



Zero Hour

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During the ongoing [Budget session](#), members of the Lok Sabha have raised key issues including [Manipur ethnic violence](#), stricter [hate speech](#) laws, and a national task force for stray dogs during the **Zero Hour**.

- Zero hour commences directly after the **question hour** and extends until the commencement of the day's agenda, signifying the **interval** between the two.
 - Under this, Members of Parliament (MPs) can raise matters without any prior notice.
 - Zero Hour is an Indian parliamentary innovation. The phrase is not mentioned in the [rules of procedure](#).
- Zero Hour originated in early Indian Parliament as MPs sought to address constituency and national concerns informally before the lunch break, starting around 12 noon and lasting until adjournment.
 - This led to the hour being popularly referred to as Zero Hour and the issues being raised during this time as **Zero Hour submissions**.

Read more: [Question Hour and Zero Hour](#), [Questioning in Parliament](#)

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