

MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

PRESS RELEASE

Interim Budget Session, 2024 of Parliament

1. Interim Budget Session, 2024 of Parliament which commenced on Wednesday, the 31st January, 2024 has been adjourned *sine die* on Saturday, the 10th of February, 2024. The Session provided **9 sittings spread over a period of 11 days**. The session was extended by a day so as to transact essential government business.

2. This being the first Session of the year, the President addressed both Houses of Parliament assembled together in terms of Article 87(1) of the Constitution, on 31st January, 2024. **Motion of Thanks on the President's Address** in Lok Sabha was moved by Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit and seconded by Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel. This item engaged the Lok Sabha for 15 Hrs 28 minutes against allotted 12 Hours. In Rajya Sabha it was moved by Ms. Kavita Patidar and seconded by Shri Vivek Thakur and the item engaged the House for 15 hours 7 mins against allotted 14 hours. The Motions of Thanks were discussed and adopted after reply from the Hon'ble Prime Minister by the two Houses. 117 Members in Lok Sabha and 57 Members in Rajya Sabha participated in the discussion on the subject.

3. The Interim Union Budget for 2024- 25 was presented on Thursday, the 1st of February, 2024. General Discussion on the Interim Union Budget and Interim Budget of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for 2024-25 was held in both the Houses. Demands for Grants on Account for 2024-25, Supplementary Demands for Grants - Second Batch for 2023-24, Demands for Grants on Account of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for 2024-25, Supplementary Demands for Grants of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for the financial year 2023-24 were voted in full and the related Appropriation Bills were introduced, considered and passed by Lok Sabha 07.02.2024. The Finance Bill, 2024 was passed by Lok Sabha on the same day. This business engaged the Lok Sabha for 10 Hours 18 minutes in which 88 Members participated.

4. In Rajya Sabha, General Discussion on the Interim Union Budget and Interim Budget for Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was held on 07.02.2024. The Rajya Sabha returned the Appropriation Bills related to Demands for Grants on Account for 2024-25, Supplementary Demands for Grants - Second Batch for 2023-24, Demands for Grants on Account of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for 2024-25, Supplementary Demands for Grants of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for the financial year 2023-24 on 08.02.2024 to Lok Sabha without any recommendations. The Finance Bill, 2024 was also returned by Rajya Sabha on the same day. This business engaged the Rajya Sabha for 6 Hours 40 minute in which 31 Members participated.

5. In Lok Sabha on 09.02.2024, a discussion was held under Rule 342 on a motion given by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance on "White Paper on the Indian Economy and its

impact on lives of the people of India". The discussion engaged the Lok Sabha for 07 Hrs 25 minutes. In Rajya Sabha the discussion on the subject was held under Rule 176 engaging the House for 3 Hrs 50 minutes.

6. During this Session a total of 10 Bills (7 in Lok Sabha and 3 in Rajya Sabha) were introduced. 12 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and 12 Bills were passed/returned by Rajya Sabha. Total number of Bills passed/returned by both Houses of Parliament is also 12. A list of Bills introduced in Lok Sabha, Bills passed by Lok Sabha, Bills passed/returned by Rajya Sabha, Bills passed/returned by both Houses is attached in Annex.

7. Productivity of Lok Sabha was approx. 148% and that of Rajya Sabha was approx. 137% approximately.

8. Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs also elaborated upon the salient features of work done during the term of 17th Lok Sabha:

- (i) Lok Sabha had 274 sittings in which 202 Bills were introduced and 222 bills were passed. Rajya Sabha had 271 sittings, in which 31 Bills were introduced and 220 bills were passed. In total 221 Bills were passed by both the Houses and became Acts.
- (ii) First Session of 17th Lok Sabha was historic in many ways as legislations relating to almost all walks of socio and economic activities were passed. 30 Bills were passed by both the Houses of Parliament in that Session which is a record in single first/effective Session after constitution of new Lok Sabha so far.
- (iii) During the 17th Lok Sabha one of the most important business transacted was the abrogation of certain provisions from Article 370 and Presidential Orders thereunder for ensuring equal opportunities to all sections of Society in Jammu & Kashmir particularly with the restoration of applicability of the provisions of the Constitution of India and all socio-economic legislations thereby ensuring rule of law and equity. Further for ensuring better administration and for curbing terrorism, the State of Jammu & Kashmir was reorganized with the formation of two Union Territories - Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- (iv) To meet Constitutional requirements of article 85 and for transacting essential legislative and other Business, the Monsoon Session, 2020 and the first part of Budget Session, 2021 and Budget Session, 2022 were held during the COVID-19 pandemic situation by making extraordinary arrangements including that of seating and logistics following all guidelines of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Home Affairs.
- (v) The criminal Justice System rooted in the era of slavery is now history. Now, justice takes precedence over punishment. The nation has got a new Nyaya Sanita based on the principle of 'Justice First'. For the purpose, three landmark Bills relating to the criminal justice system to ensure victim-centric justice namely the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill,

2023 replacing the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 were passed by both the Houses of Parliament.

- (vi) A special function was held in the Central Hall of Parliament on 26th November 2019 for Members of both Houses of Parliament to commemorate the 70 years of adoption of the Constitution. Hon'ble President of India in the august presence of Hon'ble Vice President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and members of both the Houses of Parliament graced the function.
 - (vii) The month of September, 2023 marked a historical occasion when the New Parliament Building was dedicated to the Nation. A Special Session of Parliament was convened which commenced on 18 of September, 2023 in the Old Parliament Building wherein discussion on 'Parliamentary Journey of 75 Years Starting from Samvidhan Sabha – Achievements, Experiences, Memories and Learnings' was held in both the Houses. The Prime Minister and other dignitaries addressed Members of Parliament assembled in the Central Hall on 19 September, 2023 and thereafter, the respective Houses started their proceedings in the New Parliament Building, rechristened as SANSAD BHAVAN while Old Parliament House including Central Hall has been given the name of 'Samvidhan Sadan'.
 - (viii) Special Session of Parliament held during September, 2023 witnessed a historical moment when "Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023 i.e. the Constitution (One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Act, 2023" for giving one-third reservation to women in Lok Sabha and State/Union Territory Legislatures to enable greater participation of women as public representatives in policy making at the National and State levels was passed. The voting pattern in Lok Sabha remained 454 voting in favour and only 2 Members voting against it. In Rajya Sabha, it was passed unanimously.
 - (ix) During this period, following the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister under 'Digital India Programme', Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is fast implementing "National e-Vidhan Application- NeVA" for making all legislatures paperless. Hon'ble Prime Minister made clarion call to all the Presiding officers on 26th November, 2020 from Kevadia during 80th Presiding Officers' Conference for early adoption of NeVA. This call was renewed by Hon'ble President on 31st January, 2021 during his address to both the Houses of Parliament. So far 22 State Legislatures have signed MoUs while projects of 19 Houses have already been approved and by the time NeVA has gone live in 12 State Legislatures. Concerted efforts are being made for its early implementation in rest of Legislatures including two Houses of Parliament.
9. The present Government has created a record by scrapping the old, redundant, and archaic Laws from statute books. A total of 1562 old and redundant Laws have been repealed so far since 2014.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING THE 15TH SESSION OF 17TH LOK SABHA AND 263RD SESSION OF RAJYA SABHA (INTERIM BUDGET SESSION, 2024)**I – BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA**

1. The Finance Bill, 2024
2. The Jammu and Kashmir Local Bodies Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024
3. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024
4. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2024
5. The Appropriation Bill, 2024
6. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation Bill, 2024
7. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2024

II – BILLS INTRODUCED IN RAJYA SABHA

1. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024
2. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024
3. The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Bill, 2024.

III – BILLS PASSED BY LOK SABHA

1. The Jammu and Kashmir Local Bodies Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024
2. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024
3. The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024
4. The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024
5. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2024
6. The Appropriation Bill, 2024
7. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation Bill, 2024
8. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2024
9. The Finance Bill, 2024
10. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024
11. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024
12. The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Bill, 2024

IV – BILLS PASSED/RETURNED BY RAJYA SABHA

1. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024
2. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024
3. The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Bill, 2024
4. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2024
5. The Appropriation Bill, 2024
6. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation Bill, 2024
7. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2024
8. The Finance Bill, 2024
9. The Jammu and Kashmir Local Bodies Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024
10. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024
11. The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024
12. The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024

V - BILLS PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

1. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2024
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