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**EXTRAORDINARY** 

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# SECRETARIAT OF THE KERALA LEGISLATURE

#### **NOTIFICATION**

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Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17th February 2024

Under Sub-rule (4) of Rule 264 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Kerala Legislative Assembly, the amendments to the said rules as recommeded by the Rules Committee(2023–2026) and as approved by the House are published below.

Shaji C. Baby Secretary-in-Charge



#### Amendments

#### 1. Amendment of rule 2

For the definition "Online", the following shall be substituted, namely:-

""Online" means the mode of submitting or retrieving notices, information and documents from anywhere, at any time specified by Legislature Secretariat using the allotted login credentials through the digital platforms provided by the Legislature Secretariat; ".

#### 2. Amendment of rule 9

For rule 9 and its marginal heading the following rule and marginal heading shall be substituted, namely:—

# "Panel of Chairpersons

9. At the commencement of every session of the Assembly, the Speaker shall nominate from amongst the members of the Assembly a panel of not more than three Chairpersons, anyone of whom may preside over the Assembly in the absence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and in such circumstances as may be directed by the Speaker or, in his absence, by the Deputy Speaker.".

#### 3. Amendment of rule 24

For the proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:-

"Provided that, notwithstanding anything contained in rules 21 and 22 any such business which is scheduled for continuation of discussion on that day shall be set down for the next day allotted to business of that class, and shall have precedence over all other business set down for that day.".

#### 4. Insertion of new rule 33 A

After rule 33, the following new rule and marginal heading shall be inserted, namely:-

# "Providing answers to Starred questions

33A. Answers to all starred questions shall be provided in the House through e-niyamasabha portal thirty minutes in advance of the question hour on allotted days and shall be deemed to have been placed in the Assembly at the end of question hour.".

#### 5. Amendment of rule 36

In sub-rule (2), for item (m) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(m) it shall not repeat in substance questions already answered or to which an answer has been refused in the current session;".

#### 6. Amendment of rule 65

For sub-rule (1), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"(1) A member wishing to give notice of a resolution under clause (c) of Article 179 of the Constitution for the removal of the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker shall do so in writing or online to the Secretary and shall furnish the full text of such resolution.".



#### 7. Amendment of rule 98

For rule 98, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

"98. After a Bill is passed by the Assembly, the Speaker shall sign a certificate at the foot of the Bill in the following form before presented to the Governor:—

Speaker.

Provided that, if the Bill passed is a Money Bill, the Speaker shall also certify the same as well.".

#### 8. Amendment of rule 117

In rule 117,

- i) for the marginal heading, the following shall be substituted, namely:—
- "Subject matter and form of resolution"
- ii) after the words "A resolution may be "the words "related to a matter of general public interest and may be shall be inserted.

#### Amendment of rule 118

For rule 118 and its marginal heading the following shall be substituted, namely:—

## "Government Resolution

118. Subject to the provisions of these Rules, a Minister may move a resolution relating to a matter of general public interest.".

#### 10. Amendment of rule 123

In sub-rule (1), for the words "an amendment" the word "amendments" shall be substituted.

#### 11. Amendment of rule 184

For the word "Chairmen" the word "Chairpersons" shall be substituted wherever it occurs in the Rules including rule 184 and its marginal heading.

#### 12. Amendment of rule 191

For rule 191, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"191. The sitting of a Committee shall be held in private. The members and witnesses shall be permitted to attend the meeting through video conferencing on special occasions:

Provided that if the meeting is in video conference mode, the matter shall be communicated to the members and other participants well in advance and no strangers shall be allowed to attend or participate in the video conferencing without the formal permission of the Chairperson of the Committee.".

#### 13. Amendment of rule 193

The existing provision shall be numbered as sub-rule (1) and after sub-rule (1) so numbered, the following shall be inserted as sub-rule(2), namely:—

"(2) When a member or an official is attending a meeting through video conferencing, the member or the official shall strictly ensure the confidentiality of the meeting.".



#### 14. Insertion of new rule 200A

After rule 200, the following new rule and its marginal heading shall be inserted, namely:—

"Statement of action taken to be furnished within two months

200A. The Statement of action taken by the Government on the petition/representation received from a Legislature Committee shall be furnished by the officer or department head concerned to the Committee either within two months from the date of receipt or within the time limit specified by the Committee, as the case may be.".

#### 15. Amendment of rule 201

The existing provision shall be numbered as sub-rule(1) and after sub-rule (1) so numbered, the following shall be inserted as sub-rule (2) namely:—

"(2) Every Legislature Committee shall present its annual performance report of each calendar year to the Assembly within six months of the succeeding year.".

#### 16. Amendment of rule 233

In the sub-rule(2), after the existing proviso the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided further that, in cases where a Minister is not an ex-officio member of a particular Subject Committee in which subjects under his portfolio are considered, he shall be invited to that particular meeting of that Subject Committee as a special invitee.".

#### 17. Insertion of new Rule 235 B

After rule 235A, the following new rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"Government officers competent to attend the meetings

235B. Government Secretaries of and above the rank of Deputy Secretaries, Commissioners, Heads of Departments, Managing Directors in the case of Board and Corporation only shall attend the meeting of the Subject Committees. Other officials can attend the meeting only with the permission of the Committee or if consider necessary by the Committee.".

#### 18. Amendment of rule 238

- (i) In the second proviso to clause (b) of sub-rule (1), after the words "transmitted within 30 days to the appropriate Subject Committee" the words "for examination" shall be inserted.
  - (ii) After sub-rule (2) the following shall be inserted as sub-rule (3), namely:-
- "(3) The recommendations of the Subject Committee after the scrutiny of draft rules or the examination of the rules notified in exigencies as provided under sub-rule(1) shall be considered by the Government at the earliest. The final notification of the rules on the basis of recommendation of the Subject Committee shall be made by the Government within thirty days of the receipt of the recommendation of the Committee and the fact shall be intimated to the Committee. If any of the recommendations could not be accepted by the Government, the reason thereof shall also be intimated to the Subject Committee within thirty days of the notification.".
- (iii) In the explanation, after the words "the First Statutes to be framed by the Government" the words "or other statutory authority" shall be inserted.

#### 19. Amendment of rule 261H

(i) After the words "elected by the Assembly" the words "for a period of thirty months" shall be inserted.



(ii) For the words "from among", the words "from amongst" shall be substituted.

#### 20. Amendment of rule 265

- (i) In sub-rule(1), after the figure and letters "3 p.m." the words, figure and letters "or through online till 3 p.m." shall be inserted.
- (ii) In sub-rule(2), after the word, figure and letters "after 3 p.m"the words, figure and letters "or through online" after 3 p.m."shall be inserted.

#### 21. Amendment of rule 266

In the marginal heading, for the words "Restriction on" the words "Prohibition of advance" shall be substituted.

#### 22. Amendment of rule 281

In the marginal heading, the words "while present" shall be omitted.

#### 23. Amendment of rule 297

For the marginal heading, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"Document containing advice or opinion disclosed to be laid".

### 24. Amendment of rule 302

In the marginal heading, the words " and to suspend the sitting" shall be added at the end.

#### 25. Amendment of rule 312

In rule 312, the words "and of its Committees" shall be omitted.

#### 26. Amendment of rule 313

In the rule 313, the words "or for a specific period" shall be added at the end.

#### 27. Amendment of Fourth Schedule

In the LIST OF PUBLIC UNDERTAKING, under the category F. Co-operative societies:, serial number 135 shall be omitted.

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