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Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

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New Delhi  
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Office Memorandum

Subject: Instructions regarding action on Matters raised by Member of Parliament under Rule 377 in Lok Sabha and by way of Special Mention in Rajya Sabha.

The undersigned is directed to state that the Member of Lok Sabha are permitted by the Speaker to raise matters of urgent public importance under Rule 377 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha. Similarly in the Rajya Sabha, Members are allowed to raise such matters in the form of "Special Mentions" under Rule 180A-E. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is the nodal Ministry for ensuring that follow up action is taken by the Ministries on the matters raised under Rule 377 and Special Mentions and timely replies are given. The guidelines relating to disposal of such matters has been reviewed in the Ministry. In order to being uniformly in the procedure being followed in the disposal of matters raised under Rule 377 in Lok Sabha and by way of Special mention in Rajya Sabha, with regard to retired members, para 15.4 of the Manual of Parliamentary Procedures in Government of India, relating to effect of retirement/ resignation of Members of Parliament has been revised as under:

Para No.	Existing provision	Proposed revision
Para 15.4 <i>Effect of retirement/ resignation of Members.</i>	In case of matters raised under Rule 377 in the Lok Sabha, if a member who had raised the matter resigns his seat in the House or passes away, reply to such matters stating the factual position will be sent by the department to the Lok Sabha Secretariat under intimation to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. In case of Special Mentions made Rule 180A in the Rajya Sabha, if a member who had raised it retires, resigns his seat in the House or passes away, no reply need be sent to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat and the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. However, if a member who had resigned his seat in the Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha or had retired from the Rajya Sabha is re-elected to the House from which he had resigned or retired the reply will be sent to the member under intimation to the Parliament Secretariat concerned and the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.	In case of matters raised under Rule 377 in the Lok Sabha and Special Mentions made under Rule 180A-E by way of Special Mention in the Rajya Sabha, if a member who had raised the matter resigns his seat in the House or passes away, or retires (from Rajya Sabha), reply to such matters stating the factual position will be sent by concerned Departments/Ministries to the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secretariat as the case may be under intimation to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

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4. All Ministries are request to circulate the above instructions to all officers and Sections in the Ministry and to ensure strict compliance so as to avoid criticism on account of the delay. An updated list of pending matters raised under rule 377 in Lok Sabha and by way of Special Mentions in Rajya Sabha may be seen through this Ministry website i.e. [www.mpa.gov.in](http://www.mpa.gov.in) under sub-heading "Activities+" for perusal and compliance.

5. Accordingly Para 15.4 "Effect of retirement/resignation etc. of Members" of Manual of Parliamentary Procedures in the Government of India stands amended.

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