

## **CALLING ATTENTION**

### **(Rule 74)**

The House of the Legislature has critical functions in a Parliamentary system of Government. These critical functions are exercised by Members of the Legislature by means of questions, adjournment motions, call attention notices, raising half-an hour discussions, etc., on matters of urgent public importance. The Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House of the Legislature contains devices for this purpose. Through discussion the matters of urgent nature are brought to the notice of the Government seeking remedy.

#### **What is calling attention :**

A member may, with the previous permission of the Speaker, call the attention of the Minister to any matter of urgent public importance and the Minister then makes a brief statement thereon.

#### **Notice :**

Member may give a notice of motion for calling attention of a Minister to a matter of urgent public importance. The matter must be specified. The notice in writing should be addressed to the Secretary, Legislature. Standard forms for giving notices are prepared and they are made available to the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Names of not more than five members are shown in the list of Business. Not more than two such matters are raised at the same sitting.

#### **Calling Attention :**

The Member whose name appears first in the list of Business under the said item, when called by the Speaker, calls the attention of the Minister.

In case the member whose name appears first in the list of Business is not present, the member whose name appears next calls the attention of the Minister by reading the subject of the matter. After the Member has called the attention, the Minister makes a brief statement, Debate is not permitted on such statement at the time it is made. But the Speaker may permit members in whose name the notice stands, to ask brief clarifications.



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