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# Kerala Governor's remarks not to figure in records

## Speaker cites past Assembly ruling and precedents

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Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan's meanderings from the government's policy address will not reflect in Assembly records.

Speaker P. Sreeramakrishnan told reporters here on Thursday that past rulings and precedent compelled the House to include only the speech cleared by the Cabinet in its annals.

Mr. Khan, who was at odds with the Assembly for adopting a resolution seeking the repeal of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), had veered off-script



Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan delivering the policy address in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday. ■ S. MAHINSHA

at the cusp of reading out the controversial paragraph 18 on Wednesday.

"The Chief Minister here said in his letter that the paragraph is not part of the government's policy and

view that the observation does not come under the definition of policy or programme. I disagree with the portion, but I am going to read it to honour the wish of the Chief Minister," he had said.

An official said Raj Bhavan was unlikely to insist that the Assembly include his remarks in its records.

### 'Made his point'

"The Governor had made his point and he has laid the issue to rest," he said.

The Speaker said he would not take to task Opposition legislators who attempted to block the Governor from delivering the policy address.

The Speaker said he had received a complaint from Congress MLA Anwar Sadar that the House marshals had manhandled him when they tried to clear the way for the Governor into the House. He has instituted an inquiry into the matter.

At around 11.30 am,

Advisory Committee of the House would consider on Friday whether to allow Leader of the Opposition Ramesh Chennithala to move a motion seeking to discuss the conduct of Mr. Khan and urge his recall.

Officials felt the government might oppose the move. An early indication of the State's thinking was perhaps evident in the remarks of Parliamentary Affairs Minister A.K. Balan on Wednesday. Mr. Balan had said the government could not support the Opposition's bid to precipitate a rift between the Governor and the government.

He said the BJP had tried to create a committee to look into the matter.