



**CENTRE FOR PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES**

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**INTRA UNIVERSITY MOCK PARLIAMENT COMPETITION, 2023**



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## **ABOUT HPNLU SHIMLA**

The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla (“HPNLU Shimla”) was established by an Act of the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha in the year 2016 (Act 16 of 2016) for the development and advancement of legal education and for the purposes of imparting specialised knowledge.

The object of the university is to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of the law and legal processes and their role in national development, to develop in the students and research scholars a sense of responsibility to serve the society in the field of law. In a short span of time, HPNLU, Shimla has seen tremendous growth and has undertaken a good number of innovative measures to enhance the academic potential of its faculty members, students, and research scholars. Led by the visionary scholar of law, the Vice-Chancellor Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, the University has been very proactive in organising a series of events encompassing a wide spectrum of socio-legal issues. Despite the spread of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing lockdown, HPNLU, Shimla has been at the forefront of using digital platforms to raise awareness about issues as far spread as Fundamental Duties, Reproductive Rights of Women, Human Rights and Access to Justice, etc.

In furtherance of the idea of advancement and development of law on a large scale, HPNLU Shimla is committed to collaborating with all such academia to cherish the goals of the institution. The institutional efforts shall always be to provide a learning environment encouraging students’ cognitive and social development. The students will find an opportunity to focus on redefining legal education to better the meaning of the learning process. HPNLU Shimla shall strive to foster a spirit that seeks excellence.



## **ABOUT THE COMPETITION**

Youth Parliament provides a platform for the youth to speak up, participate in the policy direction and have an impact on the growth agenda of the country. It encourages young people to express themselves in an organised manner and enable them to emerge as promising future leaders. This competition is conducted with a view of strengthening the roots of democracy; inculcate healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of the views of others and to enable the student community to understand the working of our Parliamentary institutions.

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION**

Students of HPNLU, Shimla

## **SEATING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS**

The Side majority will form the Government. Ruling party will sit on the right side of the chair. Opposition and other alliances are to sit on left side of the chair.

## **LANGUAGE**

Both English and Hindi are allowed in parliament but use of both the languages simultaneously is not allowed.



## **PROCEDURE**

The Procedure of the session of resembles as far as possible the procedures of the House (Lok Sabha). The Following procedure shall take place: For Lok Sabha

- National Anthem
- Oath of Speaker
- Opening Statements from all the members of the House
- Question Hour
- Calling Attention Motion
- Zero Hour
- Introduction of bills
- Private members Resolution
- Concluding remarks from the Leader of House and the Opposition
- Voting (simple majority)
- National Anthem

## **THEME OF THE COMPETITION**

There will be a theme of the competition upon which participants have to surround their arguments on. Plausible theme for the competition is Data Protection Bill, 2019



## **FLOW OF THE COMPETITION**

1. General statement by all the participants.
2. Question hour
3. Calling Attention Motion
4. Zero hour
5. Presentation, reading and voting of the bill
6. Private members bill

### **1) GENERAL STATEMENT BY THE PARTICIPANTS**

All the Members of the Parliament are obliged to introduce their portfolio and give an opening statement on the topic in the house for up to 1 minute at the beginning of the first session.

1. Discussion must be done only on the topics and sub-topics relevant to the main topic of discussion.
2. No questions or counter questions through any means are allowed in the general introduction session.

### **2) QUESTION HOUR**

Any of the Members of the Parliament, irrespective of the portfolio can raise a motion to proceed with the question hour session, after the general statement is presented by the members.

- Starred Questions: Meant for oral answers
  - Unstarred Questions: Meant for written answers
- a. The chit on which the question is sent has to be properly marked/written as Starred or Unstarred to be in proper format.
  - b. Any Starred question may be changed to Unstarred on the discretion of the chair. The chair shall notify the sender of the same.
  - c. Answers to Unstarred questions are mandatory and have to be sent to the recipient MP via the chairperson before the end of question hour.



## **GENERAL RULES**

- 1) Any Member can raise the motion and select any sub-topic related/ relevant to the topic of discussion.
- 2) Voting on the topic will be done through a simple majority.
- 3) The period for the question hour session must be decided by the Speaker/ Deputy Speaker.
- 4) A maximum of 3 questions can be asked on a particular topic.
- 5) No hierarchy of the portfolio must be followed in the question hour session.
- 6) The question shall be clearly and precisely expressed and shall not be too general incapable of any specific answer or in the nature of a leading question.
- 7) If it contains a statement, the member shall make himself responsible for the accuracy of the statement.
- 8) It shall not contain arguments, inferences, ironical expressions, Imputations, epithets or defamatory statements.

### **3) CALLING ATTENTION MOTION**

The house can have discussions, debates, and question-answers on any recent topic relevant to the topic of discussion for the period selected by the quorum through a simple majority.

#### **Procedure:**

The Speaker calls the name of the Member (or members) in whose name the item has been mentioned. On being called, the Member raises in his/her seat and calls the attention of the Minister concerned and requests him/her to make a statement on the matter. The form, in which the Member calls the attention, is as follows:

- I call the attention of the Minister.....to the following matter of public importance and I request that he/she may make a statement there on.
- The Minister then makes a statement of facts. The Member or Members, in whose name or names the notice has been issued, are permitted to ask questions seeking clarification arising out of the statement made by the Minister.



- The Minister after hearing all the questions raised by the Members will give a consolidated reply thereto and after that there would be no further discussion on the matter.

#### **Process of proceeding**

- ❖ Any Member of the house can have one-on-one questions and answers or discussions with the other member if the proposal is accepted by him/her.
- ❖ Any Member of the house can have a debate with one or more Members for or against the proposed motion or the topic of discussion.

#### **4) ZERO HOUR**

- I. It starts immediately after Calling attention motion.
- II. During Zero Hour any question about the agenda can be raised by any member by the process of a simple majority without any prior written request.
- III. The duration of Zero Hour will be one hour and can extend with the prior permission of the Speaker.
- IV. The Government is not obliged to answer any of the questions raised during Zero Hour. However, in the context of the debate, it is highly expected from the participants to answer all the questions.

#### **5) PRESENTATION/PROPOSAL OF THE BILL**

The bill can be presented by any Member of the ruling party on the topic or sub-topic relevant to the topic of discussion on the format decided by the committed.

FORMAT OF THE BILL

MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION-

TOPIC COVERED IN THE PROPOSED BILL-

NAME OF THE PERSON/PERSONS BY WHOM THE BILL IS PROPOSED-

NAME OF THE PERSON/ PERSONS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE BILL-

MAIN PRINCIPLES OF THE BILL-



## MAIN CONTENT-

General rules of proposing the bill in the house-

1. Prior permission of the Speaker/ Deputy Speaker is required.
2. The bill must be in the format specified by the committee.
3. A copy of the proposed bill must be submitted to the respective committee Member with prior information.

## READING OF THE BILL

## VOTING ON THE BILL

Voting will be done by means of simple majority of the quorum and decision will be given by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker.

## AMENDMENTS

Any Member of the house can propose to make amendments in the existing bill which will be accepted on the basis of simple majority.

## **FORMAT OF THE AMENDMENT**

### MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION-

### TOPIC COVERED IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

### NAME OF THE PERSON/PERSONS BY WHOM THE AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED-

### NAME OF THE PERSON/ PERSONS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE AMENDMENTS-

### MAIN PRINCIPLES OF THE BILL AND THE AMENDMENTS

## MAIN CONTENT-

General rules of proposing the amendments in the house-

1. Prior permission of the Speaker/ Deputy Speaker is required.
2. The amendments must be in the format specified by the committee.
3. A copy of the proposed amendments must be submitted to the respective committee Members with prior information.





## 6) Concluding Remarks

By default, the Leader of House and the Leader of Opposition (elected) have to give concluding remarks on the motion.

## 7) Voting

The business of the House will finally be concluded by voting on the motion and will be decided by simple majority. Only the motion raising will be up for voting.

## Marking Scheme

The criterion for marking is as tabulated below –

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Attentiveness	10
Relevancy of Research	15
Arguments & Counterarguments	15
Expression and Presentation	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**Note:** All the chits will be marked and will have significant weightage while deciding the final awards. IMPORTANT POINTS TO BE KEPT IN MIND

1. You are required to dress up formally in Indian attire according to the decorum the Parliament.
2. Laptops/ Tablets are allowed.
3. No internet usage is allowed inside the house.

## **PRIZES**

1. Best Ruling Party Member;
2. Best Opposition Party Member;
3. Certificate of Participation will be given to all the participants.



**Important Dates –**

1. Last Date for Registration – **15 May 2023**
2. Release of the Bill & Allocation of Roles to Registrants – **20 May 2023**
3. Date of Competition – **25 May 2023**

**Link for Registration –**

Please click [here](#) for Registration.



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