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**MIMOKA PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL, TERRE ROUGE - MASTER  
V.A. - POLICE ENQUIRY**

(No. B/829) Mrs S. Grenade (Second Member for GRNW and Port Louis West) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether any case has been reported to the Police to the effect that on or about Monday 12 June 2006, at the Mimoka Pre-primary School at Terre Rouge, one master V. A., aged three, was ill-treated and injured and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried thereinto and the outcome thereof.

**The Prime Minister:** Mr Speaker, Sir, I am informed by the Commissioner of Police that on 14 June 2006, a certain Mrs. V. A, aged 32 and residing at Terre Rouge, reported at the Terre Rouge Police Station, that on 12 June 2006 at about 2100 hrs, she had to take her 3 year old son to SSRN hospital for medical treatment as he had been bleeding at his chin and also noticed some scratch marks on the face. On the following day, on 13 June, she learnt from one of the pupils, according to her, attending the same pre-primary as her son, that her son had been assaulted by the teacher's husband.

I am further informed that, on 15 June, a statement was given at Terre Rouge Police Station by the Director of the Pre-primary school. Therein, she stated that on the day of the incident, the child got injured when he fell down after knocking against a chair. He was taken to Terre Rouge Health Centre for treatment and brought back to the school thereafter. On the same day, her husband also gave a statement to the Terre Rouge Police Station wherein he denied having beaten the child and averred that at the time of the incident he was at his site of work at Riche Terre.

I must say, there is a Police enquiry that is still is ongoing and we want to ensure, because this involves a small child, that we get to the truth in this matter.

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**Mrs Grenade:** Mr Speaker, Sir, doesn't the hon. Prime Minister feel that the child would need some psychological support or follow-up?

**The Prime Minister:** Well, first of all, we want to establish what has happened, that is why the Police inquiry is going on and doing everything to find out what exactly happened.

**Mr Dowarkasing:** Mr Speaker, Sir, in the light of the inquiry that is being carried out, we find out that there has been foul play somewhere, what will happen eventually? Will the hon. Prime Minister take severe actions against this pre-primary school?

**The Prime Minister:** First of all, I have just said there is a Police inquiry. We can't just have the conclusion before the inquiry, we'll cross the bridge when we reach it. The inquiry must finish first to know what has happened.

**Mr Speaker:** Next question!

**Mrs Grenade:** One more supplementary, Mr Speaker, Sir. Is the hon. Prime Minister aware that there has been adverse report concerning the same person who ill-treated the child?

**The Prime Minister:** This is being looked into in the inquiry as well.

**Mr Speaker:** Next question, hon. Lauthan.