



**Mauritius National Assembly**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Honourable Members**

I have a few announcements to make.

#### **(1)**

My attention has been drawn to a press article dated 11 May 2021 wherein some Honourable Members from both sides of the House expressed their views on the modalities for the submission of notice of Parliamentary Questions for inclusion on the Notice of Questions.

Under my direction, by way of email dated 13 May, the Clerk of the Assembly invited the Whips of both sides of the House to submit concrete suggestions to review the manner in which notice of parliamentary questions are to be received/dealt with at the level of the Office of the Clerk, to my Office.

Once, I will be in presence of the concrete proposals, same will be examined and appropriate procedural steps will be taken, if need be, for the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly to be submitted for consideration by the Standing Orders Committee and presented to the House.



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(2)

### Honourable Members

In the course of the proceedings of the sitting of 04 May 2021, whilst the Hon Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance was speaking on the Supplementary Appropriation (2020-2021) Bill (No 16 of 2020) –

- Hon. Assirvaden raised a point of order and requested that the Hon Minister withdraws the words “*Gorah-Issac tragedy*” which the Hon Minister used when referring to the words “***blood on their hands***” earlier used by Hon. S. Mohamed and which he subsequently withdrew; and
- Hon. Shakeel Mohamed also objected to the reference made to ‘*l’affaire Gorah-Issac*’ by the Hon Minister.

I rule that the words uttered by the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance is tantamount to an insinuation and invite the Hon Minister to withdraw same accordingly.



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(3)

**Honourable Members**

In the course of the debate on the Supplementary Appropriation (2020-2021) Bill (No 16 of 2020) –

- at the sitting of 27 April 2021, Hon Ramful; and
- at the sitting of 04 May 2021, Hon Shakeel Mohamed,

mentioned the name of Mr Bissoon Mungroo, with regard to the acquisition of “Berlines of Iframac”, with some undertones of alleged impropriety.

In the course of the debate instances, I cautioned –

- Hon. Ramful, as follows -  
I quote - “***Talk on the Estimates***”; and
- Hon. Shakeel Mohamed, as follows –  
I quote “...***don’t use the cloak of parliamentary immunity...to just accuse people***”.

I have to report to the House that, on Friday 07 May 2021, I received a letter from Mr Bissoon Mungroo mentioning the above-mentioned instances, taking objection to same and indicating, with supporting evidence, that, in fact –

- Mungroo & Sons Ltd., of which he is the Managing Director and shareholder, acquired commercial vehicles



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and not limousines, pursuant to a tender exercise following a notice for the sale thereof in the newspaper.

In the light of the above, by virtue of the ample powers conferred upon the Chair by the rules to deal with such situations, and considering that the citing of the name of Mr. Mungroo by Hon. Ramful and Hon. Shakeel Mohamed, respectively, may cause harm to the former in a way which undermines his status and position, I have thought it fit and appropriate to make the present announcement and to report the content of the letter of Mr Bissoon Mungroo.

Moreover, I invite Honourable Members to exercise the right of freedom of speech with utmost care and without any prejudice to the rights of other persons, especially, those who are not present in the House and, therefore, not in a position to defend themselves on the floor of the House.

(4)

### **Honourable Members**

Lastly, during the debate on the Supplementary Appropriation (2020-2021) Bill (No 16 of 2020), Hon S. Mohamed purported to table a document in relation to a list of all the money that had been recouped only from the sale of shares of a supposed Ponzi Scheme. A perusal of the said document reveals that it is an unauthenticated photocopy document which cannot be tabled. The said document is therefore being returned to Hon S. Mohamed.

**I thank you.**