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No.59308 Committee Co-ordination Section

Direction by the Chairman, Rajya Sabha

Confidentiality of proceedings of Committee meetings

The Chairman of a Committee shall read out the following before start of every evidence in a Committee meeting:-

"The Proceedings of a Committee shall be treated as confidential and it shall not be permissible for a Member of the Committee or any one who has access to its proceedings to communicate, directly or indirectly, to the media any information regarding its proceedings including its report or any conclusions arrived at, finally or tentatively, before the report has been presented to the House."

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No.59309 Committee Co-ordination Section

Procedure to be followed by Members before accepting assignments

Members often receive offers of offices in various Committees/Bodies, etc. under the Government of India or State Governments, acceptance of which may result in their incurring disqualification for being Member of the House under Article 102(1)(a) of the Constitution. They are, therefore, requested to obtain approval of the Chairman, Rajya Sabha before accepting such offices.

2. Members may kindly note this for information and necessary action.

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Observance of Rule 294(1) by Members

Attention of Members is invited to Rule 294(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States, which reads as under:

“294. Declaration of interests

(1) Whenever a member has a personal or specific pecuniary interest (direct or indirect) in a matter being considered by the Council or a Committee thereof, he shall declare the nature of such interest notwithstanding any registration of his interests in the Register, and shall not participate in any debate taking place in the Council or its Committees before making such declaration.”

Code of Conduct for Members of Rajya Sabha

Members are informed that the Committee on Ethics in its Fourth Report presented to the Council on the 14th March, 2005 and adopted by it on the 20th April, 2005 had inter alia considered the Code of Conduct for Members enumerated by the Committee in its First Report which was also adopted by the Council. The Committee felt that the Code was quite comprehensive and endorsed the same. It recommended that the Code of Conduct may be published in Bulletin Part II on the eve of each Session for information of and compliance by the Members. Accordingly, the Code of Conduct is reproduced below:

The Members of Rajya Sabha should acknowledge their responsibility to maintain the public trust reposed in them and should work diligently to discharge their mandate for the common good of the people. They must hold in high esteem the Constitution, the Law, Parliamentary Institutions and above all the general public. They should constantly strive to translate the ideals laid down in the Preamble to the Constitution into a reality. The following are the principles which they should abide by in their dealings:

(i) Members must not do anything that brings disrepute to the Parliament and affects their credibility.
(ii) Members must utilise their position as Members of Parliament to advance general well-being of the people.

(iii) In their dealings if Members find that there is a conflict between their personal interests and the public trust which they hold, they should resolve such a conflict in a manner that their private interests are subordinated to the duty of their public office.

(iv) Members should always see that their private financial interests and those of the members of their immediate family do not come in conflict with the public interest and if any such conflict ever arises, they should try to resolve such a conflict in a manner that the public interest is not jeopardised.

(v) Members should never expect or accept any fee, remuneration or benefit for a vote given or not given by them on the floor of the House, for introducing a Bill, for moving a resolution or desisting from moving a resolution, putting a question or abstaining from asking a question or participating in the deliberations of the House or a Parliamentary Committee.

(vi) Members should not take a gift which may interfere with honest and impartial discharge of their official duties. They may, however, accept incidental gifts or inexpensive mementoes and customary hospitality.

(vii) Members holding public offices should use public resources in such a manner as may lead to public good.

(viii) If Members are in possession of a confidential information owing to their being Members of Parliament or Members of Parliamentary Committees, they should not disclose such information for advancing their personal interests.

(ix) Members should desist from giving certificates to individuals and institutions of which they have no personal knowledge and are not based on facts.

* Immediate family includes spouse, dependent daughters and dependent sons.
(x) Members should not lend ready support to any cause of which they have no or little knowledge.

(xi) Members should not misuse the facilities and amenities made available to them.

(xii) Members should not be disrespectful to any religion and work for the promotion of secular values.

(xiii) Members should keep uppermost in their mind the Fundamental Duties listed in Part IVA of the Constitution.

(xiv) Members are expected to maintain high standards of morality, dignity, decency and values in public life.

No.59312 Committee Section (Ethics)

The Members of Rajya Sabha (Declaration of Assets and Liabilities) Rules, 2004

Pursuant to the Members of Rajya Sabha (Declaration of Assets and Liabilities) Rules, 2004 made by the Chairman, Rajya Sabha in pursuance of sub-section (3) of Section 75A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951) which came into force with effect from 5th August, 2004, all elected Members of Rajya Sabha are required to furnish information to the Chairman, Rajya Sabha regarding their assets and liabilities as per Form-I appended thereto within ninety days from the date on which they make and subscribe an oath or affirmation for taking their seat in the Council. Changes, if any, in the information so furnished by the Members are also to be notified by them as on the 31st day of March every year, by the 30th June of that year.

Members may kindly note that the information furnished by them should include the assets and liabilities within India and abroad.

Form-I has not been received from some of the Members though stipulated time for furnishing the information has already expired. Those Members who have not submitted the information are, therefore, requested to furnish the same in the prescribed format without further delay so as to comply with the law and the rules.

Copies of the prescribed Form are available in the Notice Office, Committee Section (Ethics) and can also be downloaded from Rajya
Sabha website (rajyasabha.nic.in) under the links ‘Members → Declaration of Assets and Liabilities → Form-I’; ‘Downloads → Parliamentary Notice forms → Form for Declaration of Assets and Liabilities by Members’; and ‘Downloads→ Application forms → Committee on Ethics → Form for Declaration of Assets and Liabilities by Members’.

No.59313 Committee Section (Ethics)

Register of Members’ Interests

The Committee on Ethics in its Fourth Report presented to the Council on the 14th March, 2005 and adopted by it on the 20th April, 2005, has inter alia identified the following five pecuniary interests and the ingredients thereof, in respect of which information is to be furnished by Members, for registration in the ‘Register of Members’ Interests’, under sub-rule (1) of Rule 293 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States, in the prescribed Form:—

I  Remunerative Directorship
   Name and address of the company
   Nature of company business
   Salary/fees/allowance/benefits or
   any other receipts which are taxable (per annum)

II  Regular Remunerated Activity
   Name and address of the Establishment
   Nature of business
   Position held
   Amount of remuneration received (per annum)

III Shareholding of Controlling Nature
   Name and address of the company
   Nature of business of the company
   Percentage of shares held

IV  Paid Consultancy
   Nature of consultancy
   Business activity of the organisation
   where engaged as Consultant
   Total value of benefits derived from the
   Consultancy
V Professional Engagement

Description
Fees/Remuneration earned therefrom (per annum)

2. The Committee also recommended that:—

a) Every Member who has taken his/her seat in the Council before the date of adoption of the recommendations of the Committee regarding ‘Registration of Interests’, by the Council, shall furnish the information as per the prescribed ‘Form’, under Rule 293, within ninety days from the date on which the said recommendations are adopted/enforced.

b) Every Member who takes his/her seat in the Council after adoption of these recommendations by the Council, shall furnish the information as per the prescribed form, under Rule 293, within ninety days from the date on which he/she makes and subscribes oath or affirmation for taking his/her seat.

c) Every Member shall notify the changes, if any, in the information so furnished by him/her, as on 31st March every year, within ninety days from that date.

3. The aforementioned recommendations were enforced w.e.f. 2nd May, 2005. Accordingly, all Members of Rajya Sabha are required to furnish information in respect of their pecuniary interests in the prescribed Form. Members who have not done so, are requested to file the requisite information without further delay. Members may kindly note that the information that they furnish has to be with respect to their pecuniary interests whether held within the country or outside it.

4. Copies of the prescribed Form are available in the Notice Office, Committee Section (Ethics) and can also be downloaded from Rajya Sabha website (rajyasabha.nic.in) under the links ‘Downloads → Parliamentary Notice forms → Form for Declaration of Interests by Members’; and ‘Downloads → Application forms → Committee on Ethics → Form for Declaration of Interests by Members’.

5. In this connection, provisions of Rule 294 of the Rules of Procedure are reproduced below:
(1) Whenever a member has a personal or specific pecuniary interest (direct or indirect) in a matter being considered by the Council or a Committee thereof, he shall declare the nature of such interest notwithstanding any registration of his interests in the Register, and shall not participate in any debate taking place in the Council or its Committees before making such declaration.

(2) On a division in the Council if the vote of a member is challenged on the ground of personal, pecuniary or direct interest in the matter to be decided, the Chairman may, if he considers necessary, call upon the member making the challenge to state precisely the grounds of his objection, and the member whose vote has been challenged shall state his case, and the Chairman shall then decide whether the vote of the member should be disallowed or not and his decision shall be final:

Provided that the vote of a member is challenged immediately after the division is over and before the result is announced by the Chairman.

Explanation: For the purposes of this rule the interest of the member should be direct, personal or pecuniary and separately belong to the person whose vote is questioned and not in common with the public in general or with any section thereof or on any matter of State policy.

6. Members may kindly note for information and compliance.

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No.59314

M.A. Section

Revision of fares of the ferry service provided to Members of Rajya Sabha

Members are informed that the House Committee, Rajya Sabha, in its meeting held on 11th October, 2019 has decided to enhance the fares of ferry service for providing transport facility to Members of Rajya Sabha from Parliament House Complex to their official residences and from their official residences to Parliament House Complex from Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- per trip.

2. Kind cooperation of Members is solicited in this regard.

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Revision of booking charges of SWAJAS Deluxe Multi-purpose Hall

Members are informed that the House Committee, Rajya Sabha in its meeting held on 11th October, 2019 has decided to revise the existing booking charges for **SWAJAS Deluxe Multi-purpose Hall**, as under:-

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<th>Particulars</th>
<th>Existing rates (per day)</th>
<th>Revised rates (per day)</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<td>Booking charges (including cleaning charges)</td>
<td>Rs.1000/-</td>
<td>Rs.3000/-</td>
<td>i) Security Amount of Rs.5000/- per booking (Refundable).</td>
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<td>ii) Maximum duration for booking shall be 2 days on one request.</td>
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2. Kind cooperation of Members is solicited in this regard.

Guest accommodation for Members of Parliament in Western Court Hostel and levying of prohibitive rentals in case of overstay in the hostel

The Members may avail temporary guest accommodation in Western Court Hostel (WCH) for their guests(s) for a limited period of three days, subject to availability. They are requested to send their requests on a prescribed form, duly signed by the Members only, by giving full details of the guests. The Members are requested to ensure vacation of the suite after the allotted period, to avoid inconvenience to other Members who have been allotted the same suites for subsequent dates.

2. Due to security and other reasons it is not possible to accept incomplete applications/requests. The prescribed form for applying for Hostel accommodation is available in Notice Office (PH), M.A.Section (PHA) and on Rajya Sabha website i.e. [www.rajyasabha.nic.in](http://www.rajyasabha.nic.in) under the link “Downloads > Application Forms”.

3. Members are informed that in case they are forwarding their request for allotment of WCH through e-mail, they can do so by sending it only through their official domain email-id (@sansad.nic.in). If the Members wish to send their requests through e-mail, they may send the same on the following e-mail addresses:
4. Members are also informed that the House Committee, Rajya Sabha in its meeting held on 11\textsuperscript{th} October, 2019, has decided that there should be a mechanism for prohibitive rentals for the guests overstaying in WCH.

5. Any act of non-vacation of the accommodation in WCH over and above the initially allotted period, without the approval of competent authority, will be treated as a case of overstay.

6. The rates of overstay in WCH i.e. rates in case of non-vacation of the accommodation in WCH \textit{over and above the initially allotted period}, by guests of Members, have been fixed at Rs.2500/- per day for AC Single suites and Rs.3000/- per day for AC Double suites, \textit{over and above the normal rent liable to be paid}. Accordingly, the rates of overstay in WCH have been fixed as under:

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<th>Duration</th>
<th>AC Single Suite (per day)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Day 2 to Day 3</td>
<td>1000+2500=Rs.3500/-</td>
<td>1500+3000=Rs.4500/-</td>
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<td>Day 4 to Day 7</td>
<td>2000+2500=Rs.4500/-</td>
<td>2000+3000=Rs.5000/-</td>
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7. Kind cooperation of Members is solicited in this regard.

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\textbf{No.59317} \hspace{1cm} M.A. Section

\textbf{Allotment of Defence Surplus Cl-V ‘B’ Vehicles to Members of Parliament}

In order to facilitate the Members in the performance of their duty at their respective Constituencies, arrangements have been made by Ministry of Defence to release vehicles from the Defence Disposal stocks to Members of Parliament.

2. All the Members of Parliament are permitted to get a total of three vehicles viz. Jeep/Jonga/Motor Cycle in any combination during their tenure. Members can also apply for one Ambassador Car Class V or Maruti Gypsy within the entitlement of three vehicles.

3. The prices fixed for the year 2019-20 for these vehicles are as under:-

(a) Car ambassador \hspace{5cm} Rs. 22,415/-
(b) Car 250KG 4x4 GS M&M CJ3B (Jeep) \hspace{5cm} Rs. 84,401/-
(c) Royal Enfield Motor Cycle(350 CC) \hspace{5cm} Rs. 29,028/-
(d) Hero Honda Motor Cycle (100 CC) \hspace{5cm} Rs. 2,711/-
(e) M&M Jeep 550XD Diesel \hspace{5cm} Rs. 81,472/-
(f) Maruti Gypsy: (i) MG 410W Rs. 34,495/-
(ii) MG 413W MPFI Rs. 63,996/-
(iii) MG 413 KING MPFI Rs. 70,217/-

4. This scheme is valid till **31st March, 2020.**

5. Members are requested to send their requests to the Director (PPG), Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Room No. 515, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi for the purpose.

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**No.59318 Editing (English) Section**

Procedure for ensuring that the speeches or other statements made by Members in the Rajya Sabha are accurately reproduced in the Official Reports

An electrostat copy of every speech delivered or question put by a member on a particular day and taken down by the official Reporters will ordinarily be forwarded to him for confirmation the next morning and **it must be returned duly approved to the Joint Director (I/C), Editing (English) Section WITHIN 24 hours, and in any case not later than 12 Noon on the third day.** For instance, corrected copies of speeches of Monday, 18th November, 2019 must be returned by Wednesday, 20th November, 2019 and in any case not later than 12 Noon on Thursday, 21st November, 2019. Corrections received later than time specified above cannot be incorporated in the manuscripts of the Debates to be sent to the Press. In case of delay the version as taken down by the Reporters will be utilised.

2. In case of quotations, copies thereof should invariably be supplied to the Reporters, except in case where the page etc. of some well-known Report which is readily available has been specifically referred to.

3. In case of quotations in Indian languages, slokas, etc. the quotation followed by its meaning, if it has not already been given, should be filled in by the Member when his speech is sent to him for approval.

4. Members are reminded that the official Report of the proceedings has to be a correct reproduction of the speech actually delivered by them in the House and that copies of the speeches are sent to them for confirmation only and for the purpose of correcting obvious inaccuracies and **not for the purpose of improving their literary form or altering their substance by additions or deletions.** Only minor corrections, viz. those in respect of grammatical errors, misreporting of quotations, figures, names etc. are
permissible. Corrections, if any, should be made **neatly and legibly and in ink** in order to ensure their correct incorporation in the printed proceedings.

No.59319

*Editing (English) Section*

**Publication titled "Unparliamentary Expressions" (2009) published by Lok Sabha Secretariat**

Members are informed that a publication titled 'Unparliamentary Expressions' (2009) published by Lok Sabha Secretariat is available for sale.

It contains references to words and expressions declared unparliamentary in the Central Legislative Assembly, Constituent Assembly of India (Legislative), Provisional Parliament, First to fourteenth Lok Sabha (1952 to Feb, 2009), Rajya Sabha, State Legislatures in India and some of the Commonwealth Parliaments including the British House of Commons.

The compilation has been divided into two parts. Part-I contains Words and Expressions in English, while Part-II contains Words and Expressions in Hindi and Hindi/English Translation of words and expressions received in other languages.

The compilation is priced at ₹1700/- The Publication is available for sale at the Sales Counter, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Reception Office, Parliament House, New Delhi.

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