

Constitution of India Art 85 - Sessions of Parliament, prorogation and dissolution

(1) The President shall from time to time summon each House of Parliament to meet at such time and place as he thinks fit, but six months shall not intervene between its last sitting in one session and the date appointed for its first sitting in the next session.

(2) The President may from time to time—

(a) prorogue the Houses or either House;

(b) dissolve the House of the People.

SYNOPSIS

Nature: Article 85 is a provision regarding holding of sessions rather than Constitution of Parliament.^{^1}

Object: Purpose of First Amendment was to do away with summoning of Parliament twice a year and requirement of President's special address twice a year.^{^2}

¹ Indira Nehru Gandhi v. Raj Narain, 1975 Supp SCC 1 cited in Sankaranarayanan 2017

² Ramdas Athawale (5) v. Union of India, (2010) 4 SCC 1 cited in Sankaranarayanan 2017