

# Press Release



## **GECOM Has No Authority to Remove Dr. Asha Kisooson from Parliament**

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2024, GEORGETOWN** – The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) has taken note of several comments and concerns in the public domain relating to the removal of Dr. Asha Kisooson from the National Assembly. In this regard, a letter published in the Wednesday, July 10, 2024 edition of the Stabroek News suggested that GECOM has been silent on the matter and further suggested that the Commission should take some action to remove Dr. Kisooson from Parliament.

In view of the foregoing, it is necessary for GECOM to inform the public that the matter is actively being discussed at the level of the Commission and the outcome will be publicized upon conclusion of the discussions.

In light of the most recent newspaper publication, it must be categorically stated that GECOM has absolutely no authority to remove Dr. Asha Kisooson from the National Assembly. Article 156 of the Constitution of Guyana stipulates the conditions under which a Member of Parliament can be removed from the National Assembly and there is clearly no role for GECOM in this regard.

The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) therefore takes this opportunity to remind all stakeholders that it will continue to execute its Constitutional mandate within the framework of the law.

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