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Committee on Petitions

TELANGANA LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT

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PREFACE

This abstract containing the information pertaining to the **Committee on Petitions** is a part of Legislative Procedure and is intended to serve as handy guide for ready reference. The information contained in this abstract booklet is in consonance with the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Telangana Legislative Assembly.

The information contained in this publication is not exhaustive and it cannot be quoted as an authority. It is hoped that this publication will meet the reference requirements. However, for authenticity, the original source may be referred to and relied upon.

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Secretary to State Legislature.

PETITIONS

Petitions may be presented to the Legislative Assembly. They are generally intended to ventilate grievances and seek redressal.

Form of Petition :

Petitions must be addressed to the Assembly. They are couched in respectful and temperate language. They should not contain either offensive or defamatory expressions. The petition must be signed by the petitioner.

The content of petition :

The content of the petition must relate to a definite matter of urgent public importance. The petitions containing matters in respect of routine administration are not allowed for presentation to the House.

Mode of presentation :

Every petition addressed to the Assembly should be presented by a member. He is responsible for its contents and its genuineness.

A member who desires to present a petition, should show it to the Speaker and obtain his consent to present the same to the Assembly. After he has obtained the consent of the Speaker, he may present it on any day after the Question Hour and before the other Business for the day is entered upon.

The member presenting the petition should confine himself to a statement. **"**present a petition signed ..... (Petitioner's) regarding..... There is no debate on such statement.

The Speaker nominates a Committee on Petitions. If consists of seven members of the Legislative Assembly including the Deputy Speaker who is the Chairman of the Committee.

Minister cannot be a member :

A Minister should not be nominated as a member of the Committee. If a member, after his nomination to the Committee, is appointed as Minister, he ceases to be a member of the Committee from the date of such appointment.

Functions:

The Committee examines every petition referred to it. The Committee examines the contents of the petition. It may take such evidence as it deems fit. The Committee prepares a report and presents it to the

House. The Committee may suggest remedial measures either in concrete form applicable to the case under review or prevent such case in future.

After presentation of the report to the House, a copy of it is sent to the Department concerned for taking action.

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