

# Government Releases Agenda Of Parliament's Special Session

## Why In News

- The Special Five-Day Session Of Parliament Starting Next Week Will Discuss The **75-Year History Of Parliament**. The Centre On Wednesday Released A 'Tentative List' Of The Agenda For Parliament's Special Session From September 18 To 22.
- The Government Revealed This Evening, Putting An End To Days Of Speculation. The Government Will Also **Clear Four Bills**, Including The One On Appointment Of The Chief Election Commissioner Which Has Generated Much Controversy.
- As Per A Bulletin Issued Wednesday Evening By The Lok Sabha Secretariat For Mps, The Two Houses Will Discuss The **“Parliamentary Journey Of 75 Years Starting From Samvidhan Sabha — Achievements, Experiences, Memories And Learnings”**, And Take Up For Consideration Four Bills.



## Special Session Of Parliament

- The **Five-Day Special Session** Of Parliament Is Expected To Begin In **The Old Building**, And Will Later Be Shifted To The **New House Building On September 19**.
- Union Minister Of Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi Last Week Announced That A Special Parliamentary Session Would Be Held Between 18-22 September.
- Generally, **Three Parliamentary Sessions** Are Held In A Year- Budget, Monsoon And Winter Sessions.



## Bills To Be Discussed

- Appointment Of The Chief Election Commissioner And Other Election Commissioners
- The Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2023
- The Press And Registration Of Periodicals Bill, 2023
- The Post Office Bill, 2023

## Appointment Of The Chief Election Commissioner

- Last Session Tabled In Rajya Sabha The Contentious Chief Election Commissioner And Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions Of Service And Term Of Office) Bill That Seeks To **Replace The Chief Justice Of India With A Cabinet Minister** In The Panel For Selection Of The Chief Election Commissioner And Election Commissioners.
- Supreme Court In March Ruled That A **Three-Member Panel**, Headed By The Prime Minister And Comprising The Leader Of The Opposition In Lok Sabha And The Chief Justice Of India, Will Select The CEC And Ecs Till A Law Is Framed By Parliament On The Appointment Of These Commissioners.



## Post Office Bill 2023

- The Post Office Bill, 2023 Was Introduced In Rajya Sabha On August 10, 2023. It **Repeals The Indian Post Office Act, 1898**. The Bill Provides For Matters Related To The Functioning Of The Post Office, An Undertaking Of The Central Government (Also Known As India Post).
- **Discussion On** -Exclusive Privileges Of The Central Government.
- Powers To Intercept Shipments
- Services To Be Prescribed

**Postal Services Bill 2023**  
Replacing Indian Post Office act 1898

## Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2023

- The Rajya Sabha Passed The Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2023, With The Objective Of Regulating The Legal Profession Under A Unified Act.
- The Rajya Sabha On Thursday Passed The Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2023, Which Aims To Regulate The Legal Profession By A Single Act And Seeks To Target "Touts".
- The Major Changes Which The Bill Seeks To Bring Is, Making The Act Of 'Tout' Punishable And Repealing Certain **Provisions Of Legal Practitioners Act, 1879** Which Have Become Obsolete.



## The Press And Registration Of Periodicals Bill, 2023

- The Press And Registration Of Periodicals Bill, 2023 Was Introduced In Rajya Sabha On August 1, 2023. It **Repeals The Press And Registration Of Books Act, 1867**.
- The Press And Registration Of Books Act, 1867 (The Act) Was Enacted For The Regulation Of Printing Presses And Newspapers, For Preservation Of Copies Of Books And Newspapers Printed In India, And For The Registration Of Such Books And Newspapers.
- The New Bill Only Contemplates A Maximum Imprisonment Of Six Months If A Periodical Is Published Without A Registration Certificate, And The Publisher Continues Printing Despite Receiving A Direction From PRG For Six Months. This Step Aims To Balance Regulation While Providing Some Relief To Publishers.



## Opposition Say

- The Agenda As Published At The Moment, Is Much Ado About Nothing — All This Could Have Waited Till Winter Session In November. I Am Sure The **Legislative Grenades Are Being Kept Up Their Sleeves To Be Unleashed At The Last Moment As Usual. Parde Ke Peeche Kuch Aur Hai!**"



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Finally, after pressure from Smt. Sonia Gandhi's letter to the Prime Minister, the Modi Govt has condescended to announce the agenda for the special 5-day session of Parliament beginning September 18th.

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Regardless, the INDIA parties will steadfastly oppose the insidious CEC Bill.

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