

Parliament Session Alert

Winter Session: November 26 – December 23, 2015

Highlights

- ◆ Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha will meet for the Winter Session between November 26th and December 23rd, 2015.
- ◆ The legislative agenda includes 19 Bills currently pending in Parliament for consideration and passage. 14 new Bills are proposed to be introduced. Out of these one will also be taken up for consideration and passing. Two Bills will be withdrawn. We list these Bills 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 taxing powers to both the centre and states, and creates a Goods and Services Tax Council.	19 Dec 2014 Lok Sabha	Rajya Sabha Select Committee Report on 22 Jul 2015. Passed by Lok Sabha, Pending in Rajya Sabha
Urban development			
The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2013	Regulates transactions between buyers and promoters of real estate projects and sets up state level Regulatory Authorities to regulate the sector.	14 Aug 2013 Rajya Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 13 Feb 2014, Rajya Sabha Select Committee Report on 30 Jul 2015
Health			
The Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2014	Seeks to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS, prohibit discrimination against persons with HIV and AIDS and safeguard their rights.	11 Feb 2014 Rajya Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 29 Apr 2015
The Mental Health Care Bill, 2013	Replaces the Mental Health Act, 1987 to protect the rights of persons with mental illness and promote their access to mental health care.	19 Aug 2013 Rajya Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 20 Nov 2013
Energy			
The Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Seeks to segregate the distribution network from the electricity supply business and introduce multiple supply licensees.	19 Dec 2014 Lok Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 7 May 2015
Labour			
The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2012	Prohibits the employment of children below 14 years 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 High Court and the Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 2015	Seeks to ensure uniformity in pensions and other conditions of service of supreme court and high court judges.	13 Aug 2015 Lok Sabha	Not referred to Standing Committee

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The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Bill, 2015	Enables the creation of commercial divisions and commercial appellate divisions in high courts, and commercial courts at the district level.	29 Apr 2015 Rajya Sabha	Standing Committee granted time upto 30 Nov 2015
The Anti-Hijacking Bill, 2014	Repeals the Anti-Hijacking Act, 1982, defines hijacking and awards death penalty for hijacking in certain cases.	17 Dec 2014 Rajya Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 11 Mar 2015
The Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013	Makes the giving of a bribe an offence for individuals and commercial organisations, and enlarges the definition of taking a bribe.	19 Aug 2013 Rajya Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 6 Feb 2014
The Repealing and Amending (Third) Bill, 2015	Repeals 295 Acts which have ceased to be in force and amends two Acts.	27 Jul 2015 Lok Sabha	Passed by Lok Sabha, Pending in Rajya Sabha
The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2014	Amends certain existing categories of offences and adds new offences against SCs and STs, and establishes exclusive special courts to try offences under the Act.	16 Jul 2014 Lok Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 19 Dec 2014, Passed by Lok Sabha, Pending in Rajya Sabha
The Whistle Blowers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Specifies grounds under which public interest disclosures may not be made.	11 May 2015 Lok Sabha	Passed by Lok Sabha, Pending in Rajya Sabha
The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill, 2014	Permits juveniles between the ages of 16-18 years to be tried as adults for heinous offences and provides for institutional care for children in need of protection and care.	12 Aug 2014 Lok Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 25 Feb 2015, Passed by Lok Sabha, Pending in Rajya Sabha
The Appropriation Acts (Repeal) Bill, 2015	Seeks to repeal 758 Appropriation Acts.	24 Apr 2015 Lok Sabha	Passed by Lok Sabha, Pending in Rajya Sabha
Industry			
The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Increases the allowance for investment in plants and machinery in micro, small and medium enterprises engaged in manufacture or services.	20 Apr 2015 Lok Sabha	Standing Committee Report on 5 Aug 2015
Consumer Affairs			
The Bureau of Indian Standards Bill, 2015	Replaces the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 and seeks to establish BIS as the national standards body and addresses mandatory standardisation of products.	7 Aug 2015 Lok Sabha	Not referred to Standing Committee
Transport/ Tourism			
The Carriage by Air (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Empowers the central government to revise liability limits of air carriers on compensation for death, injury, and loss of baggage/cargo.	7 Aug 2015 Lok Sabha	Not referred to Standing Committee
Finance			
The Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Specifies the territorial jurisdiction of courts for filing cases of cheque bouncing.	27 Jul 2015 Lok Sabha	Passed by Lok Sabha, Pending in Rajya Sabha

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

Bill listed for Introduction, Consideration and Passing

Short Title	Key Objectives
The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2015 – Replaces an Ordinance	To make the process of arbitration simpler and ensure timely disposal of cases.

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Bills listed for Introduction

Short Title

The Agricultural Bio-Security Bill, 2015
 The Anti Maritime Piracy Bill, 2015
 The Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 2015
 The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2015
 The Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2015
 The High Courts (Alteration of Names) Bill, 2015
 The Indian Institute of Management Bill, 2015
 The Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015
 The National Commission for Women (NCW) Bill, 2015
 The National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2015
 The Nuclear Safety Regulatory Authority Bill, 2015
 The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, 2015
 The Regional Centre for Biotechnology Bill, 2015

Sources: Bulletins of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

Bills listed for Withdrawal

Short Title	Introduced on	Status
The Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2013	29 Aug 2013	Standing Committee Report on 18 Dec 2013
The Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 1992	25 Nov 1992 Rajya Sabha	Not referred to Standing Committee

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