ABSTRACT

In order to prevent the wastage of the precious time and for smooth working of the house, the necessity of observing decorum and order is obvious. The behaviour of the members should be such as to enhance the dignity of the House and its members. For it, the Constitution provides for the office of the speaker who presides over the meeting of the House and is responsible for orderly conduct of its business. Without him the House will the like a ship without a sailor. He is chosen by the House from its member immediately after the Assembly election.

In case of Haryana Assembly also, any member may propose the name of a follow member to take the Chair of the House as the Speaker. If the motion is seconded and no other name is proposed, the person presiding shall without putting the question declare that member to be elected and will call him to take the chair. If the name of any other member is proposed and seconded, the question is to be put to vote one by one in order in which the motions have been moved, if necessary by division. If any motion is carried, the person presiding without putting later motions to vote will declared elected the member proposed in the motion which has been carried and will call the member to take the chair. There is a Deputy Speaker who is also elected by the House. And the procedure of election is the same as in the case of the speaker.

In Haryana, the election of the Speaker has been fought very much on party lines and the opposition has never been consulted before the election.

The Speaker, who maintains order and regulates debates in the House, has been vested with vast powers. He decides every item of the business including motions, questions, resolutions and interpretation of rules, time and venue of the sitting etc. and his decision is not open for consideration of any court. The foremost duty of the Speaker is to see that the proceedings of the House are conducted in an orderly manner. However, he may not be successful in ordering the House without the cooperation of the members and ministers in the House.