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Parliamentary Customs, Conventions and Etiquette

Attention of members is invited to paragraphs 42 and 43 (pages 79 – 87) of the *Handbook for Members (16th edition)* regarding Parliamentary Customs and Conventions and Parliamentary Etiquette required to be observed by members. Particular attention is invited to the following: -

„42. Parliamentary Customs and Conventions

x x x

(16) The decorum and the seriousness of the proceedings of the House require that no member should shout slogans of any kind or sit on *dharna* in the pit of the House or stand up on the seat.

x x x

(19) Rulings given by the Chair should not be criticised directly or indirectly inside or outside the House.

x x x

(23) Display of placards/exhibits on the floor of the House is not in order.

x x x

43. Parliamentary Etiquette

x x x

(6) A member should keep to her/his usual seat while addressing the House;

x x x

(11) A member should not sit or stand with her/his back towards the Chair;

(12) A member should not approach the Chair personally in the House. She/he may send chits to the Officers at the Table, if necessary;

x x x

(16) A member should not leave the House immediately after delivering her/his speech; **courtesy** to the House requires that after finishing their speeches members resume their seats and leave the House only afterwards, if necessary;

X X X

(23) Members should not stand in the passage of the Chamber. They should either sit down or go out;

(24) A member should not “cross the floor” when the House is sitting – that is, she/he should not pass between the Chair and the member who is speaking;

X X X

(28) Two members should not keep standing in the House at the same time;

(29) A member while speaking should not –

X X X

(ii) make personal reference by way of making an allegation imputing a motive to or questioning the *bona fides* of any other member of the House unless it be imperatively necessary for the purpose of debate being itself a matter in issue or relevant thereto;

X X X

(viii) use her/his right of speech for the purpose of obstructing the business of the House;

- (ix) make any reference to the strangers in any of the galleries;
- (x) refer to Government officials by name;

X X X

(31) Every member should resume her/his seat as soon as the Speaker rises to speak, or calls out “Order” and also when any other member is in possession of the floor (*i.e.* speaking with the permission of the Chair) or has interposed in the course of the debate to raise a point of order;

X X X

(34) No member is to argue with another member when the latter is speaking. She/he may, however, ask through the Chair questions with a view to obtaining information from the member who is speaking. But a member who is addressing the House with the permission of the Chair should not be interrupted by another member persistently. It is open to the former not to give way but to go on with her/his speech if the interruption is not for raising a point of order;

X X X

(37) It is not in order for members other than Ministers to consult officials in the Official Gallery from inside the House.’

Kind co-operation of members is solicited.

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