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Committee on Petitions Branch

Online submission of Petition(s) through Members' Portal

The Committee on Petitions, Lok Sabha is one of the oldest Committees of the House. The Members can get the genuine grievances of the citizens redressed through the intervention of the Committee. In terms of Rules 160 to 168 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, the Members of Lok Sabha may present their Petition(s) to the House with the consent of the Speaker on any matter of general public interest provided that the matter raised in the Petition is not one which is sub-judice or which should ordinarily be raised in the State Legislature, or which can be raised on a Substantive Motion or Resolution, or for which remedy is available under the law, including Subordinate Legislation.

As per the existing system, the Petitions are required to be given in writing and signed or countersigned by the Member concerned. As an initiative towards e-Parliament and Paperless Secretariat, an e-Portal, namely the Members' Portal was launched on 17 July, 2016 for the benefit of the Members. This Portal is offering several online services to the Members including submission of Notices for various Parliamentary devices in electronic form, online references, etc.

With a view to facilitating the Members to submit their Petitions online through the Members Portal, necessary changes in Rules 162 (2) and 164(1) of the Rules *ibid* have already been carried out *vide* Para - 5673 of Bulletin Part-II dated 2.8.2017.

Members who wish to submit their Petition(s) online may hereinafter do so through the Members' Portal. The general form of the Petition is given in the First Schedule contained in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha.

Members are requested to avail the facility of online submission of Petitions to the maximum extent.