MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

PRESS RELEASE RELATING TO MONSOON SESSION, 2026

1. The Monsoon Session, 2026 of Parliament which commenced on Monday, the 20th of July, 2026 has been adjourned *sine die* on Thursday the 13th of August, 2026. The Session provided 19 sittings spread over a period of 25 days.

2. During the Session 11 Bills were introduced in Lok Sabha and 02 Bills were introduced in Rajya Sabha. 12 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and 12 Bills were passed by Rajya Sabha. Total number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament during the Session is 12.

3. Two Bills replacing and encompassing the provisions of the Ordinances, namely, The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Ordinance, 2026 and the Income-Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 which were promulgated by the President before Monsoon Session, were considered and passed by both the Houses.

4. Demands for Excess Grants for the year 2022-23 were taken up and the related Appropriation Bill was introduced, considered and passed by Lok Sabha on 04.08.2026 and returned by the Rajya Sabha on 06.08.2026.

5. The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 was referred to the Joint Committee of the Houses for examination and report.

6. In order to address, with immediacy, the concerns of students relating to public examinations, **the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026** was introduced to amend the parent Act of 2024 as a major initiative to strengthen the integrity and credibility of the public examination system. The Bill seeks to ensure speedy investigation and time-bound trial of offences under the Act; empower State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to designate Special Fast Track Courts and appoint Special Public Prosecutors; mandate completion of investigations within two months and trials within three months; enable the Central Government to constitute Special Task Forces for investigation, wherever necessary; enhance penalties for offences; and provide for a time-bound appellate mechanism before a Division Bench of the High Court. The Bill was passed by both Houses of Parliament and has been assented to by Hon'ble President.

7. Some other major Bills passed by both Houses during the Session are as under:

- **The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026** seeks to amend the Act of 1971 to bring *Vande Mataram*, honoured as the National Song, within the ambit of Section 3 of The Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 and proposes to make it an offence to intentionally prevent the singing of *Vande Mataram* or cause disturbance to any assembly engaged in its singing, thereby extending legal protection to the National Song and making such acts punishable under the Act.

- **The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026** seeks to amend the parent Act of 1969 to make provisions for delayed registration of births and deaths more stringent by prescribing a streamlined verification mechanism. The Bill provides for registration after one year and up to two years only with the approval of the competent Executive Magistrate, and after two years only with the approval of a Judicial Magistrate of the First Class.

- **The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026** seeks to amend the Act of 2006 to provide for a national digital platform for free and voluntary registration of MSMEs and strengthen the MSME sector by improving access to finance, ensuring faster adjudication of delayed payment disputes of micro and small enterprises, promoting ease of doing business, and decriminalizing offences regarding contravention of certain provisions, replacing conviction-based fines with graded penalties by including warning at the first instance.

- **The Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026** seeks to expand the scope of the definition of "bankers' books" to include all forms of records maintained by banks, whether in physical, electronic, digital, virtual, cloud-based or in any other form, thereby providing a comprehensive, technology-neutral and future-ready legal framework. It standardises certificates and recognises manual, digital and electronic authentication, while enabling electronic records to be produced physically or electronically. It further empowers the Central Government to extend coverage across the financial sector and defines "special cause" for judicial production.

- **The Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026** seeks to amend the First Schedule to the Constitution by altering the name of State of "Kerala" as "Keralam" in accordance with article 3 of the Constitution.

- **The National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026** seeks to amend the National Co-operative Development Corporation Act, 1962 to expand the definition of "foodstuffs" to include any other food items as may be notified by the Central Government, remove the geographical restriction applicable to industrial goods, strengthen the co-operative sector by updating statutory references, removing obsolete provisions, and empowering the Corporation with necessary incidental powers. These measures will facilitate the collection and sharing of credit and other relevant information with authorized institutions, while providing greater flexibility, legal clarity and operational efficiency and enable timely, direct and responsive financial assistance for co-operative development.

- **The Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026** seeks to improve the efficiency, ensure independence, transparency, and uniformity in the qualifications, appointment, terms and conditions of service of Chairpersons and Members of various Tribunals, the administration and functioning of the Tribunals, to establish a National Tribunals Commission and to make consequential amendments in related enactments and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

- **The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026** seeks to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 to provide certainty, stability and predictability in the fiscal regime in the mineral sector, thereby giving impetus to national economic growth which would facilitate the aims of Atmanirbhar Bharat and ultimately attaining the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

8. Lists of Bills introduced in Lok Sabha, Bill referred to the Joint Committee, Bills passed by Lok Sabha, Bills introduced in Rajya Sabha, Bills passed by Rajya Sabha and Bills passed by both the Houses are attached in Annex.

9. The productivity of Lok Sabha was approximately 19% and that of Rajya Sabha was approximately 39%.

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Annex

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING THE 8th SESSION OF 18th LOK SABHA AND 271st SESSION OF RAJYA SABHA

I. BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

1. The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026
2. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026
3. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026
4. The Indian Statistical Institute Bill, 2026
5. The Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026
6. The Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026
7. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill,2026
8. The Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026
9. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026
10. The Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026
11. The National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026

II. BILL INTRODUCED IN RAJYA SABHA

1. The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026
2. The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026

III. BILL REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF BOTH THE HOUSES

1. The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026

IV. BILLS PASSED BY LOK SABHA

1. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026
2. The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026
3. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026
4. The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026
5. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill,2026
6. The Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026
7. The Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026
8. The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026
9. The Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026
10. The Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026
11. The National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026
12. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026

V. BILLS PASSED BY RAJYA SABHA

1. The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026
2. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026
3. The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026
4. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026
5. The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026

6. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill,2026
7. The Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026
8. The Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026
9. The Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026
10. The National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026
11. The Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026
12. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026

VI. BILLS PASSED BY BOTH THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

1. The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026
2. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026
3. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026
4. The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026
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