

PRESS RELEASE

The Budget Session, 2017 of Parliament which commenced on Tuesday, 31st January, 2017 has been adjourned *sine die* today i.e. Wednesday, the 12th April, 2017. In between both the Houses also adjourned for recess for a period of 27 days on Thursday, the 9th February, 2017 to reassemble on Thursday, the 9th March, 2017 to enable the Departmentally related Standing Committees to examine the Demands for Grants relating to various Ministries/Departments.

2. The first part of the Budget Session yielded a total of 7 sittings of Lok Sabha and 8 sittings of the Rajya Sabha. In the second part of the Session there were 22 sittings of Lok Sabha and 21 sittings of Rajya Sabha. During the entire Budget Session, 2017 there were in total 29 sittings each of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

3. 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, 2017. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha was moved by Dr. Mahesh Sharma and seconded by Shri Virendra Singh. In Rajya Sabha it was moved by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and seconded by Shri Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe. Motions of Thanks were discussed and adopted by the two Houses during the first part of the Session.

4. The Session, being the Budget Session was mainly devoted to transaction of Financial Business. During the first part of Session, the Union Budget for 2017-18 was presented on Wednesday, the 1st February, 2017. This time Budget for Railways was also merged with General Budget. General Discussion on the Union Budget was held in both Houses.

5. During the second part of the Session, after scrutiny and presentation of reports by concerned Standing Committees, Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministries of (i) Railways; (ii) Home Affairs; (iii) Defence; and (iv) Agriculture were discussed and voted individually by the Lok Sabha. The Demands for Grants of the remaining Ministries/Departments which could not be discussed were put to the vote of the House and were voted in full on **Monday, the 20th March, 2017**. The related Appropriation Bill was also introduced, considered and passed and subsequently returned by the Rajya Sabha. Appropriation Bill relating to Supplementary Demands for Grants was also introduced, considered and passed on the same day and subsequently returned by the Rajya Sabha. The Finance Bill, 2017 was passed by Lok Sabha on 22.03.2017 and Rajya Sabha returned it with recommendations on 29.03.2017. Lok Sabha rejected the recommendations made by Rajya Sabha in the Bill on 30.03.2017. The Finance Bill got the assent of the President on 31st March, 2017.

6. Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2016-17 and Demands for Excess Grants for 2013-14 relating to Railways were also voted with connected Appropriation Bills by Lok Sabha which were subsequently returned by the Rajya Sabha.

7. During this period, besides completion of General Discussion on Union Budget, the Rajya Sabha discussed the working of Ministry of Railways. Thus the entire Financial Business was transacted before 31st March, 2017.

8. The major highlight of this Session is the passing of four historic Bills namely, the Central Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017, the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017, the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017 and the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017 by both Houses of Parliament to enable implementation of Goods and Services Tax across the country wef 1st July, 2017.

9. During this Session a total of 24 Bills (24 in Lok Sabha) were introduced. 23 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and 14 Bills were passed by Rajya Sabha. Total number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament is 18. A list of Bills introduced in Lok Sabha, Bills passed by Lok Sabha, Bills passed by Rajya Sabha, Bills passed by both Houses and Bills withdrawn is attached in **Annex**.

10. Some important social sector Bills like the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017, the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2017, the Mental Health Care Bill, 2017, and the Employee's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 2017 were also passed by both Houses of Parliament in this Session. The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2017 was also passed by both Houses of Parliament.

11. In the **Lok Sabha**, One Short Duration Discussion under Rule 193 was held on Sustainable Development Goals and remained inconclusive. In the **Rajya Sabha**, two Short Duration Discussions under Rule 176, were held on (i) the electoral reforms and (ii) Aadhaar – its implementation and implications. One Calling Attention motion on the need of convening a meeting of the National Development Council to discuss the necessity for continuance of the concept of Special Category Status, was held in Rajya Sabha

12. This is for the first time in Indian legislative history that all financial business of Government has been completed before the start of next financial year by 31 March and that too without any short cuts by following due process of general discussion, scrutiny by Standing Committees, discussions on some individual Ministries etc. Whenever in the past financial business was completed before 31 March, those were either election years having interim budgets or in other cases scrutiny by Parliamentary Committees was dispensed with. This is a big financial reform so as to make full funds available to line Ministries for execution of their developmental projects.

11. The productivity of Lok Sabha was 113.27% and that of Rajya Sabha was 92.43%. Approx. 8 hours were lost in Lok Sabha due to interruptions, which was made up by sitting late for approx. 19 Hours. In Rajya Sabha 18 hours were lost due to interruptions and approx. 7 Hours were made up by sitting late

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING THE 11TH SESSION OF 16TH LOK SABHA
AND 242ND SESSION OF RAJYA SABHA (BUDGET SESSION, 2017)**

I – BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

1. The Finance Bill, 2017
2. The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
3. The Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Bill, 2017
4. The Indian Institutes of Management Bill, 2017
5. The Repealing and Amending Bill, 2017
6. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2017
7. The Footwear Design and Development Institute Bill, 2017
8. The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2017
9. The Collection of Statistics (Amendment) Bill, 2017
10. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2017
11. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2017
12. The Appropriation Bill, 2017
13. The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2017
14. The Indian Institutes of Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2017
15. The Central Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
16. The Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
17. The Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017
18. The Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017
19. The Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2017
20. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2017
21. The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Third Amendment) Bill, 2017.
22. The National Commission for Backward Classes (Repeal) Bill, 2017
23. The Indian Institutes of Information Technology (Public-Private Partnership) Bill, 2017
24. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2017

II – BILLS PASSED BY LOK SABHA

1. The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017
2. The Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Bill, 2017
3. The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2017
4. The Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill, 2017
5. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2017
6. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2017
7. The Appropriation Bill, 2017
8. The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2017
9. The Finance Bill, 2017
10. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2017
11. The Mental Health Care Bill, 2016
12. The National Institute of Technology, Science Education and Research (Second Amendment) Bill, 2016
13. The Central Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
14. The Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
15. The Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017
16. The Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017
17. The Footwear Design and Development Institute Bill, 2017
18. The Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2017
19. The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2016
20. The National Commission for Backward Classes (Repeal) Bill, 2017
21. The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Third Amendment) Bill, 2017

22. The Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2014.
23. The Collection of Statistics (Amendment) Bill, 2017

III – BILLS PASSED BY RAJYA SABHA

1. The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017
2. The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2017
3. The Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2014.
4. The Employee's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 2016
5. The Appropriation Bill, 2017
6. The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2017
7. The Finance Bill, 2017
8. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2017
9. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2017
10. The Central Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
11. The Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
12. The Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017
13. The Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017
14. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2017

IV - BILLS PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

1. The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017
2. The Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Bill, 2017
3. The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2017
4. The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2017
5. The Appropriation Bill, 2017
6. The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2017
7. The Finance Bill, 2017
8. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2017
9. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2017
10. The Mental Health Care Bill, 2017
11. The Employee's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 2017
12. The Central Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
13. The Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
14. The Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017
15. The Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017
16. #The Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2017
17. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2017
18. The Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2017

Will be deemed to have been passed by the Houses on Parliament on expiry 14 days from receipt of Bill, as passed by Lok Sabha in Rajya Sabha under clause (5) of article 109 of the Constitution on 20.04.2017

V – BILLS WITHDRAWN

1. The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (in Lok Sabha)
2. The Seamen's Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2007 (in Rajya Sabha)
3. The Tribunals, Appellate Tribunals and Other Authorities (Conditions of Service) Bill, 2014