

**SIKKIM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
SONAM TSHERING MARG, GANGTOK**

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(GENERAL INFORMATION RELATING TO AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES OF ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT)

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1. RECONVENING THE SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY

On the request of State Government vide letter No. 3(2)PAD/98-99/Pt-IV/2024/829, dated: 11.03.2025 and in exercise of the power conferred under Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Shri Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Hon'ble Speaker has been pleased to re-convene the sitting of the House in Assembly Hall, Gangtok from 25th to 28th March, 2025 which was adjourned sine-die on Friday, the 21st February, 2025 to consider urgent Government Business and Budget Session for the year, 2025-2026.

2. PERIOD OF NOTICES FOR QUESTION AND RESOLUTION

While sending the Notices of Question and Resolution, the Hon'ble Members are requested to adhere to the Rules 40 (1) (2) and 118 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Sikkim Legislative Assembly as given below:

40 (1) A member who wishes to ask a question shall give notice in writing to the Secretary at least ten clear days before the meeting of the Assembly at which he desires to put the question and shall, together with the notice, submit a copy of the question which he wishes to ask.

(2) No member shall, unless he has obtained the special permission of the Speaker, be permitted to send in notice of more than ten questions during a session of the Assembly.

118(1) A member other than a Minister who wishes to move a resolution shall give seven clear days' notice, before the opening day of the session, of his intention, and shall, together with the notice, submit a copy of the resolution which he wishes to move.

Further, while sending notices of Starred/Unstarred Question and Resolutions, the Hon'ble Members are requested to send the same in *the prescribed forms*, copies of which may be collected from *the Principal Director*, Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat.

Furthermore, the last date of submission of Notices of Questions and Resolution is latest by 15th March, 2025 and 18th March, 2025 respectively.

3. CONDITIONS OF ADMISSIBILITY OF QUESTIONS.

Kind attention of Hon'ble Members is invited to Rule 46 (2) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly regarding conditions of admissibility of questions. The Rule is reproduced below:

- (i) *It shall not bring in any name or statement not strictly necessary to make the question intelligible,*
- (ii) *if it contains a statement the member shall make himself responsible for the accuracy of the statements;*
- (iii) *it shall not contain arguments, inferences, ironical expressions, imputations, epithets or defamatory statements;*
- (iv) *it shall not ask for an expression of opinion or the solution of an abstract legal question or of a hypothetical proposition;*
- (v) *it shall not ask as to the character or conduct of any person except in his official or public capacity;*
- (vi) *it shall not be of excessive length;*
- (vii) *it shall not relate to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the State Government;*
- (viii) *it shall not ask about proceedings in a Committee which have not been placed before the House by a report from the Committee;*

- (ix) *it shall not reflect on the character or conduct of any person whose conduct can only be challenged on a substantive motion;*
- (x) *it shall not make or imply a charge of a personal character;*
- (xi) *it shall not raise questions of policy too large to be dealt with within the limits of an answer to a question;*
- (xii) *it shall not repeat in substance questions already answered or to which an answer has been refused;*
- (xiii) *it shall not ask for information on trivial matters;*
- (xiv) *it shall not ordinarily ask for information on matters of past history;*
- (xv) *it shall not ask for information set forth in accessible documents or in ordinary works of reference;*
- (xvi) *it shall not raise matters under the control of bodies or persons not primarily responsible to the State Government;*
- (xvii) *it shall not ask for information on a matter which is under adjudication by a court of law;*
- (xviii) *it shall not relate to a matter with which a Minister is not officially connected;*
- (xix) *it shall not ask for information regarding Cabinet discussions or advice given to Governor;*
- (xx) *it shall not ordinarily ask for information on matters which are under consideration before an Assembly Committee; and*
- (xxi) *it shall not ordinarily ask about matters pending before any statutory tribunal or statutory authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial functions or any commission or court of enquiry appointed to enquire into, or investigate, any matter but may refer to matters concerned with procedure or subject or stage of enquiry, if it is not likely to prejudice the consideration of the matter by the tribunal or commission or court of enquiry.*

4. PROHIBITION OF ADVANCE PUBLICITY OF NOTICES

Kind attention of Hon'ble Members is invited to Rule 278 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly regarding prohibition of advance publicity to notices of Question and Resolution. The Rule is reproduced below:

“A notice shall not be given publicity by any member or other person until it has been admitted by the Speaker and circulated to the members:

Provided that notice of a question shall not be given any publicity until the day on which the question is answered in the House”.

5. PROCEDURE FOR GIVING NOTICES

Every notice required under the Rules should be given in writing addressed to the Secretary, Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat duly signed by the Hon'ble Member and the notices should be delivered to the Principal Director, Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat between 10:00 hours and 16:30 hours every day including Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. Notices delivered at the Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat after 15:30 hours are treated as given at 10.00 hours on the next working day. Communication on different matters should not be combined in one letter.

Hon'ble Members may kindly be apprised to note that the copy of the Question must be authenticated and submitted in a sealed cover. Merging of questions in one Notice seeking response from two or more Departments may be avoided.

6. PROVISIONAL CALENDAR

A provisional Calendar of sittings of the House will be circulated to the Hon'ble Members in due course of time.

7. RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY HON'BLE MEMBERS

Kind attention of Hon'ble Members is invited to Rules 294 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly which is reproduced below.

294. *Whilst the House is sitting, a member: -*

- (i) *shall not read any book, a newspaper or letter except in connection with the business of the House;*
- (ii) *shall not interrupt any member while speaking by disorderly expression or noises or in any other improper manner;*
- (iii) *shall bow to the Chair while entering or leaving the House, and also when taking or leaving his seat;*
- (iv) *shall not pass between the Chair and any member who is speaking;*
- (v) *shall not leave the House when the Speaker is addressing the House;*
- (vi) *shall always address the Chair;*
- (vii) *shall keep to his usual seat while addressing the House;*
- (viii) *shall maintain silence when not Speaking in the House;*
- (ix) *shall not applaud when a stranger enters any of the Galleries;*
- (x) *shall not while speaking make any reference to the strangers in any of the Galleries;*
- (xi) *shall not obstruct proceedings, hiss or interrupt and shall avoid making running commentaries when speeches are being made in the House;*
- (xii) *Shall not shout slogans in the House;*
- (xiii) *shall not sit or stand with back towards the Chair;*
- (xiv) *Shall not approach the Chair personally in the House. The Member may send chits to the officer at the Table, if necessary;*
- (xv) *Shall not wear to display badges of any kind in the House except the National Flag and SLAS badge in the form of a lapel pin or a badge;*
- (xvi) *shall not bring or display arms and electronic gadgets in the House;*
- (xvii) *shall not display flags, emblems or any exhibits in the House;*
- (xviii) *shall not leave the House immediately after delivering the speech;*
- (xix) *shall not distribute within the precincts of Assembly Building any literature, pamphlets, press notes, leaflets etc. not connected with the business of the House;*

- (xx) *shall not place one's hat / cap on the desk in the House, bring boards in the Chamber for keeping files or for writing purposes, smoke or enter the House with coat hanging on the arms;*
- (xxi) *shall not carry walking stick into the House unless permitted by the Speaker on health grounds;*
- (xxii) *shall not tear off documents in the House in protest;*
- (xxiii) *shall not bring or play cassette or tape recorder or similar electronic gadgets in the House;*
- (xxiv) *shall avoid talking or laughing in Lobby loud enough to be heard in the House;*
- (xxv) *shall not enter the House in an inebriated state.*

8. ISSUE OF VISITOR'S PASS

Hon'ble Members should give the following certificate to **two visitors only** in the given Performa which has already been circulated and is also available in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat while recommending to the Visitors' Gallery;


"The above-named visitor is well known to me. I recommend him/her for issue of Pass for Visitors' Gallery for the above day and I shall take full responsibility of him/her."

9. E-VIDHAN PLATFORM

Kind attention of Hon'ble members is also invited to visit <https://neva.gov.in>.

10. MOBILE PHONES

Hon'ble Members are requested to kindly deposit their Mobile Phones at the entrance counter desk while they are entering into the Assembly Hall.


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Sikkim Legislative Assembly