

Privileges Committee to Seek Responses from Suspended Rajya Sabha MPs

Recently, the <u>Privileges Committee</u> of the <u>Rajya Sabha</u>, decided to seek responses from 11 members suspended on charges of breach of privilege during the recently concluded **Winter Session of Parliament**.

- The procedure for dealing with questions of privilege in Rajya Sabha is laid down in Rules 187 to 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States.
 - A question of privilege may be raised in the House only after obtaining the consent of the Chairman.
- Parliament and its Committees, along with their members, possess rights, privileges, and immunities necessary for efficient functioning. However, these rights are limited to what is essential for parliamentary function, not exempting members from general societal obligations.
- The Privilege Committee is a <u>Standing Committee</u>. It examines the cases of breach of the <u>privileges of the House</u> and its members and recommends appropriate action.
 - The Lok Sabha committee has 15 members, while the Rajya Sabha committee has 10 members.

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