

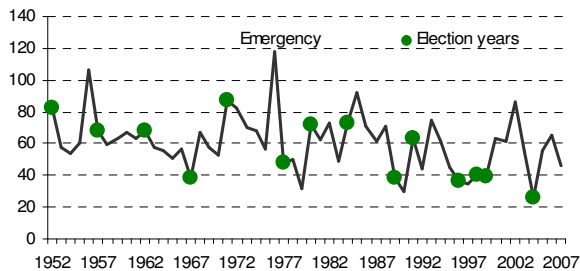


Vital Stats

Legislative activity in Parliament

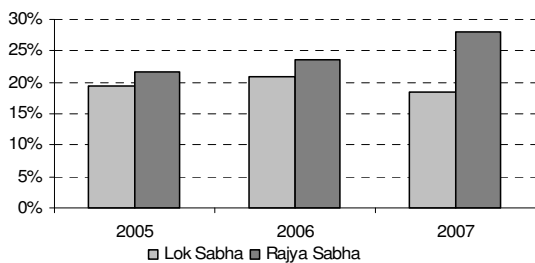
Parliament passes about 60 Bills every year. It devotes 20 - 25% of its time on legislative business. The time spent on debating each Bill varies widely. In 2007, 30 - 40 % of Bills were passed without significant debate. About one in every four Lok Sabha MPs and one in every two Rajya Sabha MPs participated in some legislative debate in 2007.

Number of Bills passed by Parliament



- Since 1952, Parliament has passed an average of 60 Bills every year.
- In recent years, legislative activity has dipped during election years, as Parliament functions for fewer days.
- Between 2000 and 2006 (except the election year of 2004), on average, 65 Bills were passed every year.
- Parliament passed 46 Bills in 2007 as compared to 65 in 2006.

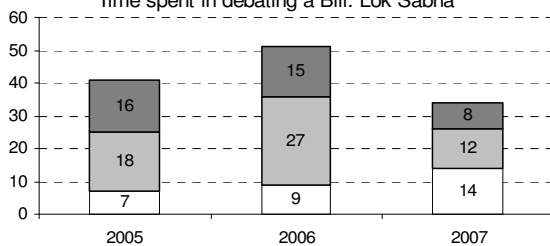
Percentage of total time spent on legislative debate



Finance and Appropriation Bills are not included

- Lok Sabha is scheduled to work for 6 hours and Rajya Sabha is scheduled to work for 5 hours in a day.
- In the last three years, Lok Sabha spent approximately 20% of its total time each year debating legislation other than financial business.
- During the same period Rajya Sabha spent an average of 25% of its total time debating legislation other than financial business.

Time spent in debating a Bill: Lok Sabha



Finance and Appropriation Bills are not included

- In 2007, Lok Sabha passed 41% of Bills (not including Financial Bills) with little or no discussion.
- In the last three years, the percentage of Bills passed with almost no discussion increased from 17% to 41%.
- During the same period the number of Bills on which substantial debate (2 hrs +) took place reduced from 39% in 2005 to 24% in 2007.

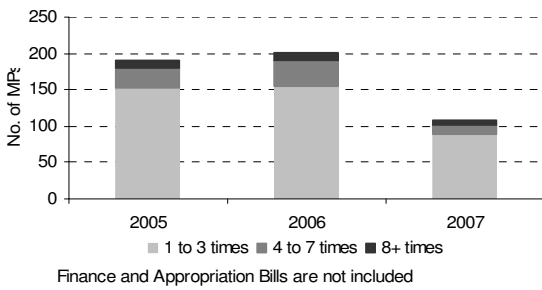
Time spent in debating a Bill: Rajya Sabha



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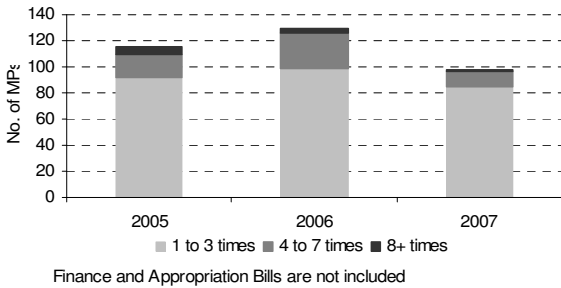
- In 2007, Rajya Sabha passed 32% of Bills (not including Financial Bills) with little or no discussion.
- The percentage of Bills passed with almost no discussion in Rajya Sabha increased from 26% in 2005 to 32% in 2007.
- During the same period the number of Bills on which substantial debate (2 hrs +) took place reduced from 29% in 2005 to 24% in 2007.

No. of times an MP participated in legislative debate: Lok Sabha



- Out of 485 (non minister) Lok Sabha MPs 107 spoke on some legislative debate in 2007.
- Of these, 89 MPs spoke 3 times or less, 12 MPs spoke between 4 and 7 times, and 6 MPs spoke 8 times or more in 2007.

No. of times an MP participated in legislative debate: Rajya Sabha



- Out of 225 (non minister) Rajya Sabha MPs 98 spoke on some legislative debate in 2007.
- Of these, 85 MPs spoke 3 times or less, 11 MPs spoke between 4 and 7 times, and 2 MPs spoke 8 times or more in 2007.

Notes:

1. The data for the above graphs has been obtained from <http://mpa.nic.in/statbook07.pdf> and the Resume of Work of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha available at <http://parliamentofindia.nic.in/>.
2. The participation of MPs in legislative debates has been computed by PRS on the basis of the daily Bulletin I, published by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha at <http://parliamentofindia.nic.in/>.

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