Vital Stats
Legislation in Parliament

How many Members of Parliament take part in legislative debates? How much time is spent on making laws in Parliament? How many Bills are introduced and passed by Parliament? We take a look at the data for the last four Sessions.

- In Lok Sabha, of the 542 MPs, an average of 103 MPs participated in legislative debates per session of 2006. During Budget Session 2007, 48 different MPs participated in debates on Bills.
- In Rajya Sabha, of the 246 MPs, an average of 68 MPs participated in legislative debates per session of 2006. During Budget Session 2007, 30 different MPs participated in debates on Bills.

- During Budget Session 2007, Lok Sabha spent 9% and Rajya Sabha spent 12% of its time on discussions related to Bills other than Finance Bill and Appropriation Bills. The corresponding figures for Budget Session 2006 were 12% and 14% respectively.
- In 2006, Lok Sabha spent an average of 26 hours 32 minutes per session debating legislation other than financial business. Rajya Sabha spent an average of 25 hours 27 minutes.

- Parliament passed 65 Bills in 2006. Out of these, 14 Bills were related to financial business.
- In Budget Session 2007, Parliament passed 20 Bills out of which seven were related to financial business. This was less than 28 Bills (including 8 related to financial business) passed in Budget Session 2006.

Notes:
1. The data for the above graphs has been obtained from the Parliamentary proceedings as reported on http://parliamentofindia.nic.in/. The computation of MP participation and time utilised has been done by PRS.

For the first two graphs, Finance Bills and Appropriation Bills have not been included.

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