



**Budget Session concludes, historic in many ways: Shri Ananth kumar**  
**First time in Indian Legislative history, Parliament completes all financial business of Government by 31st March**

**Passing of all the enabling acts of the Goods & Services Tax with wide consensus a great achievement: Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**

**Both Houses of Parliament sit overtime to compensate for interruptions in Transaction of Business**

**Productivity of Lok Sabha 113.27% and of Rajya Sabha 92.43%; 18 Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament during the Session**

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The Budget Session 2017 has been historic in many ways, said Shri Ananth kumar, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Chemicals & fertilizers, while addressing the media here today. The Minister informed that the Budget Session, 2017 of Parliament which commenced on Tuesday, 31st January, 2017 has been adjourned sine die today ie. Wednesday, the 12th April, 2017.

Shri Ananth kumar noted that three main highlights of the Budget Session, 2017, that are historic achievements are

- Preponing of the Union Budget and completion of all financial business of Government before the start of next financial year by 31<sup>st</sup> March;
- Passing of all the enabling acts of the Goods & Services Tax (GST);
- Presenting and passing of an Integrated Budget.

This has been possible due to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley along with the participation of all members of both Houses of Parliament in constructive debates held on various issues of public importance, the Minister added.

Shri Ananth kumar informed that 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<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> 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. This is the first time when Vote on Account was dispensed with during the Budget session.

Speaking on the occasion Shri S.S. Ahluwalia, Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Parliamentary Affairs, explained in detail about the advantages of preponing the Budget, merger of General and Railway Budgets, and how it will facilitate the efficient deployment of financial resources for carrying social development works.

Minister of State for Minority Affairs (IC) and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi informed the media that the Government followed the **policy of 'Sampark, Samvaad, Samanvaya'** and ensured that all issues of wide public importance debated upon in depth by giving all members of both Houses a chance to present their views and derive a constructive consensus to move forward. He noted that 3 important bills namely, Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 for giving Constitutional status to the backward classes commission, Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017 and Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2016, could not be passed by both Houses. Shri Naqvi said that the opposition to these bills was not on merit but still the Government respected the consensus in Rajya Sabha to refer them to the Select Committee. The Minister noted that the delay in passage of these socially important bills will prevent the common people to derive benefits for some more time.

Regarding the Legislative Business carried out during the Budget Session 2017, it was informed that 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. The productivity of Lok Sabha was 113.27% and that of Rajya Sabha was 92.43%.** Approximately 8 hours were lost in Lok Sabha and 18 hours in Rajya Sabha due to interruptions, which was made up by **sitting late for approximately 19 hours and 7 hours respectively.**

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 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 and informed the Parliament of the causes of its summons. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address were moved, discussed and adopted by the two Houses during the first part of the Session. Both the Houses also adjourned for recess for a period of 27 days on Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 to reassemble on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 to enable the Departmentally related Standing Committees to examine the Demands for Grants relating to various Ministries/Departments.

During the first part of Session, the Union Budget for 2017-18 was presented on Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017. This time Budget for Railways was also merged with General Budget. General Discussion on the Union Budget was held in both Houses.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.

The **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. During this period, besides completion of General Discussion on Union Budget, the Rajya Sabha discussed the working of Ministry of Railways.

A major highlight of this Session, among others, 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 w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.

During this Session a total of 24 Bills (24 in Lok Sabha) were introduced. 23 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and 14 Bills by Rajya Sabha. **Total number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament during the Session 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 of Parliament, Bill withdrawn is attached in **Annexure**.

**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.

In the Lok Sabha, one **Short Duration Discussion** under Rule 193 was held on Sustainable Development Goals which remained inconclusive. In the Rajya Sabha, two Short Duration Discussion under Rule 176, were held on i) 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 also held in Rajya Sabha.

## **Annexure**

### **Legislative Business Transacted During The 11<sup>th</sup> Session of 16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha and 242<sup>nd</sup> 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 RajyaSabha 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

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