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## LS PANEL SUGGESTS AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

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The Rules Committee of the Lok Sabha, an advisory body to Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, on Friday suggested "automatic suspension" of members who troop into the Well of the House or disrupt the proceedings despite being repeatedly warned by the Speaker.

But the Congress member in the committee, Shashi Tharoor, had written to the Lok Sabha Secretary-General, objecting to the short notice given for the meeting.

A draft report, however, has recommended automatic suspension of MPs causing "grave disorder and wilful obstruction by coming into the well of the House" for five consecutive sittings. This draft will now be examined by the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Speaker's office before being placed before the Rules Committee for final approval.

Right now, the Speaker or the Chair has to name a disrupting MP on the floor of the House to suspend for five consecutive days by invoking rule 374(1) of the Lok Sabha's Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, which deals with suspension.

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