



## Breach of Parliamentary Privileges

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Formal notices of **breach of parliamentary privilege** were filed against some [MPs](#) following their comment on the [President address](#).

- **Breach of Parliamentary Privilege:** A **breach of privilege** occurs when someone **disregards or attacks** the **privileges, rights, or immunities** of a **member** or the **House** itself.
- **About Parliamentary Privilege:** [Parliamentary privileges and immunities](#) are **special rights** granted to **MPs** and [MLAs](#) to ensure their effective functioning **without external interference**.
- **Sources:**
  - **Constitution i.e.,** [Article 105](#), [Article 122](#), [Article 194](#), and [Article 212](#).
  - **Parliamentary Conventions** (based on **British parliamentary practices** as of 1947).
  - [Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business](#) ([Lok Sabha](#) and [Rajya Sabha](#))
  - Judicial Interpretations ([Supreme Court](#) and [High Court](#) rulings)
  - **Statutory Laws** (laws enacted by [Parliament](#)) (Currently, there is no act of the Parliament defining parliamentary privileges).
- **Parliamentary Privilege Includes:**
  - **Individual Privileges:** **Freedom of Speech**, Immunity from **Legal Proceedings**, Freedom from **Arrest** etc.
  - **Collective Privileges:** **Secret Sitzings**, Inquiry Powers, Judicial Immunity etc.
- Under **Article 87**, the President addresses both Houses of [Parliament](#) at the start of the first session **after each general election** and at the commencement of the **first session of each year**.

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