

Special Sessions Of Parliament

What Bills Are Likely To Be Introduced?

Why In The News?

- The Two Houses Of Parliament, For Five Days Beginning September 18, Will Discuss The “**Parliamentary Journey Of 75 Years Starting From Samvidhan Sabha - Achievements, Experiences, Memories And Learnings**”, And Take Up Some Bills For Consideration Under A “**Special Session**”.

Can A Special Session Be Called?

- According To The **Article 85(1)** Of The Constitution Of India, The Houses Of Parliament Shall Be Summoned To **Meet Twice At Least In Every Year**, And **Six Months Shall Not Intervene** Between Their Last Sitting In One Session And The Date Appointed For Their First Sitting In The Next Session.
- Usually, Parliament Is In Session For Three Periods In A Year:
 - **The Budget Session**
 - **The Monsoon Session**
 - **The Winter Session**
- There Is **No Mention Of The Term “Special Session”** In The Constitution.
- The President, Who Summons A Regular Parliamentary Session Will Also Summon This Session Also According To Provisions Of **Article 85(1)** Of The Constitution.



Previous Special Sessions By The Parliament

- **1962:** The Agenda Included A Discussion On The India-China War Situation
- **1972:** To Celebrate 25 Years Of India's Independence
- **1992:** To Mark The 50th Anniversary Of The Quit India Movement
- **1997:** Commemorating India's 50th Anniversary Of Independence
- **2015:** A Tribute To Dr BR Ambedkar On His 125th Birth Anniversary
- **2017:** To Mark The Rollout Of Goods And Services Tax (GST)

Agenda For Special Session Of Parliament

- Parliamentary Journey Of 75 Years & Shift To The New Parliament Building
- The Advocates (Amendment) Bill
- The Press And Registration Of Periodicals Bill
- The Post Office Bill
- The Repealing And Amending Bill, 2023
- Women's Reservation Bill

The Advocates (Amendment) Bill

- **Introduced By:** Ministry Of Law And Justice
- **Status:** The Bill Was Introduced And Passed In The Rajya Sabha In August This Year And Is Now Pending In Lok Sabha.
- **Objectives:** It Talks About Repealing Certain Sections Under The Legal Practitioners Act, 1879 And Amending The Advocates Act, 1961.

The Press And Registration Of Periodicals Bill

- **Introduced By:** Ministry Of Information And Broadcasting
- **Status:** It Was Introduced And Passed By The Rajya Sabha In August 2023 And Is Pending In The Lok Sabha.
- **Objectives:** Repeal And Reenact The Press And Registration Of Books Act, 1867 For Ease Of Doing Business, Removing Unnecessary Procedural Obstacles For Publishers Etc.

The Post Office Bill

- **Introduced By:** Ministry Of Information And Broadcasting
- **Status:** The Bill Was Introduced In The Rajya Sabha In August And Is Pending In Both Houses.

- **Objectives:** Seeks To Consolidate And Amend The Law Relating To Post Offices In India. Repeal Of The **Indian Post Office Act, 1898** And Enactment Of New Law In Its Place.

Repealing And Amending Bill, 2023

- **Introduced By:** Ministry Of Law And Justice
- **Status:** Passed In The Lok Sabha In July, It Is Now Pending In The Rajya Sabha.
- **Objectives:** This Bill Repeals Certain Enactments That Are Now Considered Obsolete And Also Makes An Amendment To The Factoring Regulation Act, 2011. Also Repealed Appropriation Acts From 2013 To 2017 That Related To The Withdrawal Of Funds From The Consolidated Fund Of India.

Women's Reservation Bill

- **Introduced By:** Ministry Of Law And Justice (As 128th CAA Bill 2023)
- **Status:** Bill Was Introduced In Rajya Sabha In 2008 And It Lapsed Soon After The 15th Lok Sabha Got Dissolved.
- **Objectives:** It Seeks To Provide **33 Per Cent Reservation For Women** In The Lok Sabha And State Assemblies.

