

Mauritius National Assembly

Incident in the Lunch Room of the National Assembly

Thursday 17 June 2021

Deputy Speaker:

Honourable Members

I have to inform the House that I am in presence of a written notice from -

- The Hon Hurreeram, Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development;
- Dr the Honourable Jagatpal, Minister of Health and Wellness;
- Dr the Hon Ramdhany, Parliamentary Private Secretary;
- Honourable Dhunoo, Deputy Chief Government Whip;
 and
- Honourable Doolub,

wishing to raise a privilege complaint arising out of an incident which occurred today, at about 5.25 p.m. in the Lunch Room of the National Assembly, as reported in the said written notice.

Having regard to the objectionable words having allegedly been uttered in the course of the said incident, I do not propose to refer thereto in my ruling but I am causing copy of the said notice to be tabled. I have considered the circumstances of the matter as reported in the notice and I am of the view that same may amount to an offence in breach of section 6 of the National Assembly (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Act.

Hon Hurreeram Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development moved the following motion:

"Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, in the light of your ruling, I move that the incident which occurred today in the Lunch Room of the National Assembly, at about 5.25 p.m., whereby Hon Shakeel Mohamed misbehaved in a disorderly manner against Dr the Hon Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr the Hon Ramdhany, the Hon Deputy Chief Government Whip, Hon Doolub and myself, as expatiated in the written notice, in breach of the provisions of section 6 of the National Assembly (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Act, be referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions for appropriate action, pursuant to Standing Order 74(4) of the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly (1995)."

Hon Balgobin, Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation seconded.

Deputy Speaker: The Question is that the incident which occurred today in the Lunch Room, at about 5.25 p.m., whereby Hon S. Mohamed misbehaved in a disorderly manner against Dr Jagatpal, Dr the Hon Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr the Hon Ramdhany, Parliamentary Private Secretary, Hon Dhunoo, Deputy Chief Government Whip,

Hon Doolub and the Hon Hurreeram, Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development, as expatiated in the written notice, in breach of the provisions of section 6 of the National Assembly (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Act, be referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions for appropriate action, pursuant to Standing Order 74(4) of the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly (1995).

Those in favour say AYE. Those against say No. The AYES have it.