ्या संधी असल्याचे त्यांनी सांगितले. दक्षिण आफ्रिकी देशांच्या दोन महत्त्वाच्या गटांत मॉरिशस समासद आहे. त्यामुळे मॉरिशसमधील उद्योजकांना आफ्रिकेत मुक्त व्यापार करता येणार आहे. देशात प्राप्तिकर, कंपनी व्यवहार कर आणि मूल्यवर्धित कर १५ टक्के आहे. भांडवली कर नसून फ्रिपोर्ट झोनला करातून वगळण्यात आले आहे. स्मार्ट सिटी योजनेत गुंतवणूकदारांना आठ वर्षांपर्यंत कर सवलती मिळणार असल्याची माहिती त्यांनी दिली.

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