

## PRESS RELEASE

1. The Monsoon Session, 2023 of Parliament which commenced on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023 has been adjourned *sine die* on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023. The Session provided 17 sittings spread over a period of 23 days.
2. During the Session 20 Bills were introduced in Lok Sabha and 5 Bills were introduced in Rajya Sabha. 22 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and 25 Bills were passed by Rajya Sabha. One Bill each was withdrawn with the leave of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha respectively. Total number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament during the Session is 23.
3. Lists of Bills introduced in Lok Sabha, Bills passed by Lok Sabha, Bills passed by Rajya Sabha and Bills passed by both the Houses are attached in Annex.
4. A Bill replacing the Ordinance, namely, The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023 which was promulgated by the President before Monsoon Session, was considered and passed by the Houses with a view to give effect to the intent and purpose behind the provisions of article 239AA of the Constitution, by a permanent authority, headed by the Chief Minister of Delhi along with the Chief Secretary, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Principal Secretary, Home, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, is being constituted to make recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor regarding matters concerning transfer postings, vigilance and other matters.
5. Some of the major Bills passed by both Houses during the Session are as under:
  - **The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2023** seeks to make the process of sanctioning of films for exhibition more effective and in tune with the changed times by including enabling provisions in the Act to check film piracy, introduce age-based categories of certification and remove redundant provisions in the existing Act.
  - **The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 2023** seeks for inclusion of Hattee community of Trans Giri area of Sirmour district in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Himachal Pradesh.
  - **The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2023** seeks for inclusion of Bhuinya, Bhuiyan, and Bhuyan communities as synonyms of the Bhardia Bhumia community. It also includes three Devanagari versions of the name of the Pando community in Chhattisgarh.
  - **The Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2023** seeks (i) to strengthen governance, enhancing transparency, increasing accountability reforming electoral process etc.in the Multi-State Cooperative Societies by supplementing existing legislation and incorporating the provisions of Ninety Seventh Constitutional Amendment. (ii) to improve monitoring mechanism and ensuring Ease of Doing Business for Multi-State Cooperative Societies.

- **The Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2023** seeks to (i) reduce the pressure on wild medicinal plants by encouraging cultivation of medicinal plants; (ii) encourage Indian system of medicine; (iii) facilitate fast-tracking of research, patent application process, transfer of research results while utilising the biological resources available in India without compromising the objectives of United Nation Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol; (iv) decriminalise certain provisions; (v) bring more foreign investments in the chain of biological resources, including research, patent and commercial utilisation, without compromising the national interest.
- **The Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023** seeks to Amend the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 for introducing Exploration Licence & to delist some minerals from the list of atomic minerals.
- **The Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023** seeks to provide for grant of production lease to private sector only through auction by competitive bidding to enable early allocation of operating rights through a transparent and non-discretionary process. Also to adopt other features of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, such as, establishment of trusts for mining affected persons and encouraging exploration, removing process of discretionary renewals and providing uniform lease period of fifty years, introduction of composite licence, providing for area limits, easy transfer of composite licence or production lease, etc.
- **The Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023** intends to amend the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by inter-alia clarifying the applicability of the Act in various types of lands and to streamline the process of approvals under the Act.
- **The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023** Besides decriminalisation of minor offences, the Bill envisages rationalisation of monetary penalties, depending on the gravity of offence, bolstering the trust-based governance. Yet another novelty involved in the proposal is increase of ten per cent. of the minimum amount of fine and penalty levied, after the expiry of every three years, once the Bill becomes a law
- **The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023** seeks to accommodate progressive changes in the society during the last five decades, making registration process people friendly and to update other databases at national and state level using database of registered births and deaths.
- **The Mediation Bill, 2023** seeks to promote and facilitate mediation, especially institutional mediation, for resolution of disputes, commercial or otherwise, enforce mediated settlement agreements, provide for a body for registration of mediators, to encourage community mediation and to make online mediation as acceptable and cost effective process and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- **The Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Bill, 2023** seeks to empower the Commander - in - Chief or the Officer -in- Command of Inter-Services Organisations in respect of persons subject to the Army Act, 1950, the Navy

Act, 1957 and the Air Force Act, 1950, who are serving under or attached to his Command, for maintenance of discipline and proper discharge of their duties.

- **The Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023** seeks to provide for (i) alignment of IIM Act with Acts governing the IITs and other Institutes of National Importance. (ii) inclusion of NITIE, Mumbai in the schedule of the IIM Act, 2017 and renaming NITIE, Mumbai as IIM Mumbai.
- **The National Dental Commission Bill, 2023** seeks to regulate the profession of dentistry in the country, to provide for quality and affordable; dental education, to make accessible high quality oral healthcare and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- **The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023** seeks to provide for regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by nursing and midwifery professionals, assessment of institutions, maintenance of a National Register and State Registers and creation of a system to improve access, research and development and adoption of latest scientific advancement and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- **The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023** seeks Inclusion of Mahra, Mahara community as a synonyms of Mahar, Mehra, Mehar at Sl. No. 33 in the list of Scheduled Castes of Chhattisgarh.
- **The Anusandhan National Research Foundation Bill, 2023** To establish the Anusandhan National Research Foundation to provide high level strategic direction for research, innovation and entrepreneurship in the fields of natural sciences including mathematical sciences, engineering and technology, environmental and earth sciences, health and agriculture, and scientific and technological interfaces of humanities and social sciences, to promote, monitor and provide support as required for such research and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- **The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023** seeks to provide for the processing of digital personal data in a manner that recognizes both the right of individuals to protect their personal data and the need to process personal data for lawful purposes, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- **The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023** seeks : (a) to revise the provisions of the Act so as to reduce the regulatory compliance burden to the stakeholders without diluting the core principles of environment protection in coastal areas; (b) to decriminalize the offence(s) under the Act; (c) to expand the scope of the Act to bring all coastal aquaculture activities under its ambit; and (d) to remove difficulties and regulatory gaps in the Act for effective implementation, and to facilitate ease of doing business.)
- **The Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill, 2023** seeks to provide that any person whose name has been entered in the register of pharmacist maintained under the Jammu and Kashmir

Pharmacy Act, 2011 or possesses qualification (medical assistant/pharmacist) prescribes under the said act shall be deemed to have been entered in the register of pharmacist prepared and maintained under chapter IV of the said act subject to condition that an application to be made in this behalf within a period of one year from the commencement of the Pharmacy (Amendment) Act, 2023 on payment of such fees, in such a manner, as may be prescribed by the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and administration of Union Territory of Ladakh.

6. No-confidence motion in the Council of Ministers moved by Shri Gaurav Gogoi was discussed for approx. 20 hours. 60 Members including Ministers participated in the discussion, which was replied to by Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Motion was negated by the House via voice vote.
7. The productivity of Lok Sabha was approximately 45% and that of Rajya Sabha was approximately 63%.

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# LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF 17<sup>TH</sup> LOK SABHA AND 260<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF RAJYA SABHA (MONSOON SESSION)

## **I – BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA**

1. The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023.
2. The National Dental Commission Bill, 2023.
3. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023
4. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023
5. The Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023
6. The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023
7. The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023
8. The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023
9. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023
10. The Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023.
11. The Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023
12. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023
13. The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023
14. The Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill, 2023
15. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation Bill, 2023
16. The Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023
17. The Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023
18. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023.
19. The Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita Bill, 2023
20. The Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023

## **II – BILLS INTRODUCED IN RAJYA SABHA**

1. The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2023
2. The Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2023
3. The Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023
4. The Post Office Bill, 2023
5. The Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill, 2023

## **III- BILLS PASSED BY LOK SABHA**

1. The Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2022.
2. The Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022
3. The Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023
4. The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023
5. The Repealing and Amending Bill, 2022
6. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023
7. The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023
8. The National Dental Commission Bill, 2023.
9. The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2023
  - \*The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2023
  - \*The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 2023
10. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023
11. The Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023
12. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order Amendment Bill, 2023
13. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023
14. The Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023
15. The Inter-services Organisations (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill, 2023
16. The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023

17. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation Bill, 2023
18. The Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill, 2023
19. The Mediation Bill, 2023
20. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023
21. The Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023
22. The Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023

#### **IV – BILLS PASSED/RETURNED BY RAJYA SABHA**

1. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2022
2. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 2022
3. The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2023
4. The Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2023
5. The Mediation Bill, 2021
6. The Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2023
7. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023
8. The Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023
9. The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023
10. The Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023
11. The Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023
12. The Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2023
13. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023
14. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023
15. The Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill, 2023
16. The Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023
17. The National Dental Commission Bill, 2023.
18. The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023
19. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order Amendment Bill, 2023
20. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation Bill, 2023
21. The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023
22. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023
23. The Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill, 2023
24. The Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023
25. The Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023

#### **V – BILLS PASSED BY BOTH THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**

1. The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2023
2. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2023
3. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 2023
4. The Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2023
5. The Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2023
6. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023
7. The Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023
8. The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023
9. The Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023
10. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023
11. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023
12. The Mediation Bill, 2023
13. The Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill, 2023
14. The Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023
15. The National Dental Commission Bill, 2023.
16. The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023
17. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order Amendment Bill, 2023

18. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation Bill, 2023
19. The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023
20. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023
21. The Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill, 2023
22. The Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023
23. The Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023

**VI – BILL WITHDRAWN IN LOK SABHA**

1. The DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2019

**VII – BILL WITHDRAWN IN RAJYA SABHA**

1. The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2019