LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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Legislation

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Members Hour R.23 (2)

- A Member with the permission of the speaker shall be allowed to raise a matter of urgent public importance of his/her constituency and shall make the speech within 15 minutes.
- A Member shall give notice to the Secretary precisely stating three to four major issues.
- The Member shall give a notice not shorter then 7 clear days.
- The Minister concerned replied within 10 minutes
- The Member shall have to submit the full text of his speech within 1500 words to the Speaker.

Short Notice Question (R.48)

- A question relating to a matter of public importance that occurred after the expiry of the period of notice of both starred and unstarred questions under Rule 31 may be asked with notice not shorter than 7 clear days.
- The procedure for short notice question shall be the same as for ordinary questions for oral answer.
- Two supplementary questions for the Member concerned and other Member may ask only one such question.

Discussion on a matter of urgent public importance for short duration (R.50)

- Any Member desirous of raising discussion on a matter of urgent public importance may give notice in writing to the Secretary.
- The Speaker may admit it and allow such time for discussion not exceeding two and half hours.
- The Speaker may allow other Members also to take part in the discussion.

Calling attention to a matter of urgent public importance (R.54)

- A Member may call the attention of a Minister to any matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence.
- There shall be no debate on such statement.
- Seven clear days notice is mandatory.

Resolutions (R.115)

- A Member wishes to move a resolution shall give 10 clear days notice and shall submit a copy of the resolution which he / she wishes to move.
- It shall clearly and precisely raise one definite issue.
- It shall not contain arguments, inferences, ironical expressions, defamatory statements etc.
- It shall not refer to the conduct or character of any person except in his/her official or public capacity.
- It shall not relate to any sub-judice matter.
- It shall not relate to President or Governor.
- It shall not relate to the functioning of judiciary or of the Judges.
- It shall not refer to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the state govt.
- A Member who has moved a resolution shall not withdraw the same except by leave of the House.
- A copy of every resolution which has been passed by the Assembly shall be forwarded o the Govt. of the State.

SPECIAL MOTIONS (R. 130 A)

- Whenever any report or any matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence is brought before the House, any Member can move a motion for the discussion of that matter.
- Such a motion will get precedence over motions under Rule 131.

MOTIONS (R. 131)

- A motion on a matter of general public interest can be discussed.
- Certain conditions are there regarding condition of admissibility of motion.

SPECIAL MENTION (R. 301)

A Member who wishes to bring to the notice of the House which is not a point of order shall give notice in writing to the Secretary with the text of the matter to be raised as Special Mention.

MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT

- A motion for an adjournment of the business of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance may be made with the consent of the Speaker.
- The Speaker shall decide whether the matter to be discussed is definite and whether it is urgent public importance.

MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE

- A Motion expressing want of confidence in the whole Ministry may be made with the consent of the Speaker.
- No Motion expressing want of confidence shall be made against an individual Minister or a group of Ministers.

Budget and Appropriation Bill

- The Annual Financial statement or the statement of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the state in respect of every financial year (The Budget) shall be presented to the Assembly.
- General discussion of Budget
- Voting on Demands for Grants
- As soon as may be after the grants have been made by the Assembly there shall be introduced a Bill to provide for the appropriation out of the consolidated fund of the state of all money required.

Rules to be observed by the Members

- Shall not read any book, newspaper or letter except in connection with the business of the House.
- Shall bow to the Chair while entering or leaving the House and also when taking or leaving his/her seat.
- Shall not leave the House when the Speaker is addressing the House.
- Shall always address the Chair
- Shall not shout slogans in the House.
- Shall not leave the House immediately after delivering his speech.
- Shall not wear to display badges of any kind in the House.
- Shall not bring or display arms in the House.

Points of Order

A point of order shall relate to the interpretation or enforcement of there rules or such Articles of the Constitution as regulate the business of the House and shall raise a question which is within the cognizance of the Speaker.

Breach of Privilege

- A breach of privilege, either of a Member or of the House or of a Committee thereof may with the consent of the Speaker be brought to the notice of the House:
- i) by a complaint from a Member
- ii) by a petition; or
- iii) by a report from a Committee.
- Provided that if the breach is committed in actual view of the House, the House may take action without complaint.

Thank you

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