

Parliament Session Alert

Monsoon Session: July 18 – August 12, 2016

Highlights

- ◆ Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha will meet for the Monsoon Session between July 18 and August 12, 2016. There will be a total of 20 sittings.
- ◆ The agenda for legislation includes nine Bills for consideration and passing. Six Bills are listed for introduction, consideration and passing. We list these below:

Bills listed for Consideration and Passing

Short Title	Key Objectives	Introduced on	Status
Constitutional Amendment			
The Constitution (122nd Amendment) (GST) Bill, 2014	Introduces the Goods and Services Tax to give concurrent taxation powers to both the centre and states, and creates a Goods and Services Tax Council.	19 Dec 2014 Lok Sabha	Passed by Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha Select Committee Report on 22 Jul 2015, Pending in Rajya Sabha
Finance			
The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws and Miscellaneous Provisions (Amendment) Bill, 2016	Amends four laws to address issues related to debt recovery, including expeditious adjudication of cases.	11 May 2016 Lok Sabha	Referred to Joint Committee on 11 May 2016
The Indian Trusts (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Amends Indian Trusts Act, 1882 to permit trustees to invest trust money in securities authorised by the trust deed or central government.	13 Aug 2015 Lok Sabha	Passed by Lok Sabha, Passed by Rajya Sabha with a change in title, Pending in Lok Sabha
Health			
The Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Makes it mandatory for all Homoeopathy Medical Colleges to obtain prior permission from the central government for admission of new batches of students.	6 May 2015 Lok Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 30 July 2015
Labour			
The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2012	Prohibits the employment of children below 14 years in any occupations and of adolescents between 14 -18 years in certain hazardous occupations.	4 Dec 2012 Rajya Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 13 Dec 2013
Security / Law / Strategic Affairs			
The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2016	Vests all rights, titles and interests over enemy property in an office of the central government.	08 Mar 2016 Lok Sabha	Passed by Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha Select Committee Report on 6 May 2016, Pending in Rajya Sabha
The Whistle Blowers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Specifies grounds under which public interest disclosures related to corruption may not be made.	11 May 2015 Lok Sabha	Passed by Lok Sabha, Pending in Rajya Sabha

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<i>Environment, Forests and Climate Change</i>			
The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015	Seeks to establish funds at the national and state levels to receive money collected as compensation for diverted forest land.	8 May 2015 Lok Sabha	Passed by Lok Sabha, Pending in Rajya Sabha
The Regional Centre for Biotechnology Bill, 2016	Provides legislative backing to the Regional Centre in Faridabad, Haryana and give it the status of an institute of national importance.	15 Mar 16 Lok Sabha	Passed by Lok Sabha, Pending in Rajya Sabha

Sources: Bulletins of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, PRS.

Bills listed for Introduction, Consideration and Passing

Short Title	Key Objectives
The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016 – Replaces an Ordinance	Introduces a uniform entrance examination for all medical educational institutions.
The Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2016 – Replaces an Ordinance	Introduces a uniform entrance examination for all dental colleges.
The High Courts (Alteration of Names) Bill, 2016	Changes the names of Bombay and Madras High Courts to Mumbai and Chennai High Courts, respectively.
The Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2016	Incorporates 6 new IITs at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Palakkad (Kerala), Dharwar (Karnataka), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Goa and Jammu (J&K) and converts Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad to an IIT, under the IIT Act, 1961.
The National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER) (Amendment) Bill, 2016	Incorporates National Institute of Technology, Andhra Pradesh in First Schedule of NITSER Act, 2007.
The Use and Regulation of DNA based technology in Civil and Criminal Proceedings, Identification of Missing Persons and Human Remains Bill, 2016	Regulates the use of DNA analysis of human body substances profiles, and establishes the DNA Profiling Board and a National DNA Data Bank.

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