Sessions of the Parliament

1) Summoning

- President call the session for both the houses time to time
- Maximum gap between any two sessions can be 6 month(No minimum), In India we have three sessions:
 - Budget session(Feb to May)
 - Monsoon Session(July to September)
 - Winter session(Nov to December)

President call these sessions.

2) Adjournment

- · By presiding officer of the house
- Terminating <u>sitting</u> of parliament for specified time period(Hours, Days, Weeks)
- If the <u>sitting</u> is terminated without any specified time period then it is known as Adjournment sine die

3) Prorogation

- President prorogate the
- . Terminating the sitting and session both of the Parliament

4) Dissolution

- President can dissolve Lok Sabha (All members going out and coming back in 5 years)
 - Automatic Dissolve in 5 years
 - Can be dissolved before 5 years also if party losses its majority
 - Dissolution is irrevocable and re election has to be done
- Rajya Sabha is permanent and can not be dissolved(1/3rd retire

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- Case of pending bills in case of Dissolution:
 - Bill pending in L.S:Lapse
 - Bill Introduced in Rajya sabha:Not Lapse
 - Bill introduced in L.S:Lapsed
 - Bill passed from L.S & now in R.S will be lapsed
 - If bill is passed from L.S & R.S and now is with President then will not Lapse
 - If Bill passed from L.S & R.S, reaches President and he want to send it for reconsideration then bill will not Lapse
 - If Bill causes deadlock and joint sitting is called by the
 President then if L.S is dissolved then also bill will not Lapse

5) Lame Duck Session

- Last session of any Lok Sabha
- Members who will loose there seats after election are known as lame ducks

Devices of Parliamentary Proceedings (11 am to 6Pm)

- Questions Hour
 - First hour (11 am -12 noon)
 - Members ask questions and ministers have to answer
 - Questions are of different types:
 - Starred Questions:Oral answers and supplementary questions can be asked
 - Unstarred Questions: Ministers have to give written answers and no supplementary questions

10 days notice time period has to be provided to ministers

- Short Notice Questions:Oral answers and less than 10 days notice period
- Zero Hour(12 noon-1pm)
 - Without any prior notice
 - Immediately after question hour
 - Starts at 12 Noon

Motions:

- These are placed in the house and house express its decision and opinion on various issues through rejection or adoption
 - Closure Motion: End the debate and lets put the matter to vote
 - Privilege Motion:Moved by the members of house if minister is giving wrong and distorted facts in order to criticise him/her
 - Calling Attention Motion: Moved by the members of the house to call the attention of <u>Minister</u> towards the matter of urgent public importance
 - Adjournment Motion:
 - Also for matter of public importance
 - · Attention of the house
 - · Only introduced in Loksabha
 - Minimum support of 50 members is required
 - Not less than 2 hour 30 min
 - Censure Motion:
 - Against the government
 - · Reason for motion has to be stated
 - · Passed in Loksabha by Simple majority
 - If passed the govt need not to Resign
 - Can be against a Minister, Group of minister or Entire

council of Minister

- No confidence Motion:
 - Against the government
 - Reason not to be stated
 - 50 Member support is required
 - Passed in Loksabha
 - · If passed govt have to resign
 - Against entire COM
- Motion of thanks:
 - Every first session after general election and First session of every fiscal year is addressed by the President
 - In his address President give a speech which at the end is placed for voting in both R.S and L.S
 - If it is not passed in L.S then government will fall.
 - This Motion is passed in both the houses as Motion of thanks
- Point of Order: Any member can raise Point of order if proceedings of house do not follow the rules of procedure