Announcement 2
Sitting of Tuesday 23 July 2024

"Honourable Rajesh Bhagwan, Honourable Ehsan Juman and Honourable Joanna Bérenger disobeyed the order for suspension from the service of the Assembly imposed upon them in breach of the Standing Orders."

I must also report to the House that members of Parliament have disobeyed the order for suspension from the service of the Assembly imposed upon them, which is yet another unprecedented occurrence in our Parliament.

This House will certainly recall that:

- On 05 July 2024, Honourable Rajesh Bhagwan was suspended for the day's sitting and the ensuing five sittings;
- On 09 July 2024, Honourable Ehsan Juman was suspended for the day's sitting and the ensuing six sittings; and
- On 12 July 2024, Honourable Joanna Berenger was suspended for the day's sitting and the ensuing three sittings.

Despite their suspensions, at the sitting of 18 July 2024, Honourable Rajesh Bhagwan, Honourable Ehsan Juman and Honourable Joanna Berenger have forcefully made their way to the door of the Chamber, in breach of the Standing Orders, whilst they were not allowed to have access to any part of the precincts of the House, which includes all parts of the building, on a sitting day.

According to a report submitted by the Sergeant-At-Arms, when refused access, the three suspended Honourable Members stated that they had received a convocation to attend the sitting by e-mail from the Office of the Clerk. After verification, it has been confirmed that no such convocation had been addressed to them.

This gross disorderly conduct was aggravated by the fact that, the Honourable Members not only obstructed proceedings of the Assembly but also found it apt to insult the newly elected Speaker, in a language that has no place in Hansard.

This occurred while I was making my way to my Office from the Chamber after I had suspended the sitting by reason of the grave disorder that had paralyzed the proceedings of the Assembly.

I leave this important matter to the appreciation of the House.