

# QUESTION HOUR



An hour is allocated for **MPs** to **question the minister** and ensure accountability for their ministries' operations.



When in session, Lok Sabha generally starts with Question Hour.



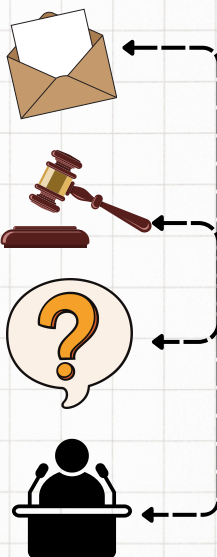
## PROCEDURE FOR RAISING THE QUESTIONS

### GOVERNED BY

"Rules 32 to 54 of the 'Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in LS'".



Directions by the Speaker,  
Lok Sabha.



To ask a question, an **MP** has to give a notice to the **Secretary-General of LS**.

Questions must usually be notified **at least 15 days in advance**.

A member may submit **up to 5 question** notices per day, including oral and written answers.

The **Speaker** examines the notices of the questions and **determines** whether a question is admissible.

## TYPES OF QUESTIONS

Short-notice  
Questions

Unstarred  
Questions

Starred  
Questions

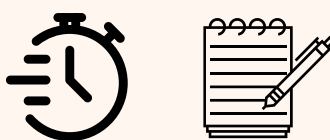
Questions addressed  
to private Members

### STARRED QUESTIONS



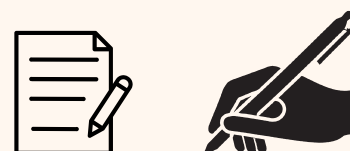
- Asked by MPs and answered **orally** by the Minister.
- Each MP may ask **one starred question per day**.
- Must be submitted **at least 15 days** in advance.
- When answered orally, **supplementary questions** may follow.

### SHORT-NOTICE QUESTIONS



- Pertains to **matter of urgent public importance**.
- Can be asked with **less than ten days'** notice.
- Are answered orally, followed by supplementary questions.

### UNSTARRED QUESTIONS



- Receives a **written reply** from the Ministry.
- Need to be submitted **at least 15 days in advance**.
- Unlike starred questions, unstarred questions **don't permit any follow-up questions**.