

PRESS RELEASE

The Budget Session, 2012 of Parliament (10th Session of the Fifteenth Lok Sabha and the 225th Session of the Rajya Sabha) commenced today, the 12th of March, 2012 and subject to exigencies of Government Business, the Session will conclude on Tuesday, the 22nd of May, 2012. During this period, the two Houses will adjourn for recess on Friday, the 30th of March 2012, to reassemble on Tuesday, the 24th of April, 2012 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 35 sittings – 15 sittings during first part of the Session before recess and 20 sittings during second part of the Session.

The Session will mainly be devoted to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address and Financial Business relating to Railway and General Budgets for 2012-13. However, sufficient time will also be provided for the transaction of essential Legislative and Non-Legislative business during the Session.

The President addressed both Houses of Parliament assembled together at 11.00 a.m. today. The Budget (Railways) for 2012-2013 will be presented to the Lok Sabha on Wednesday, the 14th March, 2012 immediately after Question Hour. The Economic Survey of India will be laid in the Parliament on Thursday, the 15th March, 2012. The Budget (General) for 2012 – 2013 will be presented at 11.00 a.m. on Friday, the 16th March, 2012.

To finalise the Government Business for the Budget Session, 2012, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources took a meeting with Secretaries/senior officers of various Ministries/Departments on 05.03.2012. The Ministers of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs co-chaired the meeting. During the meeting, 82 items [70 Bills, 10 Financial items (excluding the presentations) and 02 Non-legislative items] were identified for Budget Session, 2012.

The list of Government Business identified for being taken up in the Budget Session, 2011 is as follows:-

I – Bills for Introduction

1. The Agricultural Bio- Security Bill, 2012.
2. The National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
3. The Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University Bill, 2012.
4. The Biotechnology Regulatory Authority of India Bill, 2012.
5. The Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Amendment Bill, 2012.
6. The Bureau of Indian Standards (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
7. The Legal Metrology (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
8. The Competition (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
9. The Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2012.
10. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
11. The Piracy Bill, 2012.
12. The Public Debt Management Agency of India Bill, 2012.
13. The Public Procurement Bill, 2012.
14. The Indian Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
15. The Regional Rural Banks (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
16. The Micro Finance Institutions (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2012.

17. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
18. The National Housing Bank (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
19. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
20. The Central Reserve Police Force Bill, 2012.
21. The North Eastern Areas (Reorganization and Other Related Laws) (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
22. The Engineers Bill, 2012.
23. The Anand Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
24. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
25. The Emigration Management Bill, 2012.
26. The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Amendment Bill, 2012.
27. The National Sports Development Bill, 2012.
28. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
29. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2012.
30. The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Bill, 2012.

II – Bill for Introduction, Consideration and Passing

The Finance Bill, 2012.

III – Bills for Consideration and Passing

1. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Bill, 2011 **as passed by Lok Sabha.**
2. The Whistle Blowers Protection Bill, 2011 **as passed by Lok Sabha.**
3. The Judicial Standards and Accountability Bill, 2010.
4. The Constitution (One Hundred and Fourteenth Amendment) Bill, 2010.
5. The Seeds Bill, 2004.
6. The Pesticides Management Bill, 2008.
7. The Nuclear Safety Regulatory Authority Bill, 2011.
8. The Chemical Weapons Convention (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
9. The Electronic Delivery of Services Bill, 2011.
10. The Forward Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2010.
11. The National Commission for Heritage Sites Bill, 2009.
12. The Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
13. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Bill, 2011.
14. The Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2008.
15. The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
16. The Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
17. The Border Security Force (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
18. The North Eastern Areas (Reorganization) Amendment Bill, 2011.
19. The Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
20. The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
21. The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Amendment Bill, 2010.
22. The Prohibition of Unfair Practices in Technical Educational Institutions, Medical Educational Institutions and Universities Bill, 2010.
23. The Educational Tribunals Bill, 2010 - **as passed by Lok Sabha.**
24. The Institute of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2011 - **as passed by Lok Sabha.**
25. The Architects (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
26. The National Institute of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2011 **as passed by Lok Sabha.**
27. The Copyright (Amendment) Bill, 2010.

28. The Constitution (One Hundred and Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2010 - **as passed by Rajya Sabha.**
29. The Administrator's General (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
30. The Marriage Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
31. The Right of Citizens for Time Bound Delivery of Goods and Services and Redressal of Their Grievances Bill, 2011.
32. The Prevention of Bribery of Foreign Public Officials and Officials of Public International Organizations Bill, 2011.
33. The Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Amendment Bill, 2011 - **as passed by Rajya Sabha.**
34. The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2007.
35. The Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill, 2011.
36. The Dam Safety Bill, 2010.
37. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Bill, 2011.
38. The Protection of Women Against Sexual Harassment at Workplace Bill, 2010.
39. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2010.

IV – Financial Business

1. General Discussion on Budget (General) for the year 2012-13.
2. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants on Account (General) for the year 2012-13.
3. Discussion and Voting on third Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for the year 2011-2012.
4. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Excess Grants (General) for the year 2009-2010.
5. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants (General) for the year 2012-13.
6. General discussion on the Budget (Railways) for 2012-2013.
7. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants on Account (Railways) for 2012-2013.
8. Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2011-2012.
9. Discussion and Voting on Excess Grants (Railways) for 2009-10.
10. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2012-13.

V - Non - Legislative Business

1. Discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.
2. Consideration and adoption of Resolution regarding recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Railway Convention Committee (2009) on "Rate of dividend for 2011-12 and other ancillary matters."