

PRESS RELEASE

The Winter Session, 2015 of Parliament which commenced on Thursday, the 26th of November, 2015, concluded on Wednesday, the 23rd of December, 2015. The Session provided 20 sittings spread over a period of 28 days.

2. The Winter Session, 2015 commenced with celebrating 26th November, 2015 as ‘Constitution Day’ and devoting first two days viz. 26th and 27th November, 2015 to “Discussion on Commitment to India’s Constitution as part of the 125th Birth Anniversary celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar”. In the Rajya Sabha the discussion was held for 3 days from 27th November to 1st December, 2015.

3. During the Session, Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 2015-16 and Demands for Excess Grants (General) for 2012-13 were discussed and voted and its related Appropriation Bills were passed by the Lok Sabha. Subsequently, the Rajya Sabha considered and returned the related Appropriation Bills.

4. In the Lok Sabha, 4 Short Duration Discussions under Rule 193 were held on – (i) Flood situation in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and several parts of the country, (ii) Situation arising out of incidents of intolerance in the country, (iii) Price Rise (part discussed), and (iv) Drought situation in various parts of the country. In Rajya Sabha 3 Short Duration Discussions under Rule 176 were held on – (i) Damage caused due to north-west monsoon rain and floods in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, (ii) Situation in Nepal and the state of Indo-Nepal relations, and (iii) the serious situation arising out of Floods and drought in the country.

5. Bills with significant importance and emphasizing the Government policy of liberalization of the economy such as (i) The Carriage by Air (Amendment) Bill, 2015; (ii) The Bureau of Indian Standards Bill, 2015; (iii) The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Bill, 2015 ; (iv) The Sugar Cess (Amendment) Bill, 2015 and (v) The Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015 were passed by Lok Sabha during this Session.

6. During the Session, 10 Bills (9 in the Lok Sabha and 1 in the Rajya Sabha) were introduced. The Lok Sabha passed 14 Bills and the Rajya Sabha passed 9 Bills during the session. Total number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament during the Session is 9. The productivity of Lok Sabha has been about 102% and of Rajya Sabha has been about 51%.

7. A list containing the titles of the Bills introduced, considered and passed during the Session is annexed.

LS & RS – Business Transacted

I LOK SABHA

➤ **Bills introduced:**

1. The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2015
2. The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of the High Court Bill, 2015
3. The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, 2015
4. The Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015
5. The Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 2015
6. The Sugar Cess (Amendment) Bill, 2015
7. The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2015.
8. The Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2015
9. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2015

➤ **Bills passed:**

1. The Carriage by Air (Amendment) Bill, 2015
2. Bureau of Indian Standards Bill, 2015
3. The High Court and the Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 2015
4. The Indian Trusts (Amendment) Bill, 2015
5. The Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015
6. The Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 2015.
7. The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2015.
8. The Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2015.
9. The Sugar Cess (Amendment) Bill, 2015
10. The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of the High Court Bill, 2015
11. The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2015
12. The National Waterways Bill, 2015,
13. The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, 2015
14. The Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (Amendments made by Rajya Sabha to the Bill as passed by Lok Sabha on 6.8.2015 agreed to by Lok Sabha)

II RAJYA SABHA

➤ Bills introduced:

1. The Rajendra Central Agricultural University Bill, 2015

➤ Bill passed

1. The Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015
2. The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2015
3. The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2015.
4. The Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2015.
5. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill, 2015
6. The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of the High Court Bill, 2015
7. The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2015
8. The Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 2015.
9. The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, 2015

III BILLS PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES

1. The Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015
2. The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2015
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