

**PARLIAMENTARY TERMS**

**Quorum:** It is the minimum number of members required to transact the business of the House. **Article 100** of the Constitution specifies that the Quorum of either House shall be 10% of the strength of the House.

**Question Hour:** The first hour of every sitting of Parliament is called the Question Hour. Questions usually need a 10 day notice before being answered by the concerned minister.

**Starred Questions:** To be answered orally on the floor of the House. Supplementary questions can be asked.

**Unstarred Questions:** To be answered in writing. No supplementary questions may be asked.

**Zero Hour:** Does not formally exist in the Parliamentary procedure. The hour after Question Hour is popularly known as Zero Hour. Members raise matters which they feel urgent.

**Adjournment Motion:** Motion to adjourn the proceedings of the House, so as to take up a matter of urgent public importance. It can be moved by any member. Requires support from at least 50 members.

**Calling Attention Motion:** A member may call the attention of a Minister to an urgent matter and the Minister may make a statement regarding it.

**No Confidence Motion:** A No Confidence Motion indicates lack of confidence of the Lok Sabha in the Council of Ministers. It can be introduced in the Lok Sabha only. If the Motion is passed, the government must resign.

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