

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Sitting of Friday 05 July 2024

Announcement 3 and Motion for suspension of a Member

“Mr Speaker named the Hon Bhagwan for having uttered injurious and offensive words to the address of the Chair.”

“The Assembly suspends Hon Bhagwan for the day’s sitting and the next five sittings unless unreserved apologies are tendered to the House.”

Mr Speaker

Honourable Members,

Earlier today, I requested Hon Bhagwan to tender his unreserved apologies to the House for having attacked the conduct of the Speaker in the discharge of his duties in a press conference this afternoon and for offending the dignity of the House.

The House may wish to note that upon being called to withdraw the offensive words and to tender his unreserved apologies to the House, Hon Bhagwan instead uttered the following words to my address, I quote:

“I call a spade a spade and I won’t withdraw. It is a fact ou enn azan politik; to ene azan politik”.

Thereupon, I ordered Hon Bhagwan to withdraw from the Chamber and I also named him.

Whilst leaving the Chamber, Hon Bhagwan also uttered among other words, *“To pou ale dans poubel toi....mo pena linteret guet twa....Bandit Soulard”.*

Honourable Prime Minister:

Mr Speaker, Sir, in view of your decision to name the Hon Bhagwan, 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 be seconded.

Mr Speaker put the following question:

“The question is that the Hon 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 Honourable 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 be seconded.

Mr Speaker put the following question:

“The question is that the Hon 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 decision to name the Hon Rajesh Bhagwan, I beg to move that the Hon Rajesh Bhagwan, be suspended from the service of the Assembly for today’s sitting and the next five sittings unless unreserved apologies are tendered to the House.

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

Mr Speaker put the following question:

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