

PRESS RELEASE

The Budget Session, 2010 of Parliament which commenced on Monday, 22 February, 2010 has been adjourned *sine die* on Friday, the 7 May, 2010.

2. The Session was held in two parts. In the first part, the sittings of the both House were held from 22 February to 16 March, 2010. The sittings of the Houses during the second part of the Session was held from 15 April to 7 May, 2010. The Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were in recess from 17 March to 14 April, 2010 to enable the Department related Standing Committees to examine the Demands for Grants relating to various Ministries/Departments and make their reports to the Houses.

3. The Session yielded a total of 32 sittings of both the Houses of Parliament – 15 sittings during the first part and 17 sittings during the second part.

4. The Budget Session, 2010 being the first Session of the year, the President addressed the both Houses of Parliament assembled together in terms of Article 87(1) of the Constitution on 22 February, 2010 and informed the Parliament of the causes of its summons. Motion of Thanks on the President Address in Lok Sabha was moved by Shri Inderjit Singh Rao and seconded by Km. Meenakshi Natrajan. In Rajya Sabha it was moved by Prof. P.J. Kurien and seconded by Shri Santosh Bagrodia. It was discussed and adopted by the two Houses during first part of the Session.

5. The Session was mainly devoted to transaction of Financial Business relating to Railways and General Budgets for 2010-11. During the first part of Session, Railway Budget for 2010-11 was presented to Parliament on Wednesday, the 24th February, 2010 and the General Budget for 2010-11 on Thursday, the 26th February, 2010.

6. General discussion on the Railways and General Budgets were held in both the Houses. The Lok Sabha also discussed and voted the Demands for Grants on Account and Supplementary Demands for Grants relating to Railways and General Budgets. The Appropriation Bills relating to these Demands were introduced, considered and passed by Lok Sabha and subsequently returned by the Rajya Sabha during the first part of the Session.

7. During the Second Part of the Session, Demands for Grants relating to the Railways were discussed and voted and the related Appropriation Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha and subsequently returned by the Rajya Sabha. Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministries of (i) External Affairs; (ii) Rural Development; and (iii) Tribal Affairs, were discussed and voted 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 Tuesday, 27 April, 2010. The related Appropriation Bill was also introduced, considered and passed and subsequently returned by the Rajya Sabha.

8. During this period, the Rajya Sabha discussed the working of Ministries of (i) Power; (ii) Youth Affairs and Sports; (iii) Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; (iv) Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and (v) Home Affairs. The two Houses also considered and passed/returned the Finance Bill, 2010.

9. In the Lok Sabha, three Short Duration Discussions under Rule 193 were held on (i) price rise; (ii) the recent Maoist attack on CRPF Personnel at Dantewada district of Chhatisgarh; and (iii) need to lay down specific parameters for conducting the census, 2011. In the Rajya Sabha, three Short Duration Discussions under Rule 176, were held on (i) price rise ; (ii) the statement

made by Minister of Home Affairs on the Maoist attack on CRPF Personnel in Dantewada District of Chhatisgarh, and (iii) tapping of telephones of certain politicians. Besides, 2 Calling Attention in Lok Sabha and 5 Calling Attention in Rajya Sabha were held. One Half-an-hour discussion on migration of labourers was also held in Rajya Sabha.

10. One Bill replacing one Ordinance namely; the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Ordinance, 2010 was also considered and passed by both Houses during the first part of the Session.

11. During the Session 37 Bills (27 in Lok Sabha and 10 in Rajya Sabha) were introduced. Lok Sabha passed 21 Bills and Rajya Sabha passed 16 Bills. Total number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament during the Session is 15. One Bill was withdrawn in Rajya Sabha. A list of Bills introduced/ passed is enclosed.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING FOURTH SESSEION OF FIFTEENTH LOK SABHA AND 219TH SESSION OF RAJYA SABHA (BUDGET SESSION)

I – BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

1. The Finance Bill, 2010
2. The Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2010
3. The State Bank of India (Amendment) Bill, 2010
4. The Appropriation (Railways) Vote on Account Bill, 2010
5. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2010
6. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2010
7. The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2010
8. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2010
9. The Appropriation Bill, 2010
10. The Orissa (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2010
11. The Constitution (One Hundred and Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2010
12. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2010
13. The Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Amendment Bill, 2010
14. The National Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2010
15. The Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulations) Bill, 2010
16. The Appropriation (Railways) No. 3 Bill, 2010
17. The Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
18. The Prevention of Torture Bill, 2010
19. The Wakf (Amendment) Bill, 2010
20. The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2010
21. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2010
22. The Prohibition of Unfair Practices in Technical Educational Institutions, Medical Educational Institutions and University Bill, 2010
23. The Educational Tribunals Bill, 2010
24. The Foreign Educational Institutions (Regulation of Entry and Operations) Bill, 2010
25. The National Accreditation Regulatory Authority for Higher Educational Institutions Bill, 2010
26. The National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board Bill, 2010
27. The Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Bill, 2010

II – BILLS INTRODUCED IN RAJYA SABHA

1. The National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill, 2010
2. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2010
3. The Chemical Weapons Convention (Amendment) Bill, 2010
4. The Copyright (Amendment) Bill, 2010
5. The Personal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2010
6. The Cost and Works Accountants (Amendment) Bill, 2010
7. The Chartered Accountants (Amendment) Bill, 2010
8. The Company Secretaries (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
9. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Council Bill, 2010
10. The Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2010

III – BILLS PASSED BY LOK SABHA

1. The Appropriation (Railways) Vote on Account Bill, 2010
2. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2010
3. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2010
4. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2010
5. The Appropriation Bill, 2010
6. The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2010
7. The Appropriation (Railways) No. 3 Bill, 2010
8. The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2010
9. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2010
10. The Finance Bill, 2010
11. The National Green Tribunal Bill, 2009
12. The Employees State Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2009
13. The Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2010
14. The Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Bill, 2010
15. The Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2010
16. The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2009
17. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Council Bill, 2010
18. The Land Ports Authority of India Bill, 2009
19. The Plantations Labour (Amendment) Bill, 2010
20. The Prevention of Torture Bill, 2010.
21. The Wakf (Amendment) Bill, 2010

IV – BILLS PASSED BY RAJYA SABHA

1. The Constitution (One Hundred and Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2008
2. The Appropriation (Railways) Vote on Account Bill, 2010
3. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2010
4. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2010
5. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2010
6. The Appropriation Bill, 2010
7. The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2010
8. The Appropriation (Railways) No.3 Bill, 2010
9. The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2010
10. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2010
11. The Plantations Labour (Amendment) Bill, 2008

12. The Finance Bill, 2010
13. The National Green Tribunal Bill, 2010
14. The Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2010
15. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Council Bill, 2010
16. The Employees State Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2009

V - BILLS PASSED/RETURNED BY BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

1. The Appropriation (Railways) Vote on Account Bill, 2010
2. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2010
3. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2010
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15. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Council Bill, 2010

VI - BILL WITHDRAWN IN RAJYA SABHA

The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999