

Sitting of Tuesday 07 May 2024

Announcement: Motions for Suspension of a Member

“Hon. Assirvaden suspended from the service of the Assembly for the day’s Sitting and the next 6 sittings unless unreserved apologies are tendered to the House and the Speaker.”

The Honourable Prime Minister:

“Mr Speaker, in the light of your announcement in regard to the form and tenor of the letter addressed to your goodself by Honourable Assirvaden which has been tabled this morning, and in particular the elements of threat contained therein, namely, –

- Protesting vehemently against this unilateral alteration and hijacking, by you, of the Drawing of Lots exercise.**
- Turning the transparent exercise into an opaque and undemocratic stratagem, destined to relegate Opposition PQs, in favour of Government PQs.**
- Putting an end to your unlawful acts and doings, and to forthwith restore and implement the terms of the Agreement, failing which legal action will be taken against you, Mr Speaker, Sir; and**
- Denunciation letters will be sent to parliamentary democracies throughout the world.**

Moreover, when given the opportunity to withdraw the allegations, the Honourable Member stated in the Assembly that he maintains the contents of his letter.

In view of the above, I beg under Standing Order 17(3) to take the time of the House for urgent business.

The Honourable Deputy Prime Minister 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 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 Deputy Prime Minister 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 announcement and in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 49(8), I beg to move that the Honourable Assirvaden be suspended from the service of the Assembly for today’s sitting and the next 6 sittings unless unreserved apologies are tendered to you and to the House.”

The Honourable Deputy Prime Minister 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 6 sittings unless unreserved apologies are tendered to the House and the Speaker. Those in favour say AYE. Those against say NO. The AYES have it.”
