

PRESS RELEASE

The Budget Session, 2013 of Parliament (13th Session of the Fifteenth Lok Sabha and the 228th Session of the Rajya Sabha) will commence on Thursday, the 21st of February, 2013 and subject to exigencies of Government Business, the Session will conclude on Friday, the 10th of May, 2013. During this period, the two Houses will adjourn for recess on Friday, the 22nd of March 2013, to reassemble on Monday, the 22nd of April, 2013 to enable the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees to examine the Demands for Grants relating to various Ministries/Departments and make their reports to the Houses. The Session will provide 34 sittings – 21 sittings during first part of the Session before recess and 13 sittings during second part of the Session.

The Session will mainly be devoted to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address, Financial Business relating to Railway and General Budgets for 2013-14 and State Budget in respect of Jharkhand. However, sufficient time will also be provided for the transaction of essential Legislative and Non-Legislative business during the Session.

The President will address both Houses of Parliament assembled together at 11.00 a.m. on 21st of February, 2013. The Budget (Railways) for 2013-2014 will be presented to the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, the 26th of February, 2013 immediately after Question Hour. The Economic Survey of India will be laid in the Parliament on Wednesday, the 27th of February, 2013. The Budget (General) for 2013 – 2014 will be presented at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, the 28th of February, 2013.

To finalise the Government Business for the Budget Session, 2013, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Urban Development took a meeting with Secretaries/senior officers of various Ministries/Departments on 15th of February, 2013. The Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs co-chaired the meeting. During the meeting, 71 items [55 Bills, 13 Financial items and 03 Non-legislative items] were identified for Budget Session, 2013. The Bills identified for the Session includes three Ordinances, namely: -

- (i) The Securities and Exchange of Board of India (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 (No. 1 of 2013);
- (ii) The Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Ordinance, 2013 (No. 2 of 2013); and
- (iii) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 (No. 3 of 2013)

The list of Government Business identified for being taken up in the Budget Session, 2013 is at **Annex**.

Annex

I – Bills for Introduction

Sl.No.	Title of Bill
1	The Agricultural Bio-Security Bill, 2013
2	The Bio Technology Regulatory Authority of India Bill, 2013
3	The National Institute of Design Bill, 2013
4	The North Eastern Council (Amendment) Bill, 2013
5	The Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2013
6	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2013 – India-Bangladesh Land Boundary
7	The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2013
8	The Regional Rural Banks (Amendment) Bill, 2013
9	The Central Reserve Police Force Bill, 2013
10	The Indian Institute of Information Technology Bill, 2013
11	The National Institute of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2013 – up gradation of BESU to the IEST
12	The Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Amendment Bill, 2013
13	The Building and Construction Workers Related Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2013
14	The National Waterway (Lakhipur Bhanga Stretch of River Barak) Bill, 2013
15	The Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2013
16	The Piracy Bill, 2013

II – Bills for Introduction, Consideration and Passing

1. The Finance Bill, 2013.
2. The Securities and Exchange of Board of India (Amendment) Bill, 2013
3. The Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Bill, 2013
4. The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2013

III – Bills for Consideration and Passing

1. The Constitution (One Hundred and Seventeenth Amendment) Bill, 2012 – Reservation in services to SCs/STs, as passed by Rajya Sabha
2. The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2012 as passed by Rajya Sabha
3. The Constitution (One Hundred and Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2008 as passed by Rajya Sabha
4. The Companies Bill, 2012 as passed by Lok Sabha
5. The Educational Tribunals Bill, 2010 as passed by Lok Sabha
6. The Whistle Blowers Protection Bill, 2011 as passed by Lok Sabha
7. The National Highway Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2012 as passed by Lok Sabha
8. The Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bill, 2012.as passed by Lok Sabha
9. The Judicial Standards and Accountability Bill, 2012 as passed by Lok Sabha
10. The Forward Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2010
11. The Warehousing Corporation Amendment Bill, 2011
12. The Pension Fund Regulator and Development Authority Bill, 2011
13. The Prohibition of Unfair Practices in Technical Educational Institutions, Medical Educational

- Institutions and Universities Bill, 2010
14. The Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill, 2011
 15. The National Accreditation Regulatory Authority for Higher Educational Institutions Bill, 2010.
 16. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2012
 17. The Constitution (One Hundred and Tenth Amendment) Bill, 2009 - reservation of women in Panchayats
 18. The Constitution (One Hundred and Fourteenth Amendment) Bill, 2010 – increase of retirement age of Judges
 19. The National Food Security Bill, 2011
 20. The Right of Citizens for Time Bound Delivery of Goods and Services and Redressal of their Grievances Bill, 2011.
 21. The Prevention of Bribery of Foreign Public Officials and Officials of Public International Organizations Bill, 2011
 22. The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2011
 23. The Pesticide Management Bill, 2008
 24. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Bill, 2011, as passed by Lok Sabha and as reported by Select Committee.
 25. The Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2008
 26. The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2011
 27. The Border Security Force (Amendment) Bill, 2011
 28. The Architects (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
 29. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Council (Repeal) Bill, 2012.
 30. The Communal Violence (Amendment, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005
 31. The Prevention of Torture Bill, 2010 as passed by Lok Sabha and as reported by Select Committee
 32. The Marriage Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2010
 33. The Wakf (Amendment) Bill, 2010 as passed by Lok Sabha and as reported by Select Committee.
 34. The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Bill, 2012
 35. The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2012

IV – Financial Business

1. General Discussion on Budget (General) for the year 2013-14.
2. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants on Account (General) for the year 2013-14.
3. Discussion and Voting on third Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for the year 2012-2013.
4. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Excess Grants (General) for the year 2010-2011.
5. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants (General) for the year 2013-14.
6. General discussion on the Budget (Railways) for 2013-2014.
7. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants on Account (Railways) for 2013-2014.
8. Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2012-2013.
9. Discussion and Voting on Excess Grants (Railways) for 2010-11.
10. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2013-14.
11. General Discussion on Budget (Jharkhand), 2013-14

12. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants (Jharkhand) for 2013-14.
- 13 Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants (Jharkhand) for 2012-13.

V - Non - Legislative Business

1. Discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address
2. Discussion on the Statutory Resolution seeking approval of the proclamation issued by the President on 18.1.2013 in respect of the State of Jharkhand.
3. Consideration of Resolution seeking approval of the recommendation contained in the Third Report of the Railway Convention Committee (2009) on "Rate of dividend for 2012-13 and other ancillary matters" .