

MOTION TO REFER HON. NIGEL DHARAMLALL TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, during the consideration of the Estimates for the 2022 Annual Budget, particularly those for the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, the Hon. Nigel Dharamlall, in response to questions posed by various Members of Parliament, hurled abusive language to his parliamentary colleagues;

AND WHEREAS, while being questioned by female Members of Parliament on the opposition side, and during his exchanges while being on the floor of this honourable he blurted out the words "you got to get a dildo, that's what's you looking for."

AND WHEREAS, a review of the closed-circuit video of the proceedings and those present confirmed that these offensive words were clearly stated, and directed to an elected colleague member of this National Assembly, many of whom are mothers;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order 41 (6) expressly prohibits the use of *"offensive and insulting language about Members of the Assembly"* and it has been the custom, practice and convention of this Honourable House from time immemorial to uphold the sanctity of Standing Order 41 (6);

AND WHEREAS, those words spoken by a member of the 12th Parliament of Guyana were vulgar, lewd, distasteful, misogynistic, and unprecedented in the august chamber of the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, the action and words by the Hon. Nigel Dharamlall has caused great humiliation and embarrassment to the Honourable Members and to every current and past female member of this National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, the Hon. Dharamlall's utterances have brought this Assembly into disrepute, mockery and ridicule;

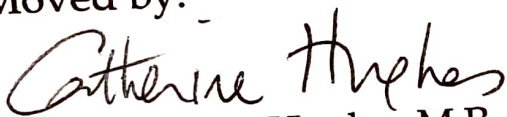
AND WHEREAS, this Honourable House should stand in solidarity with all other female members of Parliament and condemn in the harshest and strongest terms possible the dishonourable behaviour and language of the Hon. Dharamlall;

BE IT RESOLVED that:-

1. This house refers the Hon Nigel Dharamlall to the Committee of Privileges for its consideration of sanction for his behaviour unbecoming of a member of this National Assembly.
2. The said Committee shall recommend to this House punishment fitting and commensurate with the transgression committed on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this 12th Parliament censures the Hon. Nigel Dharamlall and initiate the necessary steps for his immediate expulsion from the National Assembly.

Moved by:


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Seconded by:


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