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Half - An - Hour Discussion

TELANGANA LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT
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PREFACE

This abstract containing the information pertaining to **Half-an-Hour Discussion** taken-up in the House is a part of Legislative Procedure and is intended to serve as handy guide for ready reference. The information contained in this abstract booklet is in consonance with the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Telangana Legislative Assembly.

The information contained in this publication is not exhaustive and it cannot be quoted as an authority. It is hoped that this publication will meet the reference requirements. However, for authenticity, the original source may be referred to and relied upon.

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Secretary to State Legislature.

HALF-AN-HOUR DISCUSSION

The Member of the Legislature has an inherent right to get an information from the Government on any matter of public interest either by the means of a question, calling attention, etc. The right of the member is firmly established in providing an opportunity for members to put questions for seeking information. So the first hour sitting of the House is allotted for questions.

In case a member feels that the answer given to a recent question on the Floor of the House is insufficient, incomplete and inadequate in the matter of information furnished, he may give notice to raise discussion on the matter that has sufficient public importance.

A member who desires to raise a matter, has to give notice in writing to the Secretary three days in advance to the day on which the matter is desired to be raised. He has to specify the point or points that he wishes to raise. Such notice is required to be accompanied by an explanatory note stating reasons for raising discussions on the matter in question. The notice must relate to the subject of a recent question, oral or written and the answer to which needs elucidation on a matter of fact.

Admission of Notice :

The Speaker decides whether the matter sought to be raised is of sufficient public importance to be put down for discussion. In case the Speaker is of opinion that the notice seeks to raise the policy of the government,

he may not admit it.

Period of Notice :

The period of notice for raising half-an-hour discussions is three days. The Speaker may, with the consent of the Minister concerened, waive the requirement concerning the period of notice.

Ballot :

If more than two notices have been received and admitted, a ballot is held with a view to drawing two notices. The notices are put down in the order in which they were received in point of time.

If a notice is signed by more than one member, it shall be deemed to have been given by the first signatory only.

If any matter put down for discussion on

particular day is not disposed of on that day, it shall not be set down for any other day unless the member so desires in which case it is included in the ballot for the next available day.

There is no formal motion before the House nor voting. The member who has given notice, may make a short statement and the Minister concerned gives reply. Any member who has previously intimated to the Speaker, may be permitted to ask a question for the purpose of further elucidating any matter of fact. Not more than four members, who have previsously intimated to the Secretary, may be permitted to ask a question each for the purpose of further elucidating any matter of fact.

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