

# NOTICE AGAINST KERALA SPEAKER TO BE TAKEN UP

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The Opposition notice for discussion on a resolution seeking to remove Speaker P. Sreeramakrishnan for his alleged role in the gold smuggling case will be taken up during the 14-day Budget Session of the Assembly beginning Friday.

Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) member M. Ummer's notice to the Legislative Secretary in this regard was "in order" and Business Advisory Committee of the Assembly would decide on the discussion, Mr. Sreeramakrishnan said on Thursday.

Mr. Ummer had said in the notice that the Speaker had lowered the esteem of the Assembly by associating with the accused in the high-profile case relating to the smuggling of gold via the diplomatic channel.

## Governor's address

The 22nd and final session of the 14th Assembly will commence with Governor Arif Mohammed Khan's customary address at 9 a.m.

The final supplementary financial statement for 2020-2021 will be placed by Finance Minister T.M. Thomas Isaac before the House on January 15 before presentation of the Budget for 2021-22 and Vote on Account.

On January 25, the discussion and voting on the Vote on Account and Appropriation Bill will take place. The House will adjourn on January 28.

On the breach of privilege notice moved by the Congress member V.D. Satheesan against Dr. Isaac, the Speaker said the report of the Privileges and Ethics Committee would be placed in the House as soon as it is submitted.

On the complaints of violating party whip from two factions of the Kerala Congress (M), the Speaker said he had already heard the factions led by Jose K. Mani and P.J. Joseph. After the joint hearing of the two factions, the Speaker said he would take a call on which faction was the official one.

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