

1. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BREACH OF PRIVILEGES AND CONTEMPT OF HOUSE?

When any of the privileges of either of the members individually or of the House in its collective capacity, is disregarded or attacked by any individual or authority the offence is called a 'breach of privileges'.

Contempt of the House maybe defined generally as any act or omission which obstruct or impedes the functioning of either House of the Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any member or officers of such House in the discharge of his or her duty or which has a tendency directly or indirectly to produce such results even though there is no precedent of the offence. Whereas all the breaches of privileges are contempt of the House, a person may be guilty of a contempt of the House even though he does not violate any of the privileges of the House, e.g. when he disobeys an order to attend a Committee or publishes reflections on the character or conduct of a Member of his capacity of a member.



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