



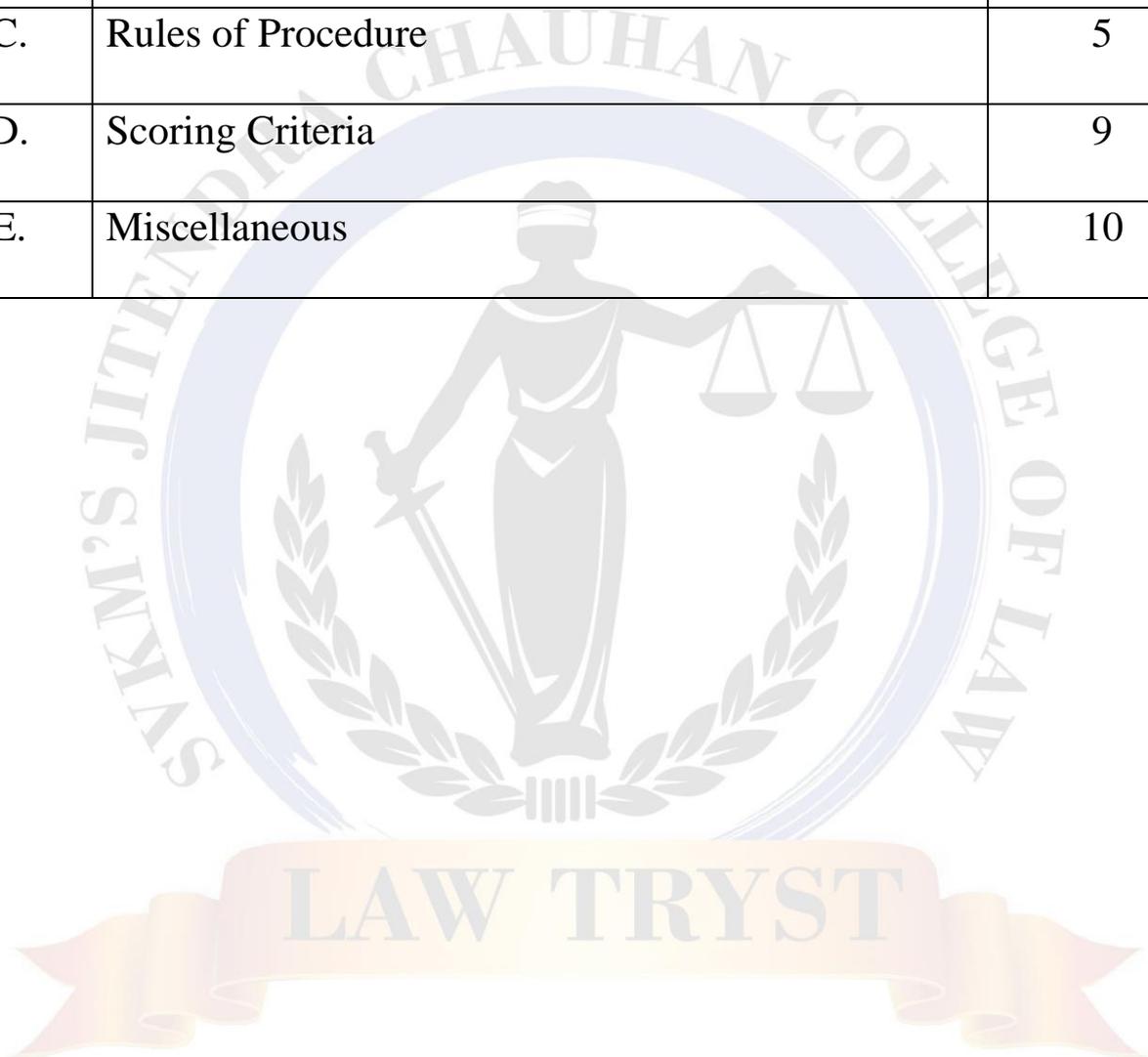
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MODEL PARLIAMENT RULES

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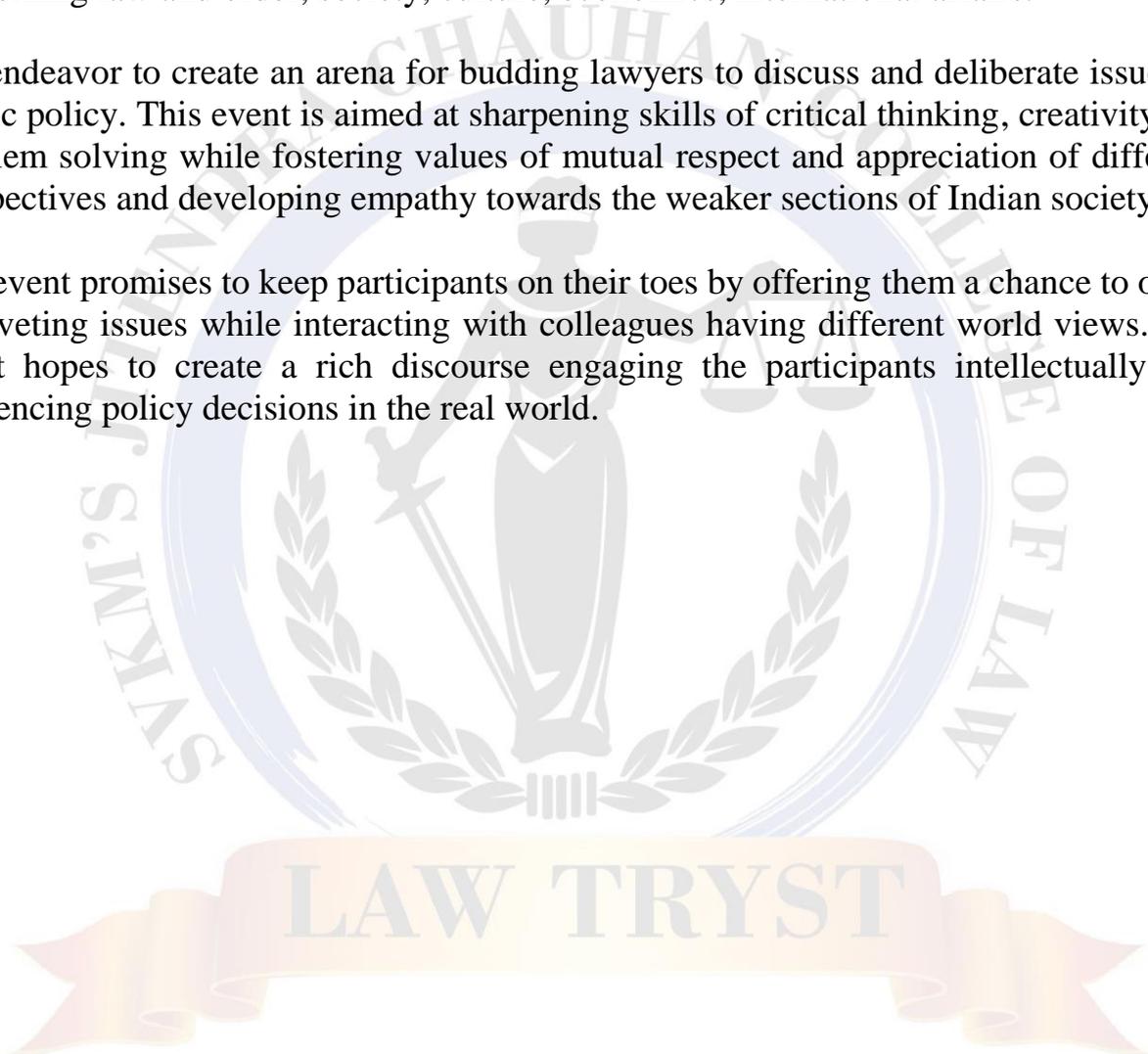
A. INTRODUCTION

India is the world's largest democracy and its beauty lies in the magnificent Parliamentary form of Government. At JCCL, we are proud to have developed a culture of healthy parliamentary debate for the benefit of law students at the inter-collegiate level. Keeping with tradition, Law Tryst 2019 has organized an academic simulation of Indian Parliament.

Participants are invited to act as Members of Parliament and represent political parties of the ruling caucus and the opposition. The ensuing debate will relate to a myriad of issues concerning law and order, society, culture, economics, international affairs.

We endeavor to create an arena for budding lawyers to discuss and deliberate issues of public policy. This event is aimed at sharpening skills of critical thinking, creativity and problem solving while fostering values of mutual respect and appreciation of different perspectives and developing empathy towards the weaker sections of Indian society.

The event promises to keep participants on their toes by offering them a chance to opine on riveting issues while interacting with colleagues having different world views. The event hopes to create a rich discourse engaging the participants intellectually and influencing policy decisions in the real world.





B. GENERAL RULES

1. Agenda

The theme for this year's fest is "**THE ELECTION YEAR**" and accordingly, the legislative and other relevant agenda of the House will be related to the theme. The agenda shall be made available to the participants in the beginning of March. Other issues of national importance will also be allowed to be raised and discussed in Discussion Hour, Question Hour and Zero Hour (rules mentioned below) at the discretion of the Speaker.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Students enrolled in 3 year or 5 year law course.

2.2 Participants have to enroll individually and not in teams/groups.

3. Chamber Seating

The lay-out of the Chamber of the Model Parliament will resemble as far as possible the lay-out of the Chamber of Lok Sabha. There will be a dividing space in front of the Speaker's rostrum. On the left of the rostrum are the seats for the opposition and on the right are the seats for the Government benches.

4. Political Party Selection

4.1 Political party selection and orientation for the participants shall take place on the 8th of March, 2019

4.2 Participation can represent Secular, Right, Left, Minority or Independent Parties.

4.3 Choice of parties is limited and shall be given on first come, first serve basis only.

4.4 No two participants from the same college can be in the same party.

5. Formal Sitting

5.1 Before the formal sitting of the House begins, members occupy their seats and wait for the Speaker to come to the House.

5.2 Like the practice in the Lok Sabha, the session of Model Parliament will start with the arrival of the Speaker which is announced by the Marshal who first comes in the House to ascertain whether there is quorum in the House which should be at least 10 per cent of total membership of the House.



5.3 As soon as the Speaker arrives in the Chamber, Marshal will announce his arrival with the words “Hon. Members, the Hon. Speaker” Thereafter the entire House stands up.

6. Language

6.1 English and Hindi shall be the official working languages of the Proceedings.

6.2 No representative may address the forum or submit a document in a language other than English and Hindi.

6.3 Use of words which are unparliamentary is strictly forbidden.

7. Courtesy

7.1 All participants must show courtesy and respect to the Speaker.

7.2 The Speaker will immediately call to order any participants who fail to comply with this rule.

7.3 The Speaker must be addressed as ‘Hon’ble Speaker or Hon’ble Chair’ at all times.

7.4 Members must address each other as ‘Hon’ble Member/Minister/Prime Minister/Leader of Opposition’ at all times.

8. Dress Code

Formals: Indian / Western.

9. Use of Electronic Articles

Electronic Articles are not allowed in the House and if found, shall be confiscated for the duration of the session.

10. Queries/Doubts

In case of any queries, kindly contact:

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Mobile - +91 70451 31850 [Saurabh Gandhi, Vice-Chairperson, Law Tryst]



C. RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. STATEMENTS FROM THE HOUSE

- 1.1 After establishing quorum, the speaker of the house will ask for statements from the members. A total of 8 Hon'ble Members (4 each from Government and Opposition) are given time on the floor to make statements. The leader of the house is the default first speaker and the leader of opposition is the default last speaker. However, they may pass on their chance to speak to whoever they wish to.
- 1.2 The other 6 Hon'ble Members are chosen at the discretion of the chair when the Hon'ble Members are asked for statements.
- 1.3 The maximum time to make statements is two minutes only.
- 1.4 Agendas for discussion hour (explained in the next section) are allowed to be sent once the first two Hon'ble Members have given their statements.

Note: All the points (described later) including the points of information are allowed during this time.

2. DISCUSSION HOUR

- 2.1 The Discussion Hour is the time allotted for the discussion on a sub-agenda which the Hon'ble Members feel should be discussed in front of the House.
- 2.2 All agendas for discussion hour are supposed to be sent prior to the commencement of
- 2.3 Discussion hour.
- 2.4 Agendas for discussion hour can be sent once first two speakers have given their opening statements.
- 2.5 The process of putting up agendas for discussion has to be in writing and must follow the prescribed format i.e. M.P. Number and Topic of Discussion.

3. QUESTION HOUR

- 3.1 During Question Hour, the members of the house are free to ask questions to each other on matters pertaining to any ministry, or on a national emergency provided that such a question is sent in writing to the Speaker of the House.



- 3.2 The question has been defined as an instrument by which an Hon'ble Member can elicit information on any matter of public importance.
- 3.3 The Hon'ble Member raising a question is allowed to ask a supplementary question, with the permission of the Speaker of the House, after the reply is obtained from the Minister concerned.
- 3.4 The process of putting up questions has to be in writing and must follow the prescribed format i.e. M.P. Number and subject matter of the question.
- 3.5 The right to ask a question is governed by the following conditions:-
- 3.5.1 It 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.
 - 3.5.2 If it contains a statement, then the Hon'ble Member shall make himself responsible for the accuracy of the statement.
 - 3.5.3 It shall not contain arguments, inferences, ironical expressions, imputations, epithets or defamatory statements.
 - 3.5.4 It shall not ask for an expression of opinion or the solution of an abstract legal question or of a hypothetical proposition.
 - 3.5.5 It shall not ask as to the character or conduct of any person except in his official or public capacity.
 - 3.5.6 It shall not ordinarily exceed 150 words.
 - 3.5.7 It shall not relate to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government of India.
 - 3.5.8 It shall not reflect on the character or conduct of any person, whose conduct can only be challenged on a substantive motion.
 - 3.5.9 It shall not make or imply a charge of a personal character.
 - 3.5.10 It shall not raise questions of policy too large to be dealt with within the limits of an answer to a question.
 - 3.5.11 It shall not repeat in substance questions already answered or to which an answer has been refused.
 - 3.5.12 It shall not ask for information on trivial matters.
 - 3.5.13 It shall not ordinarily ask for information on matters of past history.
 - 3.5.14 It shall not raise matters under the control of bodies or persons not primarily responsible to the Government of India.
 - 3.5.15 It shall not ask for information on matter which is under adjudication by a Court of Law having jurisdiction in any part of India. The Speaker of the House shall decide whether a question, or a part thereof, is or is not admissible under these rules and may disallow any question, or a part thereof, when in his opinion it is an abuse of the right of questioning or



is calculated to obstruct or prejudicially affect the procedure of the House or is in contravention of these rules.

Note: All points except points of information are allowed in the Question Hour.

4. ZERO HOUR

- 4.1 During the Zero Hour any question pertaining to any issue or a national emergency can be raised by an Hon'ble Member without any prior written request.
- 4.2 The Zero Hour can extend to any period of time depending upon the Speaker's discretion.
- 4.3 The Government is not obliged to answer any of the questions raised in the Zero Hour. However, in the context of the debate it is highly expected from them to answer all the questions.
- 4.4 The Speaker of the House shall choose the Hon'ble Member at his/her discretion.

Note: All points except points of information are allowed in the Zero Hour.

5. PRIVILEGE MOTION

- 5.1 It is a Motion raised by an Hon'ble Member of Parliament. He/She charges the concerned Minister for committing a breach of the privilege of the House by withholding or distorting facts.
- 5.2 The Motion can be raised at any time in the Parliament at the discretion of the Speaker.
- 5.3 The concerned Minister is given a chance to reply and the Hon'ble Member who has moved the Motion is allowed to ask supplementary questions.

6. PRIVILEGES TO THE HON'BLE MEMBER OF THE PARLIAMENT

- 6.1 These privileges in the form of permission or points are allowed at all times when an Hon'ble Member is not speaking or immediately after the Hon'ble Member has finished speaking.



6.2 Point of information is not allowed at certain times as mentioned above in relevant sections permission to raise a Motion is only allowed at certain time periods as previously mentioned along with the Motions.

7. PERMISSION TO RAISE A MOTION BY AN HON'BLE MEMBER OF THE PARLIAMENT

At any time, the Hon'ble Members can raise their placard and seek permission from the Speaker of the House to raise a Motion.

8. POINTS

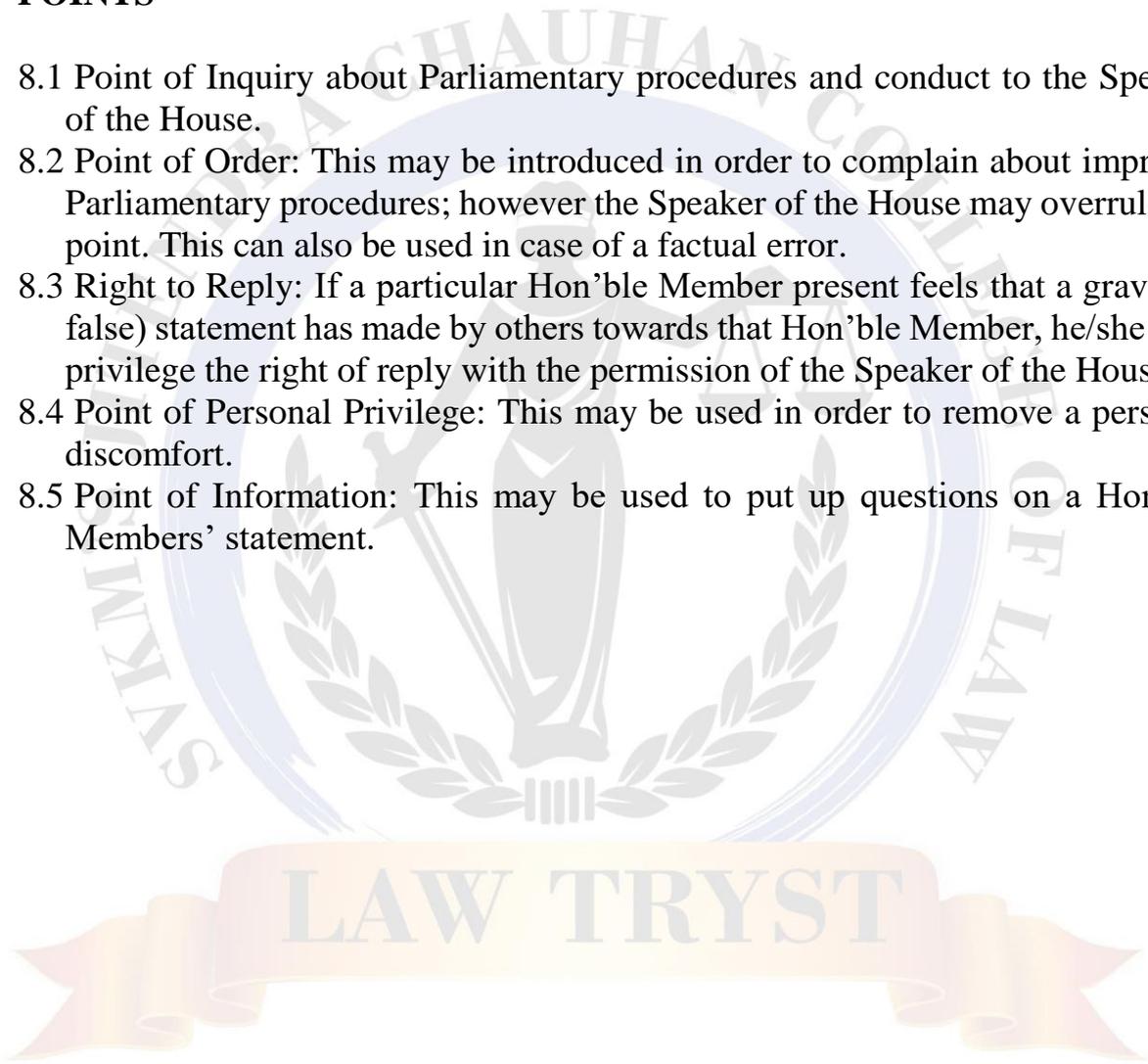
8.1 Point of Inquiry about Parliamentary procedures and conduct to the Speaker of the House.

8.2 Point of Order: This may be introduced in order to complain about improper Parliamentary procedures; however the Speaker of the House may overrule the point. This can also be used in case of a factual error.

8.3 Right to Reply: If a particular Hon'ble Member present feels that a grave (or false) statement has made by others towards that Hon'ble Member, he/she may privilege the right of reply with the permission of the Speaker of the House.

8.4 Point of Personal Privilege: This may be used in order to remove a personal discomfort.

8.5 Point of Information: This may be used to put up questions on a Hon'ble Members' statement.

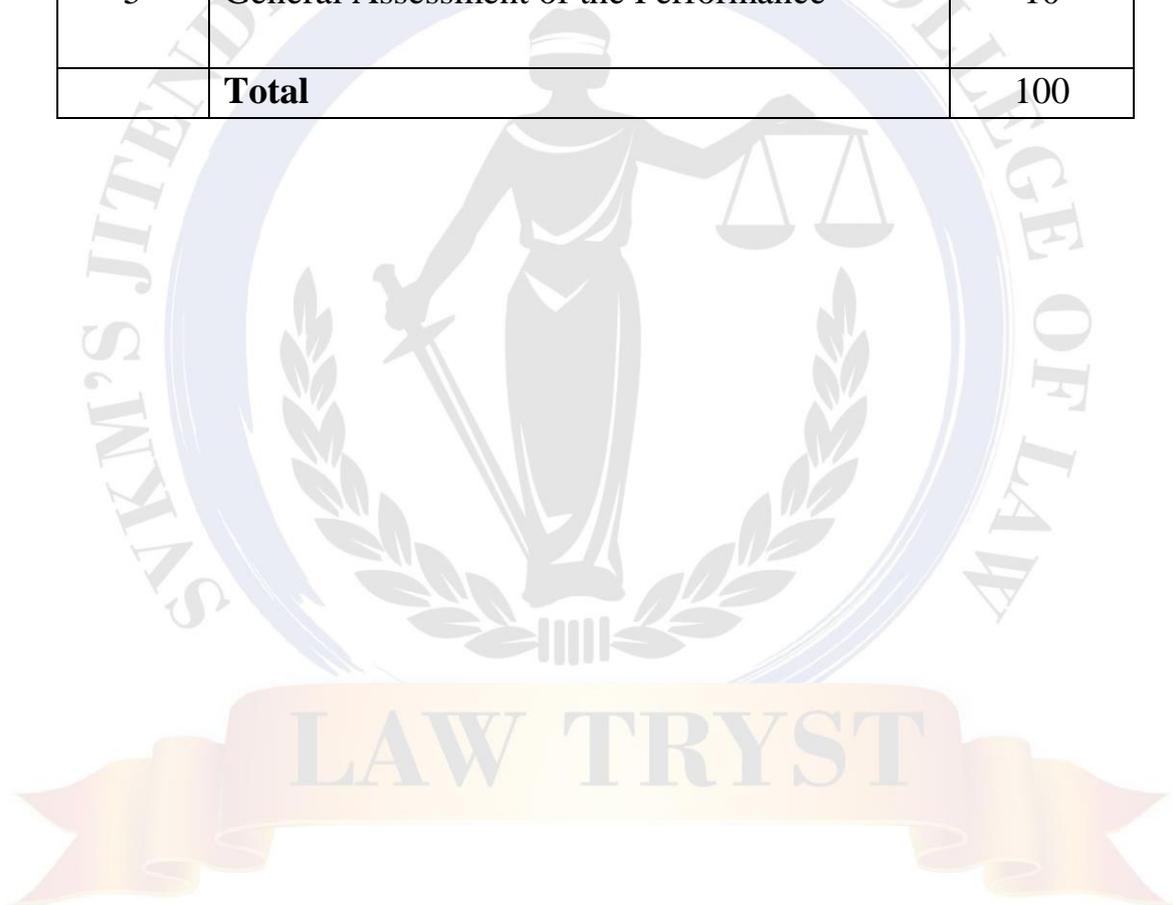




D. SCORING CRITERIA

The judges shall keep in view the following points while assessing the performances of participants:-

Sr. No.	Criteria	Marks
1	Knowledge and Application of Parliamentary Procedures	20
2	Conduct as a Member of Parliament	20
3	Quality questions and answers	20
4	Delivery and Quality of Speeches.	30
5	General Assessment of the Performance	10
	Total	100





E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The participants should show utmost respect to the Speaker. They should abide by the decisions of the Speaker and should have faith in his/her impartiality and Judgment. the Member who violates this rule shall be suspended from the House for such time as the Speaker deems fit.
2. No statement or debate, prejudicial to any age, caste, sex, region, religion, culture or community shall be entertained and the Member who violates this rule shall be suspended from the House for such time as the Speaker deems fit.
3. In case of any dispute with regard to the rules, the decision of the Speaker shall be final and binding.
4. The participants are encouraged to tap desks in agreement.
5. The participants are strictly advised not to disclose the name of their College/Institution to the Jury members/audience.
6. The Organizing Committee reserves all rights to change or modify the event, rules, venue, and time as it deems fit.
7. The decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.
8. Any argument, disobedience, use of expletives or aggressive behaviour shall result in immediate disqualification.

