

Parliament Session Wrap

Winter Session – November 22 to December 19, 2006

Bills Passed by Parliament during the Winter Session

Short Title	Key Objectives
The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2006	Moves the list of essential commodities to a schedule. Provides central government powers to amend the schedule. Prunes list to 7 commodities.
* The Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2006	Changes the constitution of the Trust to include the PM as chairperson, and Union culture minister, leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, Congress president, Governor and CM of Punjab, and three eminent persons as Trustees.
The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order Amendment Bill, 2006	Amends "Lohar" in the Hindi version of the Order to "Lohara" for the state of Bihar.
* The Indian Rifles (Repeal) Bill, 2006	Repeals the Indian Rifles Act, 1920, which governed various police forces in princely states, as the Act has become obsolete.
The Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages University Bill, 2006	Upgrades the CIEFL, situated in Hyderabad, to the status of a central university.
* Uttaranchal (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2006	Changes the name of Uttaranchal to Uttarakhand.
The Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Bill, 2006	Permits USO Fund to be used to support cellphone service providers.
The Sikkim University Bill, 2006	Establishes a central university in Sikkim.
The Tripura University Bill, 2006	Converts the Tripura University to a central university.
The Rajiv Gandhi University Bill, 2006	Converts the Rajiv Gandhi University in Arunachal Pradesh to a central university.
* The Administrative Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 2006	Increases the retirement age of members of the Tribunal from 62 to 65 years.
The Prohibition of Child Marriage Bill, 2006	Prohibits child marriage, permits annulment of marriage by a child, and imposes penalties on those abetting the marriage of a child.
* The Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2006	Changes the chairperson of the selection committee from the Minister for HRD to the Minister for Women and Child Development.
The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Bill, 2006	Provides for reservation of 27% of the seats in central educational institutions for OBCs, and for increasing the seats in order to protect the number of general category seats.
The Dalmia Dadri Cement Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Amendment Bill, 2006	Empowers CCI to close and sell the assets of a cement plant as provided by the rehabilitation scheme of BIFR.
* The Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 2006	Authorises expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India.
* The Appropriation (No. 6) Bill, 2006	Authorises expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India.
The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill, 2006	Provides certain rights including land ownership rights in forests for communities that have been forest dwellers for at least three generations.

Short Title	Key Objectives
* The Appropriation (Railways) No.5 Bill, 2006	Authorises expenditure of the Railways.
* The Appropriation (Railways) No.6 Bill, 2006	Authorises expenditure of the Railways.

Sources: Respective Bills, PRS.

* These were introduced during the Winter Session 2006.

Government Bills Withdrawn during the Winter Session

Short Title	Key Objectives	Reason for withdrawal
The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2005	Includes securitisation certificates in the definition of "securities" so that they can be listed and traded on stock exchanges.	Replaced by a new Bill incorporating recommendations of the Standing Committee.

Sources: Lok Sabha Bulletin, PRS.

Government Bills Introduced during the Winter Session and Pending

Short Title	Key Objectives	Introduced on	Status
The National Waterway (Talcher-Dhamra Stretch of Rivers Geonkhali-Charbatia-Dhamra Stretch of Matai River and Mahanadi Delta Rivers) Bill, 2006	Identifies certain waterways as National Waterways.	December 8, 2006	Standing Committee to submit report in 3 months.
The National Waterway (Kakinada-Pondicherry Stretch of Canals and the Kaluvelly Tank, Bhadrachalam-Rajahmundry Stretch of River Godavari and Wazirabad-Vijaywada Stretch of River Krishna) Bill, 2006	Identifies certain waterways as National Waterways.	December 8, 2006	Standing Committee to submit report in 3 months.
The Limited Liability Partnership Bill, 2006	Permits partnership firms to be established with limited liability.	December 15, 2006	
The Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006	Provides for punishment of cyber-crimes such as identity theft. Allows electronic signatures to be technology neutral.	December 15, 2006	
The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2006	Includes securitisation certificates in the definition of "securities" so that they can be listed and traded on stock exchanges.	December 15, 2006	
The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Bill, 2006	Replaces FCRA, 1976. Regulates the use of donations from foreign sources.	December 18, 2006	
The State Bank of India (Amendment) Bill, 2006	Increases the authorised capital of SBI to Rs 5000 crore, and allows RBI to lower its shareholding from 55% to 51%.	December 18, 2006	
The Central Road Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2006	Permits the Fund to borrow against future cess collections and to utilise the collections for repayment of such loans.	December 18, 2006	
The Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2006	Establishes a system for enquiring into charges against judges, and for penalties.	December 19, 2006	
The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2006	Requires all cable operators to transmit the Parliament channel.	December 19, 2006	

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

Status as of December 20, 2006.

Government Bills Pending from Earlier Sessions of Parliament

LOK SABHA		
Short Title	Introduced on	Status
The Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2006	7 Aug, 2006	Standing Committee granted extension till the first day of last week of Budget Session 2007
The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order Amendment Bill, 2006	31 Jul, 2006	Standing Committee Report on 18 Dec, 2006
The Payment and Settlement Systems Bill, 2006	25 Jul, 2006	Referred to Standing Committee
The National Jute Board Bill, 2006	22 May, 2006	Standing Committee Report on 24 Nov, 2006
The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2006	22 May, 2006	Standing Committee Report on 23 Nov, 2006
The Constitution (One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2006	22 May, 2006	Referred to Standing Committee
The State Bank of India (Subsidiary Bank Laws) Amendment Bill, 2006	22 May, 2006	Standing Committee Report on 14 Dec, 2006
The Forward Contracts Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2006	21 Mar, 2006	Standing Committee Report on 19 Dec, 2006
The Drugs (Control) Repeal Bill, 2006	10 Mar, 2006	Not referred to Standing Committee
The Competition Amendment Bill, 2006	9 Mar, 2006	Standing Committee Report on 12 Dec, 2006
The Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2005	23 Dec, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 22 May, 2006
The Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2005	7 Dec, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 23 Nov, 2006
The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2005	16 Aug, 2005	Not referred to Standing Committee
The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2005	13 May, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 13 Dec, 2005
The Admiralty Bill, 2005	11 May, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 21 Mar, 2006
The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Bill, 2005	21 Mar, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 26 Jul, 2005
The Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2004	23 Dec, 2004	Standing Committee Report on 27 Jul, 2005
The National Commission for Minorities (Repeal) Bill, 2004	23 Dec, 2004	Standing Committee Report on 21 Feb, 2006
The Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Bill, 2004	23 Dec, 2004	Standing Committee Report on 21 Feb, 2006
RAJYA SABHA		
Short Title	Introduced on	Status
The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2006	23 Aug, 2006	Referred to Standing Committee
The Sashastra Seema Bal Bill, 2006	28 Jul, 2006	Referred to Standing Committee
The National Institutes of Technology Bill, 2006	22 May, 2006	Standing Committee Report on 23 Nov, 2006
The Apprentices (Amendment) Bill, 2006	19 May, 2006	Standing Committee Report on 24 Nov, 2006
The Administrative Tribunal (Amendment) Bill, 2006	18 Mar, 2006	Standing Committee granted extension till last week of Monsoon Session 2006
The Representation of People (Amendment) Bill, 2006	27 Feb, 2006	Standing Committee Report on 4 Aug, 2006
The Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2005	21 Dec, 2005	Standing Committee granted extension till last day of Monsoon Session 2006
The Armed Forces Tribunal Bill, 2005	20 Dec, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 23 May, 2006
The Inland Vessels (Amendment) Bill, 2005	8 Dec, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 21 Mar, 2006
The Carriage by Road Bill, 2005	7 Dec, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 21 Mar, 2006
The Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005	5 Dec, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 13 Dec, 2006
The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2005	23 Aug, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 19 Dec, 2006
The Labour Laws (Exemption from Furnishing Returns and Maintaining Registers by Certain Establishments) Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 2005	22 Aug, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 20 Dec, 2005
The Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy Pharmacy Bill, 2005	12 Aug, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 28 Jul, 2006
The Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2005	10 May, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 21 Dec, 2005
The Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2005	23 Mar, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 29 Jul, 2005
The Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2005	23 Mar, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 29 Jul, 2005
The Standards of Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill, 2005	10 Mar, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 23 Dec, 2005

Short Title	Introduced on	Status
The Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Amendment Bill, 2005	10 Mar, 2005	Standing Committee Report on 23 Dec, 2005
The Scheduled Castes, Schedules Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Reservation in Posts and Services) Bill, 2004	22 Dec, 2004	Standing Committee Report on 26 Jul, 2005
The Seeds Bill, 2004	9 Dec, 2004	Standing Committee Report on 28 Nov, 2006
Introduced in Rajya Sabha before the formation of the 14 th Lok Sabha		
Short Title	Introduced on	Status
The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2006	7 May, 2003	
The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) (Union Territories) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2003	5 Mar, 2003	Motion for consideration of the Bill moved on the 9 April, 2003: discussion on the Bill was deferred, as agreed to by the House
The Provisions of the Municipalities (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Bill, 2001	30 Jul, 2001	Standing Committee Report on 9 Dec, 2003
The Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2001	24 Apr, 2001	Standing Committee Report on 18 Mar, 2002
The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Amendment Bill, 2000	24 Apr, 2000	Standing Committee Report on 31 Aug, 2001
The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999	23 Dec, 1999	Standing Committee Report on 18 Dec, 2001
The Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997	28 Jul, 1997	Standing Committee Report on 21 Dec, 2000
The Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Bill, 1995	25 Aug, 1995	Standing Committee Report on 29 Aug, 1996
The University Grants Commission (Amendment) Bill, 1995	2 Jun, 1995	Standing Committee Report on 16 Aug, 1995
The Indian Boilers (Amendment) Bill, 1994	13 May, 1994	Standing Committee Report on 29 Mar, 1995
The Constitution (Seventy-ninth Amendment) Bill, 1992	22 Dec, 1992	Standing Committee Report on 22 Mar, 1995
The Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 1992	25 Nov, 1992	
The Participation of Workers in Management Bill, 1990	30 May, 1990	Standing Committee Report on 18 Dec, 2001
The Constitution (Sixty-first Amendment) Bill, 1988	24 Nov, 1988	
The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 1987	26 Aug, 1987	Joint Committee Report on 28 Jul, 1989

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

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Government Bills

Bills pending before session	67
Bills introduced during session	19
Bills passed during session	20
Bills withdrawn during session	1
Bills pending after session	65

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