

CHAPTER V

QUESTIONS; RETURNS AND REPORTS

Questions
put to
Ministers.

39. (1) Questions may be placed on the Order Paper seeking information from Ministers of the Crown relating to public affairs; and from other Members, relating to any bill, motion, or other public matter connected with the business of the House, in which such Members may be concerned; but in putting any such question or in replying to the same no argument or opinion is to be offered, nor any facts stated, except so far as may be necessary to explain the same; and in answering any such question the matter to which the same refers shall not be debated.

Oral
answer.

(2) (a) Any Member who requires an oral answer to his question may distinguish it by an asterisk, but no Member shall have more than three such questions at a time on the daily Order Paper.

Limit of
Three.

Printed
answer.

(b) If a Member does not distinguish his question by an asterisk, the Minister to whom the question is addressed hands the answer to the Clerk of the House