

# Benami, whistle blowers bill priority for government in session's second week

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Terming “as productive” the first week of the Monsoon Session of Parliament that saw passing of five important Bills, the government has lined up few more “priority” Bills for the second week of the session beginning Monday.

“Following the productive first week of the current Monsoon Session of Parliament during when five of the 16 Bills proposed by the government were passed, four more Bills have been proposed by the Government for consideration and passing,” an official statement said.

These include the Benami Transactions (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2015 and the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in Lok Sabha and the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013 and the Whistle Blowers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in Rajya Sabha.

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All Bills are passed by Lok Sabha already.

Other Bills proposed to be taken up in Lok Sabha include the Institution of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2016, the High Courts (Alteration of Names) Bill, 2016 and the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2012.

The first two of these Bills would go to Rajya Sabha after passed by the Lower House while the Child Labour Bill has been passed by the Upper House last week.

During the second week of this Session, Lok Sabha is likely to take up a Calling Attention Motion moved by Biju Janata Dal leader Bhartrihari Mahtab on the "Undertaking of a barrage project over river Mahanadi by Chattisgarh Government there by severely impacting flow of water into Hirakud dam in Odisha".

The government also proposed for consideration in both the Houses a Resolution seeking to approve the recommendation of the Railway Convention Committee to revise the rate of dividend payable by the Railways to general revenues and other related ancillary matters as contained in the Committee's report of December 2015.

During the first week of this Monsoon Session, Lok Sabha has cleared four Bills during the five sittings.

These include the Indian Medical Council Bill, 2016, the Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2016 and the National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research Bill (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

These were among the six Bills introduced in the House last week. Besides, the lower house also considered and accepted an amendment to the Indian Trustees (Amendment) Bill, 2015 as passed by the Upper House in earlier session.

During the last week, Rajya Sabha passed two Bills – the Regional Centre for Biotechnology