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## Oppn takes 'Question Hour' outside

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OPPOSITION parties on Wednesday hit out at the Centre for its decision to have do away with the Question Hour in the monsoon session of Parliament starting September 14. Reacting sharply, several Opposition MPs said the government cannot run away from key questions on important issues ranging from Covid-19, lockdown, state of the economy, job crisis and trouble with China on the LAC.

According to notifications issued by the Lok Sabha and Rajya

Sabha secretariats, there will be no Question Hour in the upcoming session. Private members' bills will not be taken up, while Zero Hour will be restricted.

### NO TIME, SAYS BJP

There won't be enough time for questions as the two Houses will convene only for four hours daily,

BJP leader Anil Baluni said, adding that unstarred questions will be allowed. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had spoken to all parties and they all supported this move, he claimed. "But now they have changed their stand," he alleged

"If this is true, it is not just a violation of a member's right, but it also means that the government is uncomfortable answering questions on governance. Government is answerable to people and any move to cancel Question Hour reflects the autocratic mindset of Government," said Rajya Sabha MP Mallikarjun Kharge.

The Congress said questioning the government is the lifeblood of parliamentary democracy. By doing away with this tool of accountability, the BJP government seeks to pass laws without any discussion, the party alleged.