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News: Suspension of Cong. MPs revoked

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday revoked the suspension of four Congress members after seeking an assurance from the Opposition that the MPs will not bring placards to the House.

Suspension of Member of Parliaments

General Principle

- The general principle is that it is the role and duty of the Presiding Officer — Speaker of Lok Sabha and Chairman of Rajya Sabha — to maintain order so that the House can function smoothly.
- In order to ensure that proceedings are conducted in the proper manner, the Speaker/ Chairman is empowered to force a member to withdraw from the House.

Rules of Procedure and Conduct

- **Rule 373:** The Speaker can direct a member to withdraw immediately from the House if he finds the member's conduct disorderly.

- Members so ordered to withdraw shall do so forthwith and shall remain absent during the remainder of the day's sitting.
- **Rule 374:** The Speaker can name a member who disregards the authority of the Chair or abuses the rules of the House by persistently and wilfully obstructing the business thereof.
- And the member so named will be suspended from the House for a period not exceeding the remainder of the session.
- A member suspended under this rule shall forthwith withdraw from the precincts of the House.
- **Rule 374A:** Rule 374A was incorporated in the Rule Book in December 2001.
- In case of gross violation or severe charges, on being named by the Speaker, the member stands automatically suspended from the service of the House for five consecutive sittings or the remainder of the session, whichever is less.
- **Rule 255 (Rajya Sabha):** Under Rule 255 of the General Rules of Procedure of the Rajya Sabha, the presiding officer of the House can invoke suspension of the Member of Parliament.
- The Chairman as per this rule can direct any member whose conduct in his opinion was not right or was disorderly.
- **Rule 256 (Rajya Sabha):** It provides for suspension of members.

- The **Chairman** can suspend a member from the service of the Council for a period not exceeding the remainder of the Session.

Terms of Suspension

- The **maximum period of suspension** is for the remainder of the session.
- **Suspended members** cannot enter the chamber or attend the meetings of the committees.
- He will **not be eligible to give notice for discussion or submission**.
- He **loses the right to get a reply to his questions**.

News: Manufacturing PMI hits 8 month high

- India's manufacturing sector rebounded in July, with sales and output growing at the fastest pace since November, as per the survey based S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI).
- The **PMI quickened last month to 56.4, from June's 9 month low of 53.9**.

Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)

- Purchasing Managers Index is **a survey-based measure that asks the respondents about changes in their perception about key business variables** as compared to previous month.

- It is **calculated separately for manufacturing and services and then a composite index is constructed.**
- PMI is a number from **0 to 100**. **PMI above 50 indicates an expansion** compared to previous month and **PMI below 50 indicates a contraction** and **PMI score of 50 means no change.**
- It is **usually released at the start of every month.**
- PMI is released by **Institute for Supply Management.**
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