Rules for the asking of Questions in the Legislative Council of the Governor General.  
(INDIA COUNCILS ACT 1909).

1. In these rules -

"President" means - the Governor General or appointed president or Vice President by the Governor General.

2. Any question may be asked by any Member subject to the following conditions and restrictions.

3. No question shall be permitted in regard to any of the following subjects, namely:

   (a) any matter affecting the relations of His Majesty's Government or of the Governor General in Council with any Foreign State or with any Native State in India, or

   (b) any matter under adjudication by a Court of Law having jurisdiction in any part of His Majesty's Dominions.

4. No question shall be asked unless it complies with the following conditions, namely:

   (a) it shall be so framed as to be merely a request for information,

   (b) it shall not be of excessive length,

   (c) it shall not contain arguments, inferences, ironical expressions or defamatory statements, nor shall it refer to the conduct or character of persons except in their official or public capacity, and

   (d) it shall not ask for an expression of an opinion or the solution of a hypothetical proposition.

5. In matters which are or have been subject of controversy between the Governor General in Council and the Secretary of State or a Local Government no question shall be asked except as to matters of fact, and the answer shall be confined to a statement of facts.

6. A Member who wishes to ask a question shall give notice in writing to the Secretary at least ten clear days before the meeting of the Council at which he desires to put the question and shall, together with the notice, submit a copy of the question which he wishes to ask:

   Provided that the President may allow a question to be put with shorter notice than ten days and may in any case require longer notice or may extend the time for answering a question.

7. (1) The Secretary shall submit every question of which notice has been given to him in accordance with rule 6 to the President, who may either allow it or, when any question is not framed in accordance with rule 4 and 5, cause it to be returned to the Member concerned for the purpose of amendment.

   (2) If the Member does not, within such time as the President
may fix in this behalf, resubmit the question duly amended, the question shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.

8. The President may disallow any question, or any part of a question, without giving any reason therefor other than that in his opinion it cannot be answered consistently with the public interests or that it should be put in the Legislative Council of a Local Government.

9. No discussion in Council shall be permitted in respect of any order of the President under rule 7 or rule 8.

10. Questions which have been allowed shall be entered in the list of business for the day and shall be put in the order in which they stand in the list before any other business is entered upon at the meeting.

11. Questions shall be put and answers given in such manner as the President may in his discretion determine.

12. Any Member who has asked a question may put a supplementary question for the purpose of further elucidating any matter of fact regarding which a request for information has been made in his original question.

13. The Member in charge may decline to answer a supplementary question without notice, in which case the supplementary question may be put in the form of a fresh question at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

14. These rules, except rules 6 and 7, apply also to supplementary questions:

Provided that the President may disallow any supplementary question without giving any reason therefor.

15. The President may rule that an answer to a question in the list of business for the day shall be given on the ground of public interest even though the question may have been withdrawn.

16. No discussion shall be permitted in respect of any question or of any answer given to a question.

17. All questions asked and the answers given shall be entered in the proceedings of the Council:

Provided that no question which has been disallowed by the President shall be so entered.

18. The President may assign such time as, with due regard to the public interests, he may consider reasonable for the putting and answering of questions.