

Rules on Decorum of the *Kachahari* (Court/Bench)

Issued by King Ram Shah of Gorkha

Whereas His Majesty the King Ram Shah proclaimed the Rules on Decorum of the Court/Bench (*Kachahari ko Maryada*).

1. When His Majesty shall call upon (*Hukum*) a person (*Falana*); the concerned person shall address *Maharajdhiraj* (Your Majesty) in response.
2. When *Saheb Chautara* shall call upon (*Marji*) a person, such a person shall address such as *Garibprawar*, *Bandiniawaj* in response.
3. Address at least *Saheb* to the Father, distant relatives and *Gotia*.
4. Address *Dewan*, *Kazi*, *Mukhiya*, along with respectful words such as *Jieu*, *Jikarai* to the *Brahaman*, *Khas*, *Magar* etc. who are working as a *Kazi*, *Sardar* or *Bhardar*.
5. His Majesty shall return a single salute when he is on the Throne and salute Twice when he is not on the Throne to the close relatives, respecting persons, *Chautaria* and *Saheb* as a response.
6. His Majesty shall respond a single salute to the other distant brothers and *Goita*, in case he is not on the Throne.
7. His Majesty and Her Majesty shall do *Dhog Bhet* (special style of paying respect) to the wives/queens of very much close (who use same kitchen) relatives who are *Chataria*, uncle, grandfather, elder brother.
8. When *Saheb*, *Chautaria* touches feet (one of the styles of paying respect) while he is with His Majesty the King, request to the King and pay *Aasirbad Salam* when His Majesty so permits.
9. Everyone may pay *Darshan* (one of the styles of paying respect) to the *Guru* when His Majesty is paying respect to the *Guru*, in other moments make a request to the King and pay respect to the *Guru* when His Majesty so permits.

10. The others shall not do *Dhog Bhet* at any rate even to their father or grandfather in front of His Majesty.
11. When His Majesty Commands for any task (work, job), one shall slowly go to the back foot, one may show his/her back towards the King when he/she do not see the King; never show your back side (*Peeth*) to the King.
12. Do not give *Tau* (show of) to your mustache.
13. Do not put your one leg over the another leg (*Uparkhutti*).
14. Prepare a seat arrangement to the closest brothers and *Chautaria* on the *Char pataya* of the right side, to the *Guru Char Pataya* in the front side and for other *Bhai Kazi* on the *Char Pataya* of the left side. If *Brahman*, *Khas*, or *Magar* are serving as a *Kazi*, they shall take the seat when the senior and experienced people shall permit them. The youth and young people shall remain standing. Senior citizens and other ladies and gentleman (*Bhaladmi*) shall take seat with the command.
15. When His Majesty is alone in the *Kachahari* never enter, even the *Kazi*, over there, without the permission of the *Dwaraya* (gate keeper).
16. Pay appropriate regard to the *Dwaraya*.

His Majesty has commanded these Rules on Decorum of the *Kacharai* accordingly.

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