



Press Statement of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile

17 August 2020

1. The 10th session of the 16th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile scheduled to be held for 8 days from 16-24 September 2020, will be postponed until March 2021 as per the decision taken at the 327th Standing Committee meeting on 13 August 2020, in accordance to the Article 6 and clause 2 of Article 49 of the Charter of Tibetans in exile.
2. This decision has been taken considering the rising urgency situation across the world caused by COVID-19 which originated in Wuhan, China.
3. We were bound to take this decision as we have to take responsibility especially when His Holiness the Dalai Lama resides here in Dharamsala. And even if the session is held supposedly, because of the current international travel ban Tibetan Parliamentarians from outside of India will not be able to attend the session and Tibetan Parliamentarians in India too might find it difficult to travel with the ongoing pandemic.
4. Even though the September session shall not be convened, matters and proceedings related to the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile will execute without any negligence.
5. As usual, the annual reports of the Central Tibetan Administration's main offices as well as of institutions under it for the fiscal year 2019-2020 is being reviewed by the members of the Standing Committee and questions raised on the annual reports by the Standing Committee will be submitted to the respective departments through the Kashag Secretariat.
6. All the departments should submit their précis annual reports and clarification to the questions raised by the Standing Committee in PDF format to the Parliamentary Secretariat before 20 September 2020.
7. The précis reports in PDF format received will be send to the Parliamentarians via e-mail.
8. Questions on the précis reports from the Parliamentarians should be submitted to the Parliamentary Secretariat before 15 October which shall then be submitted to the Kashag Secretariat.
9. Clarifications by the Administration to the questions raised on the reports should be submitted to the Parliamentary Secretariat before 31 October.
10. The questions raised and the clarifications provided for the annual and its précis reports of the Central Tibetan Administration's main departmental offices as well as of institutions under it will be available on the official website of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile for the information of the general public.

