



Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha Rules of Disqualification from Membership on Defection - 2006

Why in News?

On March 24, 2022, the Jharkhand assembly passed the amendments in **“Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha Rules of Disqualification from Membership on Defection-2006”**.

Key Points

- According to this, now any person can file a petition for defection in the Speaker's Tribunal under the 10th Schedule of the Constitution. Earlier, only the Speaker had the right to take suo motu cognizance in the defection case. This arrangement has been abolished in the new amendment.
- This amendment has been made in the light of the decision given by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court had ruled in 2013 that under the Anti-Defection Act, an outsider can raise the matter.
- In this regard, the special committee of the Legislative Assembly had recommended the removal of the power of suo motu cognizance of the Speaker in the defection case, which has now been abolished.
- Apart from this, the rules of Zero Hour and Question Hour have also been amended. The Chief Minister's Question Hour has been removed and the number of Zero Hour has been increased from 15 to 25 in the manual. Also, the system of putting questions 14 days in advance has been abolished.

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