

Honourable Members

In the course of the debate on the Bill presently under consideration, the Hon. Minister of Land Transport and Light Rails, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade raised a point of order drawing attention to the fact that the Hon. First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East is imputing motives by stating that those who drafted this legislation came up with this idea with corrupted motives to steal.

A perusal of the Hansard of what Hon. Shakeel Mohamed said reveals the following, I quote –

“Appropriate for whom? Yes, it is appropriate for all those who want to steal money. Appropriate for those who want to facilitate the process of grand corruption and theft. Then it makes it appropriate. Yes.”

In the light of the aforementioned, I rule that, by the tenor and tone of the words uttered, in spite of the fact that Hon. Mohamed was quoting from the CMI Report, in so doing, he clearly implied that the Bill has been so drafted so as to allow to steal money, thus imputing improper motives to the Hon Minister who is in charge of the present Bill, in contravention

of Standing Order 40(3) of the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly.

I therefore invite Hon Shakeel Mohamed to withdraw the said words.