



Mauritius National Assembly

Announcement

Definite Matter of Urgent Public Importance

Honourable Members,

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition has given me notice of his intention to request leave to move for the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss a Definite Matter of Urgent Public Importance pursuant to Standing Order 11: namely, the urgency to devise a National Action Plan to deal with the intensifying Covid-19 crisis.

I have considered the matter. In my view, the matter to be raised, does not meet the criteria to warrant the application for the following reasons—

- Firstly, the matter to be raised is not definite in as much as it is couched in general terms.



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- Secondly, in his notice, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition has signified his intention to raise a wide range of issues within that matter.
- Thirdly, the wide scope of the subject matter proposed to be raised, if moved successfully, is most likely to demand the passing of legislation to deal with it in an effective manner which cannot be the subject matter of a motion under Standing Order 11.

Having said that, I wish to emphasise that although according to the provisions of Standing Order 79, I am not bound to give any reason in support of my decisions, yet, I have considered that it would be in the interest of the House that I should do so.

Moreover, my ruling does not preclude the Honourable Leader of the Opposition from raising the matter by some other means.



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I wish to inform the House that, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order 11, had I ruled in favour of the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, we would still have required the unanimity of the House for the latter to proceed with his motion.
