Mauritius National Assembly

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ANNOUNCEMENT

WEEK-END NEWSPAPER - PRESS ARTICLE - PRIVILEGE COMPLAINT

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Members, I wish to inform the House that on Monday 14 December 2020, service of a Plaint with Summons was effected upon the Clerk of the National Assembly in relation to a case entered before the Supreme Court in the matter of…

(Interruptions)

Order, please! Hon. Minister!

…hon. Shakeel Ahmed Yousouf Abdul Razack Mohamed against Sooroojdev Phokeer, the hon. Speaker of the National Assembly. The matter has been referred to me by Mr Speaker. Hon. Members, I have considered the matter and I take the view that through the service in the precincts of the National Assembly of the aforementioned Plaint with Summons, an offence may have been committed under section 6(1) (t) of the National Assembly (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Act, which reads as follows –

"**6.   Contempt of the Assembly**

(1)   Subject to subsection (2), each of the following acts, matters and things constitutes the offence of contempt of the Assembly'

Subsection (t) reads as follows –

"service or execution in the Chamber or precincts of the Assembly by any legal or judicial process."

I, therefore, leave the matter in the hands of the House.

MOTION

S.O. 74(4)

The Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail (Mr A. Ganoo): Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, in the light of your ruling, I move that the matter, whereby service of a Plaint with Summons dated 08 December 2020 was effected upon the Clerk of the National Assembly in relation to a case entered before the Supreme Court in the matter of the hon. Shakeel Ahmed Yousouf Abdul Razack Mohamed against Sooroojdev Phokeer, the hon. Speaker of the National Assembly, 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.

The Deputy Prime Minister rose and seconded.

The motion was, on question put, agreed to.