



Adjournment Motion

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Why in News

Recently, an **adjournment motion** notice was moved in the Lok Sabha over the **surveillance of key Indian personalities by a firm linked to the Chinese government.**

Key Points

- **Adjournment motion** is introduced **only in the Lok Sabha** to draw the attention of the House to a definite matter of urgent public importance.
 - It involves an **element of censure** against the government, therefore Rajya Sabha is not permitted to make use of this device
- It is regarded as an **extraordinary device** as it interrupts the normal business of the House. It needs the **support of 50 members** to be admitted.
- The **discussion** on this motion should **last for not less than two hours and thirty minutes.**
- However, right to move a motion for an adjournment of the business of the House is **subject to the following restrictions.** i.e. It should:
 - Raise a **matter** which is definite, factual, urgent and of public importance.
 - Not cover **more than one matter.**
 - Be restricted to a specific **matter of recent occurrence.**
 - Not raise a **question of privilege.**
 - Not revive discussion on a matter that has been discussed in the **same session.**
 - Not deal with any matter that is **under adjudication of court.**
 - Not raise any question that can be raised on a **distinct motion.**

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