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Panel to frame new Assembly rules soon: Speaker

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The Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly will be revisited by a committee formed for this purpose, Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri said on Monday.

'There's a need to bring some changes to the rules. The Assembly has authorised me to constitute a com-mittee," he said, adding that opinions will be sought from citizens from all walks of life.

During the six-day Assembly session that concluded Saturday, Kageri said 28 MLAs were absent - 12 from BJP, 10 Congress and six JD(S). "Many didn't come because they were Covid-19



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ed why they were absent," he

The Assembly conducted business for 40 hours and 37 Bills were tabled. While one Bill was withheld, 36 were passed. Members spent 14.22 hours discussing these Bills, Kageri said.

Of the 3,071 questions asked by the members, answers to 1,109 questions were tabled in the Assembly. Nine out of 129 calling attention nopositive. Others haven't stat-tices were discussed, he said.

Madhuswamy, HKPatil and Dinesh test positive

Law Minister J C Madhuswamy along with Congress leaders HK Patil and Dinesh Gundu Rao have tested positive for Covid-19.

All three had attended the recently-concluded legislature session. In a

tweet, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa confirmed that Madhuswamy had tested positive. Patil said he was asymptomatic and under a 10-day quarantine. Rao said he was asymptomatic as well.