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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

B/819

The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Fact Finding Committee set up in respect of the former Director of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, Miss Y.C, he will state if consideration will now be given for the tabling of copy of the Report thereof and, if not, why?

REPLY

Madam Speaker,

The House will recall that in his reply to Parliamentary Question B/21 on 27 March 2018, the Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation informed the House that the Report of the Fact Finding Committee on the former Director of the Independent Broadcasting Authority had been referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption for further investigation.

As a matter of fact, the Fact Finding Committee has indicated that its findings may potentially invite an inquiry to be conducted so as to determine whether there has been any breach of any provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act. Hence, the referral of the matter to the Independent Commission of Corruption for further investigation.

The Report of the Fact Finding Committee is therefore in the hands of the ICAC and I am informed that the inquiry into the matter is ongoing. In this case also, I am advised that, by virtue of section 81 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, any inquiry carried out by the ICAC is subject to confidentiality provisions. As I stated in my reply to the immediately preceding PQ B/818, releasing the Report or divulging any information in relation thereto, would be prejudicial to the enquiry.