

Monsoon Session of Parliament: New Bills and 131st Amendment Bill

The Monsoon Session of Parliament commenced with discussions on new bills and the potential revival of the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill.

The Monsoon Session is one of the three annual parliamentary sessions, typically held from July to September, where legislative business is conducted.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Monsoon Session** of Parliament began on **July 20, 2026**, and is scheduled to conclude on **August 13, 2026**.
- The **government** has listed **five new Bills** for consideration during this session.
- There is speculation regarding the **reintroduction** of a revised **Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill**.
- The original **Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill** aimed to redistribute **Lok Sabha seats** based on the **2011 Census**.
- It also sought to facilitate the implementation of **women's reservation** in the **Lok Sabha**.
- The previous version of the Bill was **defeated** on **April 17, 2026**, with **298 votes** in favour out of **528 members** present and voting.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 368 of the **Indian Constitution** deals with the power of Parliament to **amend the Constitution** and the procedure for doing so.

The Constitution (**One Hundred and Sixth Amendment**) Act, **2023**, known as the **Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam**, reserves **one-third of seats** for **women** in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies.

The **delimitation** of **Lok Sabha constituencies** is currently frozen until the first census after **2026**, as per the **84th Amendment Act, 2001**.

Parliament has **three main sessions** annually: the **Budget Session** (February-May), the **Monsoon Session** (July-September), and the **Winter Session** (November-December).

A **Constitutional Amendment Bill** requires a **special majority** in **both Houses of Parliament**, i.e., a majority of the total membership of that House and a majority of not less than **two-thirds** of the members present and voting.

The **Lok Sabha**, the **lower house** of the Indian Parliament, has a maximum sanctioned strength of **550 members**.

The **Census of India** is conducted every **10 years** by the Office of the **Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs**.

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The Monsoon Session of Parliament 2026 began on July 20, discussing new bills and the 131st Amendment Bill.

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