

## LOK SABHA

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### BULLETIN – PART II

(General information relating to Parliamentary and other matters)  
**No.6942** **Question Branch**

#### Short Notice Questions

Rule 54(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business  
in Lok Sabha provides as follows:-

- “A question relating to a matter of public importance may be asked with notice shorter than ten clear days and the Speaker, if, is of opinion that the question is of an urgent character, may direct that an enquiry may be made from the Minister concerned if such Minister is in a position to reply and, if so, on what date.”
2. Further, Rule 54(5) of Rules ibid also provides as follows:  
  
“Where a Member desires an oral answer to a question at a shorter notice, such member shall briefly state the reasons for asking the question with short notice. Where no reasons have been assigned in the notice of the question, the question shall be returned to the Member.”
  3. Members are, therefore, requested to indicate in the appropriate column of the notice form, the reasons as to why the question is being asked at a short notice. A general statement that the matter is of “wider public importance” or “public interest” is not sufficient, for this purpose.
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