

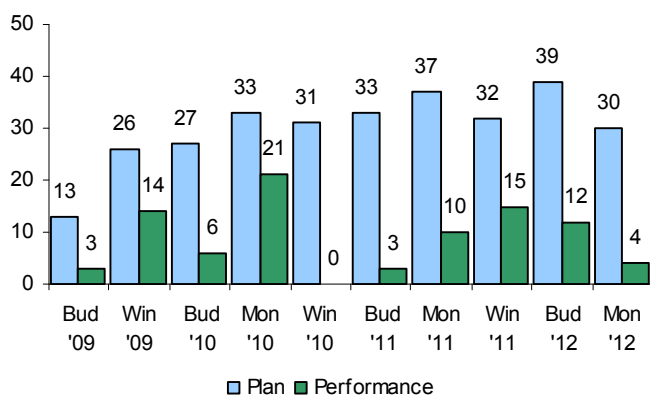
# Vital Stats

## Parliament in Monsoon Session 2012

Little business was transacted in the Monsoon Session of Parliament as protests over the CAG audit of coal block allocations regularly disrupted proceedings. Both houses fell significantly short of their initial plans. The initial sittings of the session saw discussions on the violence in Assam and incidents of shooting at Sikh residents in the US.

### Only 4 of the 30 Bills on the government's agenda were passed

**Bills Passed in 15 LS: Plan vs Performance**



- § At the beginning of the session, the Government had listed 15 new Bills for introduction during the session. Of these, 6 Bills were introduced.
- § 30 Bills were listed for consideration and passing. Of these, 4 Bills were passed by both Houses. Another 3 Bills were passed only by Lok Sabha.
- § In the 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, Parliament has passed an average of 9 Bills per session. At the end of the Monsoon session, 102 Bills are pending before Parliament.

### Almost no time was spent on discussing Bills, Lok Sabha passed 3 Bills in under five minutes

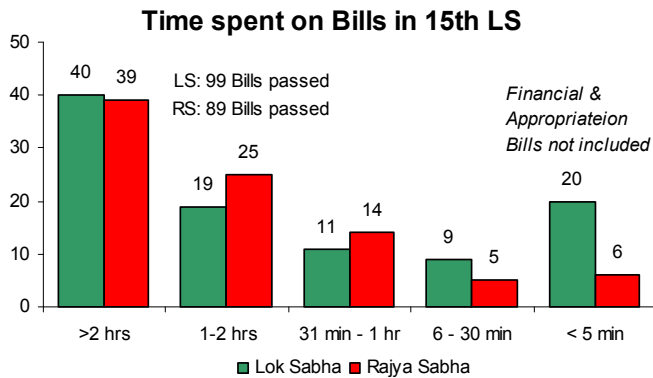
#### Time Spent in passing Bills (hr:mm)

Name of Bill	LS	RS
<a href="#">All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2012</a>	00:01	00:02
<a href="#">The National Highways Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2011</a>	00:03	-
<a href="#">The North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Amendment Bill, 2011</a>	00:04	-
<a href="#">The Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment at Workplace Bill, 2010</a>	00:16	-
<a href="#">Chemical Weapons Convention (Amendment) Bill, 2012</a>	00:48	P
<a href="#">The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development Bill, 2011</a>	P	01:35
<a href="#">National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences, Bangalore Bill, 2010</a>	00:02	02:46

- § The Lok Sabha passed 3 Bills without any discussion on the floor of the House. These include the Protection of Women against Sexual Harassment Bill, 2010 which was passed in 16 minutes without any discussion.
- § The All India Institute for Medical Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2012 was introduced and passed in both Houses in three minutes cumulatively.
- § The maximum amount of time was spent on the National Institute for Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences Bill which was discussed by both Houses for 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

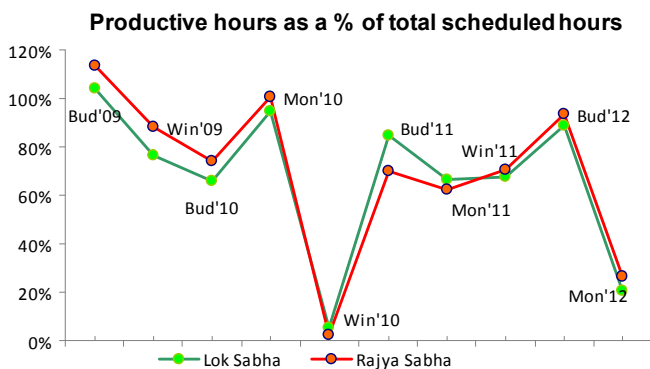
*P indicates passed in earlier session*

### Since 2009, One of every Five Bills passed was discussed for less than five minutes



- § Since the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, 20% of all Bills passed by Lok Sabha were discussed for less than five minutes. A total of 20 Bills have been passed in this manner. In Rajya Sabha six Bills were passed in less than five minutes of debate each.
- § Another nine Bills in Lok Sabha were passed in under 30 minutes of discussion each. Rajya Sabha passed five Bills with under 30 minutes of debate since 2009.
- § In both houses, nearly 40 Bills have seen over two hours of debate each.

### Productive Time in both Houses was lowest since Winter Session 2010



- § This session, Lok Sabha was scheduled to meet for 120 hours and Rajya Sabha for 100 hours. However, the actual productive time was 24 hours in Lok Sabha and 27 hours in Rajya Sabha.
- § This makes the Monsoon Session of 2012 the worst since Winter Session 2010 when not a single day's work could be achieved owing to the opposition's demand for a Joint Parliamentary committee on the allocation of 2G licences.
- § The 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha (since May 2009 to Monsoon Session 2012) has been the most disrupted term of the House in the history of Parliament. Productive time in this term has been 67% of total scheduled time.

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