

**Process to submit notice and procedure for raising Matters of Urgent Public Importance after Question Hour i.e. during 'Zero Hour'**

Hon'ble members are informed that an **e-portal has been put in place to facilitate members to submit their notices online to raise matters of Urgent Public Importance during 'Zero Hour'**. Members can also physically hand over the notices of 'Zero Hour' for which **printed form is available** in the Parliamentary Notice Office, Room No. G37, Ground Floor, Parliament House of India (New Building of Parliament). The following **procedure for raising** Matters of Urgent Public Importance during 'Zero Hour' shall be followed:

- (i) Notices may be given by the members **from 1000 hours of a given day to 0900 hours of the Session day** on which the members desire to raise their matters in the House;
  - (ii) The notices received upto 0900 hours on the Session day on which the members desire to raise their matters in the House would be put to computerised ballot after 0900 hours;
  - (iii) **Twenty matters**, as per their priority in the **ballot**, may be allowed to be raised on a day. However, 4-5 notices over and above these twenty matters may be allowed to be raised on the basis of their importance **at the discretion of Hon'ble Speaker;**
  - (iv) The order in which the matters will be raised shall be decided by the Hon'ble Speaker at his discretion;
  - (v) The matter proposed to be raised **should be under the jurisdiction of the Government of India** so that it would be easier for the Minister concerned to respond to it, in case she/he desires to do so;
  - (vi) Matter proposed to be raised **should not contain any statement making allegations;** and
  - (vii) Notices shall not relate to matters within the jurisdiction of Speaker.
2. Notices for Monday or first working day of a week may be given on Friday or last working day of the previous week between 1000 hours on Friday or last working day of the previous week and 0900 hours on Monday or first working day of the week.
  3. The portal will **not remain operational** from immediately after 0900 hours to 1000 hours on all Session days.
  4. Zero Hour portal will be opened from 1000 hours on Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024. The portal will remain open on Saturday and Sunday for tabling notices online. **Accordingly, notices for raising matters on Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 may be given from 1000 hours on Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024 to 0900 hours on Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 and all such notices so**

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received will be balloted on Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 soon after 0900 hours.

Kind cooperation of Hon'ble members is solicited.

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**Table Office**

**Display of result of ballot regarding Matters of Urgent Public Importance during 'Zero Hour'**

Hon'ble members are informed that the notices on Matters of Urgent Public Importance to be raised during 'Zero Hour' received from 1000 hours of a given day to 0900 hours of the Session day on which the members desire to raise their matters in the House shall be balloted in the Parliamentary Notice Office (P.N.O.), Room No. G37, Ground Floor, Parliament House of India (New Building of Parliament) after 0900 hours on the Session day. The result of ballot shall immediately thereafter, be displayed in P.N.O. and Table Office for information of Members.

A copy of the result of ballot shall also be displayed on the Notice Boards in the Lobby of the Lok Sabha Chamber, Parliament House of India (New Building of Parliament) at 1015 hours on the day on which the members desire to raise their matters in the House.

The result of the ballot shall also be displayed in scrolled format under the 'UPDATES' column of Lok Sabha website immediately after the ballot process is over.

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**Legislative Branch-I**

**Notice Period for Tabling Cut Motions and Amendments**

Notices of cut motions to the Demands for Grants can be tabled immediately after their presentation.

2. Notices of Amendments to a Bill can be tabled after the introduction of the Bill in Lok Sabha, or after a copy of the Bill, as passed by Rajya Sabha, has been laid on the Table of Lok Sabha.
3. The minimum notice period for tabling cut motions and amendments to Bills, Motions and Resolutions under the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha is one day.
4. As cut motions and amendments are circulated to members both in English and Hindi simultaneously, the Rules Committee (Fourth Lok Sabha) considered the question of inadequacy of the period of notice for tabling (i) Amendments to Bills, Resolutions and Motions and (ii) Cut Motions. The Committee decided that members might be requested to table such notices at least two days before the day they are to be taken up in the House.