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
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COVID-19 blueprint for Parliament ready

Govt. reaches out to Opposition

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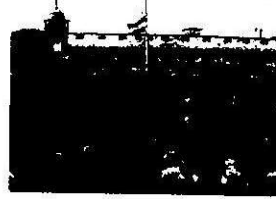
Staggered timings, a two-hour break for disinfection, and working weekends – the Union government's plan to hold the first ever Parliament session during the COVID-19 pandemic is ready, a senior leader said on Tuesday.

Deputy Leader of the Lok Sabha and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is learnt to have reached out to senior Opposition leaders, including Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, and Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien, to brief them about the plans.

The plan is yet to be announced officially as some aspects are still being finalised. But to maintain distancing norms and spread out the Members of Parliament in both the Houses, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha will have separate timings.

While the Rajya Sabha will transact business between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the first half, proceedings in the Lok Sabha will start at 4 p.m. and will go on until 8 p.m.

Gong Tso helped the Indian Army thwart an aggressive move by the Chinese troops to alter the status quo in the area on the night of August 29 and 30, a senior government official told *The Hindu*.
The official said mobilisation and movement of



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they can raise questions related to different Ministries.

Though Mr. Chowdhury had written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla not to curtail Question Hour and Zero Hour as it encroaches on an MP's right, the government may not agree.

Zero Hour

However, Zero Hour – when an MP can raise any urgent issue on the floor of the House – may be allowed.

The monsoon session of Parliament that usually gets under way by the third week of July was postponed because of COVID-19 and will now start on September 14.

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