

PRESS RELEASE

The Budget Session, 2011 of Parliament which commenced on Monday, the 21st February, 2011 has been adjourned *sine die* on Friday, the 25th March, 2011.

2. As per the original schedule of the Budget Session, 2011, both the Houses were to adjourn for recess on Wednesday, the 16th March, 2011, to reassemble on Monday, the 4th April, 2011 and to conclude on Thursday, the 21st April, 2011. Since the Election Commission announced dates of elections to the five State Legislative Assemblies viz. (i) Tamil Nadu, (ii) Kerala (iii) Puducherry, (iv) Assam and (v) West Bengal, leaders of various political parties/groups in Parliament demanded that the Budget Session be re-scheduled to enable them to participate in the election campaign. Accordingly, it was mutually agreed between Opposition and Government to reschedule the Budget Session, 2011 of Parliament to conclude on Friday, 25th March, 2011 after completing all the essential financial business. The revised schedule provided a total of 23 sittings as against 29 sittings scheduled earlier.

3. The Budget Session, 2011 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 21 February, 2011. Motions of Thanks on the President Address, moved by Shri P.C. Chako and seconded by Shri Manish Tewari in the Lok Sabha; and moved by Shri Janardhan Dwivedi and seconded by Ms. Jayanthi Natarajan in the Rajya Sabha, were discussed and adopted by the two Houses during the Session.

4. The Railway Budget for 2011-12 was presented to Parliament on Friday, 25 February, 2011, the Economic Survey on Friday, 25 February, 2011 and the General Budget for 2011-12 on Monday, 28 February, 2011. General discussions on the Railway and General Budgets were held in both the Houses. The Lok Sabha also discussed and voted the Supplementary Demands (General) and Supplementary Demands (Railways). Appropriation Bills relating to these Demands were introduced, considered and passed by Lok Sabha. These Appropriation Bills were subsequently considered and returned by the Rajya Sabha.

5. 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.

During this Session, the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha also considered and adopted a Resolution regarding recommendations of Railway Convention Committee relating to dividend to be payable to the Central Revenues.

6. Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministries of Rural Development, External Affairs and Mines 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 Thursday, 17 March, 2011. The Appropriation Bill relating to the Demands for Grants (General) for 2011-12 was also introduced, considered and passed by Lok Sabha and subsequently returned by the Rajya Sabha. During this period, the Rajya Sabha discussed the working of Ministry of Minority Affairs. The two Houses also considered and passed/returned the Finance Bill, 2011. Besides, three short duration discussion in Lok Sabha and one in Rajya Sabha were discussed. Three Calling Attentions in Lok Sabha and two Calling Attentions in Rajya Sabha were held. Two Half-an-Hour discussions were also held in Lok Sabha

6. During the Session, 14 Bills (11 in Lok Sabha and 3 in Rajya Sabha) were introduced. Total number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament during the Session is 8. A list of Bills introduced/ passed is annexed.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN PARLIAMENT DURING THE BUDGET
SESSION, 2011**

I – BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

1. The Finance Bill, 2011
2. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2011
3. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2011
4. The Appropriation Bill, 2011
5. The Appropriation (No.2), Bill, 2011
6. The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Bill, 2011.
7. The Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
8. The Constitution (One Hundred and Fifteenth Amendment) Bill, 2011
9. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Bill, 2011
10. The Regulation of Factor (Assignment of Receivables) Bill, 2011
11. The Prevention of Bribery of Foreign Public Officials and Officials of Public International Organisations Bill, 2011.

II – BILLS PASSED BY LOK SABHA

1. The Repatriation of Prisoners (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
2. The State Bank of India (Subsidiary Banks) Amendment Bill, 2010
3. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2011
4. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2011
5. The Appropriation Bill, 2011
6. The Appropriation (No.2), Bill, 2011
7. The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Bill, 2011.
8. The Finance Bill, 2011.
9. The Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
10. The Coinage Bill, 2009

III – BILLS INTRODUCED IN RAJYA SABHA

1. The Labour Laws (Exemption from Furnishing Returns and Maintaining Registers by Certain Establishments) Amendment Bill, 2011.
2. The Mines (Amendment) Bill, 2011
3. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Bill, 2011.

IV – BILLS PASSED/RETURNED BY RAJYA SABHA

1. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2011
2. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2011
3. The Appropriation Bill, 2011.
4. The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Bill, 2011.
5. The Repatriation of Prisoners (Amendment) Bill, 2011
6. The State Bank of India (Subsidiary Banks) Amendment Bill, 2011
7. The Orissa (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2011
8. The Constitution (One Hundred Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2011

9. The Appropriation (No2) Bill, 2011
10. The Finance Bill, 2011

V – BILLS PASSED/RETURNED BY BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

1. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2011
2. The Appropriation (Railways) No.2 Bill, 2011
3. The Appropriation Bill, 2011.
4. The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Bill, 2011.
5. The Repatriation of Prisoners (Amendment) Bill, 2011
6. The State Bank of India (Subsidiary Banks) Amendment Bill, 2011
7. The Appropriation (No2) Bill, 2011
8. The Finance Bill, 2011.

VI – BILL WITHDRAWN

The Labour Laws (Exemption from Furnishing Returns and Maintaining Registers by Certain Establishments) Amendment Bill, 2005.