

Honourable Members,

I have two short announcements to make.

I have been informed by Her Excellency, Smt. Nandini Singla, High Commissioner of India, that the Lok Sabha has on 27 July 2021 paid tribute and observed a minute of silence in memory of the Late Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Former Prime Minister and Former President of the Republic of Mauritius and Late Dr Kenneth David Buchizhya Kaunda, Founding Father and First President of the Republic of Zambia.

In his speech, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla, recalled that, I quote *“Sir Anerood Jugnauth was the chief architect of India-Mauritius bilateral relations and that owing to his significant role in fostering the bilateral relations, the Government of India had decorated him with the Padma Vibhushan and the first Pravasi Bharatiya Samman award”*.

I am tabling a copy of an English translation of the memorial homage.

I shall, in the name of Honourable Members, and in my personal name, transmit to the Honourable Speaker of the Lok Sabha the expression of gratitude and thanks of the National Assembly.

I thank you.