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The absence of Ministers in the Legislative Council when proceedings commenced on Friday irked the Opposition benches.

Leader of the Opposition S.R. Patil pointed out that of the 14 Ministers who were supposed to be in the Council to field questions pertaining to their departments, only six were present.

'Disrespect'

When House leader Kota Srinivas Poojary defended the absence of some Ministers owing to pre-scheduled programmes, Mr. Patil asked if these programmes were bigger than the House proceedings. "Some sense has to prevail among Ministers that they should not agree to participate in any programmes during the legislature sessions. This is disrespect," Mr. Patil rued.

Opposition members were also irked at the fact that questions had been transferred from one department to another.