



BULLETIN PART- II

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**A FEW REFERENCES OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND
CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
AND RELEVANT INFORMATION THEREOF.**

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006


Legislation Branch

No.LLE.88/2022/01

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1. Unless otherwise notified, the time of the sitting of the 15th Assam Legislative Assembly will be from 9:30AM to 2:00 PM and on Friday the House will sit at 9:00 AM to 11:30AM [Rule 11]. Re-assemble after lunch usually at 3:00 PM unless Hon'ble Speaker directs otherwise.
2. There shall be National Anthem on the 1st day of the sitting and State Anthem at the end of the day of the House. [Rule 11(C)]
3. The Business of the House shall be transacted in Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, English and Hindi. [Rule 28]
4. The Bills shall be available to the Members two clear days before the date of introduction if Speaker directs otherwise. [Rule 72 (C)]
5. The Members shall get 2 (two) clear days before the date of consideration for submission of amendments of Bills unless Speaker directs otherwise. [Rule 77 (1)]
6. One private Members' Bill will placed before the House for consideration on 23/12/2022.


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No. LAIT.17/2022/01

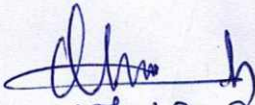
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- (i) The Government List of Business of 20/12/2022 will be online in the official website of **Assam Legislative Assembly** (www.assambidhansabha.org) as soon as the same is approved by the Competent Authority.
- (ii) Bills to be introduced on 20/12/2022 are uploaded in the Member's Portal on 18th December, 2022.
- (iii) Bills of 20/12/2022 to be uploaded in the official website of **Assam Legislative Assembly** (www.assambidhansabha.org) after the Introduction of Bill inside the House. (Rule 71)
- (iv) The Winter Session, 20/12/2022 of **Assam Legislative Assembly** will be LIVE from 0930 HRS in the official website (www.assambidhansabha.org).
- (v) ALA APP to be launched on 20th December 2022.

The ALA APP comprises features to view all information related to the Business of the Assam Legislative Assembly. It is designed to provide a one-stop destination for viewing all information related to the Daily Business of the Assam Legislative Assembly. Users can see proceedings of the House, Members' profile, Question/Answers. Updates on all Assembly proceedings and other activities will be available for the citizens on the 'ALA App'. It will further make it convenient for people to get general information on Members of House, their participation in Sessions, on budget speeches, etc.

- (vi) Bulletin Part-I & Bulletin Part-II to be incorporated in the ALA website and Member's Portal.
- (vii) Training conducted for all PA/PS of the Hon'ble Members of Assam Legislative Assembly to understand and work on the Member's Portal.


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No.LASY.01/2022/226

Dated:19-12-2022

ZERO HOUR**Rule 59 of the Directions by the Speaker:**

1. Any Member desiring to raise matter of public importance during Zero Hour shall give notice of his/her intention to the Principal Secretary along with two additional copies of such notice on or before 08:00 A.M. of the day on which the matter is proposed to be raised.
2. Unless the Speaker otherwise directs- no matter of public importance will be allowed to be raised during Zero hour which occurred within three days from the day on which it is proposed to be raised.

No.LASY.01/2022/226

Dated:19-12-2022

Motion for Adjournment on a matter of public importance:

Rule 56 of the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.

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 who shall decide whether the matter to be discussed is definite and whether it is of urgent public importance.

Notice of an adjournment motion shall be given **at least an hour** before the commencement of the sitting on the day on which the motion is proposed to be made to the Principal Secretary and copies thereof shall be endorsed to:-

- (i) The Speaker;
- (ii) The Minister concerned; and
- (iii) The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

Other relevant Rules in respect of the following may kindly be seen in the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly:

- i. Restriction on power to make an adjournment motion - *Rule 57 (page No.36)*
- ii. Motion for discussion on matters before tribunals, Commission etc. - *Rule 59 (page No.37)*
- iii. Mode of asking for leave to move adjournment motion- *Rule 60 (page No.37)*
- iv. Time for taking up motion - *Rule 61(page No.38)*
- v. Closure of debate - *Rule 62 (page No.38)*
- vi. Time limit for speeches - *Rule 63 (page No.38)*

Conference Branch

No.LACon.102/2022/01

Dated Dispur the 18th Dec., 2022.

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- (i) **Report 1** – “Report on Hosting of the Meeting of the International Mid-Year CPA Executive Committee and the 8th CPA India Region Conference at Guwahati, Assam (9-12 April, 2022)” will be laid before the House as and when decided by the Authority.

- (ii) **Report 2** – “Report on The Participation of CPA Assam State Branch (India Region) Delegation at the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia (Canada) 20-26 August, 2022” will be laid before the House as and when decided by the Authority.



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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

NO.LAPAC.85/2022/557,

Dated Dispur, the 19th December, 2022.

Sub. : Voting on demands for Grants (Cut Motions).

Voting on Demands 144. (1) The voting on demands for grants shall take place on such days as the Speaker in consultation with the Leader of the House and the Business Advisory Committee may allot for the purpose.

***(2)** On a day allotted under Sub-rule (1) for the voting of demands for grants no other business shall be taken up before 2-00 P.M. or at 5-00 P.M. if it is Friday except with the consent of the Speaker.

Provided that nothing in this rule shall be deemed to prohibit, the asking and answering of question during the time allowed under these rules.

***(3)** On the last day of the days so allotted at 2.00 P.M. or at 5-00 P.M., if it is a Friday, the Speaker shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of all the outstanding matter in connection with the demands for grants; and the consideration thereof shall not be anticipated by any motion for adjournment or be interrupted in any manner whatsoever nor shall any dilatory motion be moved in regard thereto.

Cut motions 145. (1) A motion may be moved to reduce the amount of a demand in any of the following ways :-

a. "that the amount of the demand be reduced to Rs. 1" representing disapproval of the policy underlying the demand. Such a motion shall be known as "Disapproval of policy cut". A member giving notice of such motion shall indicate in precise terms the particular of policy which he / she proposes to discuss. The discussion shall be confined to the specific point or points mentioned in the notice and it shall be opened to members to advocate an alternative policy;

b. "that the amount of the demand be reduced by specified amount" representing the economy that can be effected. Such specified amount may be either a lumpsum reduction in the demand or omission or reduction of an item in the demand. The motion shall be known as "Economy Cut". The notice shall indicate briefly and precisely the particular matter on which discussion is sought to be raised and speeches shall be confined to the discussion as to how economy can be effected.

c. "that the amount of the demand be reduced by Rs. 100" in order to ventilate a specific grievance which is within the sphere of the responsibility of the Government of the State. Such a motion shall be known as "Token Cut" and the discussion thereon shall be confined to the particular grievance specified in the motion.

(2) The three motions mentioned in clauses (a) , (b) and (c) of the preceding sub-rule will have priority in the order they have been mentioned.

Conditions of admissibility of cut motions 146 In order that a notice of motion for reduction of the amount of demand may be admissible, it shall satisfy the following conditions, namely :-

i. it shall relate to one demand only;

II. it shall be clearly expressed and shall not contain arguments, inferences, ironical expression, imputations, innuendoes or defamatory statement.

III. It shall be confined to one specific matter which shall be stated in precise terms;

IV. it shall not reflect on the character or conduct of any person whose conduct can only be challenged on substantive motion;

V. it shall not make suggestions for the amendment or repeal of existing laws;

VI. it shall not refer to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government of the State;

VII. it shall not relate to expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of State;

VIII. it shall not relate to a matter which is under adjudication by a Court of law having jurisdiction in any part of India;

IX. it shall not raise a question of privilege;

X. it shall not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same session and on which a decision has been taken;

XI. it shall not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration in the same session;

XII. it shall not ordinarily seek to raise a discussion on a matter pending before any statutory tribunal or statutory authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial functions or any commission or court of enquiry appointed to enquire into or investigate, any matter :

Provided that the Speaker may in his / her discretion allow such matter being raised in the house as is concerned with the procedure or stage of enquiry, if the Speaker is satisfied that it is not likely to prejudice the consideration of such matter by the statutory tribunal, statutory authority, commission or court of enquiry : and

XIII. it shall not relate to a trifling matter.

Speaker to decide admissibility of cut motions 147. The Speaker shall decide whether a cut motion is or is not admissible under these rules and may disallow any cut motion when in his / her opinion it is an abuse of the right of moving cut motion or it is calculated to obstruct or prejudicially affect the procedure of the House or is in contravention of these rules.

Notice of cut motions 148. (1) If notice of a motion to reduce any demand for grant has not been given three clear days previous to the day on which the demand is under consideration, any member may object to the moving of motion and such objection shall prevail unless the Speaker allows the motion to be made.

(2) No amendment to motion to reduce any grants shall be permissible.

Votes on credit and exceptional grants 149. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding rules, motions may be made for grants in advance in respect of the estimated expenditure for unexpected and exceptional grants under Article 206 of the Constitution.

(2) Such demands shall be dealt with by the Assembly in the same manner as demand for grants in connection with the Budget and the rules on the subject shall apply to such demands subject to such modifications as the Speaker may deem necessary.

Vote on accounts 150 (1) A motion for vote on account shall state the total sum required, and the various amounts needed for each department or service or item of expenditure which compose that sum shall be stated in schedule appended to the motions.

(2) Discussion of a general character shall be allowed on the motion but the details of the grants shall not be discussed further than is necessary to develop the general points.

Supplementary, additional, excess and exceptional grants and votes on credit 151 Supplementary, additional, excess and exceptional grants and votes on credit shall be regulated by the same procedure as is applicable in the case of demands for grants subject to such adaptations, whether by way of modification, addition or omission, as the Speaker may deem to be necessary or expedient.

Scope of discussion on Supplementary grants 152. The debate on supplementary grants shall be confined to the items constituting the same and no discussion may be raised on the original grants nor policy underlying them save in so far as it may be necessary to explain or illustrate the particular items under discussion.

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Token grants 153. When funds to meet proposed expenditure on a new service can be made available by re-appropriation, a demand for the grants of a token sum may be submitted to the vote of the Assembly and if the Assembly assents to the demand, fund may be so made available.

**** (As per revised calendar, Voting on Supplementary Demand for grants may be taken up for discussion on 23rd December, 2022)**

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QUESTION BRANCH

NO.LAQ.78/2022/01

MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER, 2022

Commencement of the 7th Session (Winter Session) of 15th Assam Legislative Assembly

Members are informed that the Winter Session of Assam Legislative Assembly will commence on Tuesday, the 20th December, 2022.

Time of Sittings of the House during the 7th Session of the 15th Assam Legislative Assembly.

Unless otherwise notified, the time of sittings of the House during the 7th Session of the 15th Assam Legislative Assembly will be from 9.30 AM to 2.00 except on Fridays when the House will sit from 9.00 AM to 11.30 AM .

Provided that the Speaker may, in his/ her discretion, according to the exigencies of the business, adjourn earlier or extend the hour of sitting.

Allotment of days for the transaction of business during the 7th Session of the 15th Assam Legislative Assembly

As at present arranged, sitting of the House for the transaction of business during the 7th Session of the 15th Assam Legislative Assembly have been fixed provisionally for

December-20, 21, 22, 23and 24.

A provisional Calendar of sittings for the Session has been circulated to Members separately through hard copy & <https://assambidhansabha.org> or <https://alaession.org>

Reply sets (Soft copies of the reply of Questions are available to Hon'ble Members in <https://assambidhansabha.org> or <https://alaession.org/member>

Hard copies of the reply sets are available at the MLA Help Desk for the Hon'ble Members.

Questions & Relevant Rules thereof

Question Hour

Unless the Speaker otherwise directs, the first hour of every sitting shall be available for the asking and answering of questions. (*For details please refer to **Rule 30 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Period of notice

Unless the Speaker otherwise directs, not less than fifteen and not more than twenty one clear days notice of a question shall be given. (*For details please refer to **Rule 31 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Form of Notice

(1) Notice of a question shall be given in writing to the Principal Secretary and shall specify

(a) The official designation of the Minister to whom the question is addressed; and
(b) The date on which the question is proposed to be placed on the list of questions for answer.

(2) Where a notice is signed by more than one member, it shall be deemed to have been given by the first signatory only. (*For details please refer to **Rule 32 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Starred and Unstarred Questions

Questions may be either Starred or Unstarred.

A member who desires an oral answer to his/her question shall distinguish it by an asterisk (*For details please refer to **Rule 33 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Supplementary Questions

Any Member when called by the Speaker may ask a supplementary question for the purpose of further clarification of any matter of fact regarding which an answer has been given (*For details please refer to **Rule 34 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***).

Limit of Number of Questions

Not more than one starred question asked by the same member and not more than twenty questions in all shall be placed on the list of questions for oral answer

on any one day. (*For details please refer to **Rule 35 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Unstarred Questions

If a question is not distinguished by an asterisk, or if a question placed on the list of questions for oral answer on any day is not called for answer within the time available for answering question on that day, a written answer to such question shall be deemed to have been laid on the Table at the end of the Question Hour. (*For details please refer to **Rule 35 (3) of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Rotational allotment of days for questions.

The time available for answering questions shall be allotted on different days in rotation for the answering of questions relating to such Department or Departments as the Speaker may, from time to time, provide, and on each such day, unless the Speaker with the consent of the Minister concerned, otherwise directs, only questions relating to the Department or Departments for which time has been allotted on that day shall be placed on the list of questions for oral answer. (*For details please refer to **Rule 36 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Conditions of admissibility of questions.

No question may be asked which does not satisfy some conditions mentioned in the Rule 37 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business. (*For details please refer to **Rule 37 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Speaker to decide admissibility

The Speaker shall decide whether a question, or a part thereof, is or is not admissible under rules and may disallow any question which, or a part thereof, when in his/her opinion, it is an abuse of the right of questioning or is calculated to obstruct or prejudicially effect the procedure of the House or is in contravention of these rules. (*For details please refer to **Rule 38 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Speaker to decide if a question is to be treated as Starred or Unstarred

If, in the opinion of the Speaker, any question put down for oral answer is of such a nature that written reply would be more appropriate, the Speaker may direct that such question be placed on the list of questions for written answer:

Provided that the Speaker may, if he/she thinks fit, call upon the member who has given notice of a question for oral answer to state in brief his/her reasons for desiring an oral answer and, after considering the same, may direct that the question be included in the list of questions for written answer. (*For details please refer to **Rule 39 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Power to disallow question

The Speaker may within the period of notice disallow any question or any part of the question on the ground that it relates to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government of the State and if he/she does so, the question or part of the question shall not be placed on the list of questions. *(For details please refer to **Rule 40 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

List of questions

Questions which have not been disallowed, shall be entered in the list of questions for the day for oral or written answer, as the case may be, in accordance with the orders of the Speaker. *(For details please refer to **Rule 41 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Order in which Starred Question to be called.

Questions for oral answers shall be called if the time made available for questions permits, in the order in which they stand on, the list before any other business is entered upon at the sitting. *(For details please refer to **Rule 41(2) of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Question to Private members

A question may be addressed by a member to a private member provided the subject matter of the question relates to some bills, resolutions or other matter connected with business of the House for which that member is responsible and the procedure in regard to such question shall, as far as may be, be the same as that followed in the case of questions addressed to a Minister with such variations as the Speaker may consider necessary or convenient. *(For details please refer to **Rule 42 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Mode of asking Questions

Questions shall be put and answers given in such manner as the Speaker may, in his/her discretion determine *(For details please refer to **Rule 43 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Starred questions of an absent Member

When all the questions for which oral answers are desired have been called, the Speaker may, if time permits, call again any question which has not been asked by reason of the absence of the member in whose name it stands, and may also permit a member to ask a question standing in the name of another member, if authorized by him. *(For details please refer to **Rule 44 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Answer to questions not put

The Speaker at the request of a member may direct a Minister that an answer to a question which has been called may be given on the ground of public interest even though the question notice put or the member in whose name it stands is absent. *(For details please refer to **Rule 45 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Withdrawal or postponement of question

A member may, by notice given at any time before the sitting for which his/her question has been placed on the list, withdraw his/her question or postpone it to a later day the question shall, subject to the provisions of Rule 38, be placed on the list after all questions which have not been so postponed.

Provided that a postponed question shall not be placed on the list until two clear days have expired from the day when the notice of postponement has been received by the Principal Secretary. *(For details please refer to **Rule 46 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Unanswered starred question on last day of session

Replies to any starred questions which remain unanswered on the last day of the session, shall be circulated to the members, and such replies shall form part of the proceedings of the last day. *(For details please refer to **Rule 47 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Lapse of pending questions referred to Members

Where a reference is made to a member in connection with the notice of a question and no reply is received or a reply received from him/her is too late for the consideration of the Speaker and the placing of the question, if admitted, on the list of questions for an appropriate date, such notice shall be deemed to have lapsed. *(For details please refer to **Rule 47 A of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Prohibition of Advance publicity of answer

Answers to questions which Ministers propose to give in the House shall not be released for publication until the answers have actually been given on the floor of the House or laid on the Table. *(For details please refer to **Rule 47 B of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Half-an-Hour Discussion on matter arising out of answers to questions.

Discussions on a matter of public importance arising out of answer to question. *(For details please refer to **Rule 49 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly**)*

Rules to be observed by Members

There are certain rules to be observed by the Hon'ble Members while the House is sitting (*For details please refer to **Rule 275 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly***)

Table Office Branch

No.LAT.7/2022/37

Dated Dispur, 19th December, 2022

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SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

UNDER RULE - 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 seven clear days from the last day of the sitting of the Assembly Session starting clearly the reasons of urgency and public importance and, if the Speaker is of opinion that the question is of an urgent character, Speaker shall fix a day for the reply to such a question.

As per Provisional Calendar for the ensuing Winter Session, 2022, the last date for submission of the Notice under Rule 48 is 16-12-2022.

DISCUSSION ON A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC
IMPORTANCE FOR SHORT DURATION

UNDER RULE-50

Any Member desirous of raising the discussion on a matter of urgent public importance may give notice in writing to the Principal Secretary specifying clearly and precisely the matter to be raised with a signatures of at least to other members as supporter. The Hon'ble Speaker may refuse to admit the notice if an early opportunity is otherwise available for the discussion of the matter.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC
IMPORTANCE

UNDER RULE-54

A member wishing to raise a matter urgent public importance and of recent occurrence shall give notice in a form of notice to the Principal Secretary 7 days in advance on which the matter is desired to be raised. Not more than one such matter shall be raised at the same sitting.

*As per approval by Hon'ble Speaker the following Hon'ble member's notice will come for discussion on 20-12-2022.

Shri Terash Gowala.

Resolutions

Under Rule-115

A Member other than a Minister who wishes to move a resolution shall give 10 clear days' notice before the date appointed for the notice submit a copy of the resolution which he/she wishes to move.

This Secretariat has received two nos. of notices for the ensuing winter session.

Date of ballot- 20-12-2022

Date of Discussion- 23-12-2022

SPECIAL MOTIONS

UNDER RULE-130A

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. The Speaker shall fix the time and date for discussion of such a motion.

A Notice submitted by Hon'ble Member Sri Sherman Ali Ahmed will be discussed in the House on 23-12-2022. As approved by the Hon'ble Speaker.

MOTIONS

UNDER RULE-131

Any Member desirous for raising the discussion on a matter of general public interest can be discussed only with the consent of Hon'ble Speaker and may be given notice in writing addressed to the Principal Secretary, ALA.

SPECIAL MENTION

UNDER RULE-301

A Member who wishes to bring to the Notice of the House a matter which is not a point of order shall give notice in writing to the Principal Secretary with the text of the matter during a week commencing from its first sitting till 16.00 hours on the penultimate working day of the week for valid. The Notices received thereafter shall be valid for the next week of the session.

As per approval of the Hon'ble Speaker the following Member's notices will come for discussion on 20-12-2022.

1. Shri Ramendra Narayan Kalita
2. Shri Mrinal Saikia
3. Shri Bhaskar Jyoti Baruah

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Principal Secretary