

**MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT 2  
SITTING OF 17 OCTOBER 2023**

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**Announcement by Mr. Speaker – Hon Assirvaden vehemently contested a decision of Mr. Speaker and acted in a grossly disorderly and aggressive manner - Matter left in the hands of the House.**

**Motion for suspension – Hon Assirvaden suspended by the House for the day’s sitting and the next 5 sittings unless unreserved apologies are tendered to the House**

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**Mr Speaker:**

“Honourable Members,

At the end of Question time, when I had already announced that time was over and was raising to suspend the sitting, Honourable Assirvaden vehemently contested my decision and acted in a grossly disorderly and aggressive manner. I consider his conduct was a departure from parliamentary convention and etiquette. I am reporting the incident to the House because if left unchecked, it would represent a standing challenge to the authority of the Chair and the dignity of the House.

I leave the matter in the hands of the House.”

**The Hon. Prime Minister:**

“Mr Speaker, Sir, in view of your ruling and the gravity of the matter, I beg under Standing Order 17(3) to take the time of the House for urgent business.”

**The Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology seconded.**

**Mr Speaker** put the following question:

“The question is that the Honourable Prime Minister be allowed under Standing Order 17(3) to take the time of the House for urgent business. Those in favour say AYE. Those against say NO. The AYES have it.”

**The Hon. Prime Minister:**

“Mr Speaker, Sir, having obtained your permission, I beg to move under Standing Order 29(1) to present a motion without notice.”

**The Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology seconded.**

**Mr Speaker** put the following question:

“The question is that the Honourable Prime Minister be allowed under Standing Order 29(1) to move a motion without notice. Those in favour say AYE. Those against say NO. The AYES have it.”

**The Honourable Prime Minister:**

“Mr Speaker, Sir, in view of your ruling and the gravity of the matter, I beg to move that the Honourable Assirvaden be suspended from the service of the Assembly for today’s sitting and the next 5 sittings unless unreserved apologies are tendered to the House.”

**The Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology seconded.**

**Mr Speaker** put the following question:

“The question is that the Honourable Assirvaden, be suspended from the service of the Assembly for today’s sitting and the next 5 sittings unless unreserved apologies are tendered to the House. Those in favour say AYE. Those against say NO. The AYES have it.”

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