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President's Rule revoked via PM's special powers

Cabinet approval was not taken

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The Centre on Saturday invoked Rule 12 of the Transaction of Business Rules, 1961, empowering it to revoke the proclamation of President's Rule in Maharashtra without prior approval of the Union Cabinet.

Rule 12, pertaining to "Departure from Rules", says the "Prime Minister may, in any case or classes of cases permit or condone a departure from these rules, to the extent he deems necessary."

On November 12 when President's Rule was imposed, the Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, held an urgent meeting, before he was to leave for Brazil to attend the

BRICS summit, to approve the move.

On Saturday, the Cabinet did not meet to revoke the proclamation as the government used its power under the Rule 12, said a senior official. President Ram Nath Kovind revoked the proclamation through a notification issued early in the day that was signed by Union Home Secretary A.K. Bhalla.

The notification was digitally signed by the official at 5.47 a.m. before being uploaded on the official gazette portal - egazette.nic.in. An official said a notification can only be digitally signed once the physical copy has been signed by the President.

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"In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 356 of the Constitution, I, Ram Nath Kovind, President of India hereby revoke the Proclamation issued by me under the said Article on the 12th day of November, 2019, in relation to the State of Maharashtra with effect from the 23rd day of November, 2019," the notification said.

The timeline suggests that the Union Home Ministry had worked overnight to

prepare the notification and the President signed it before 5.47 a.m. on Saturday.

Last time when the proclamation imposing the Central rule was issued, the Home Ministry officials waited for Mr. Kovind to return from Punjab.

After he signed the proclamation, Central rule was formally imposed around 5:30 p.m. on November 12 though the Governor sent a report around noon the same day recommending it.

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