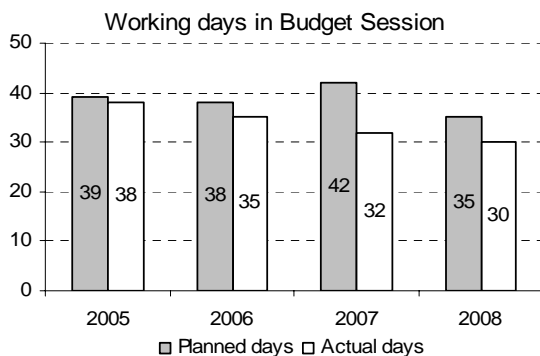


Vital Stats

Working of Parliament in Budget Session

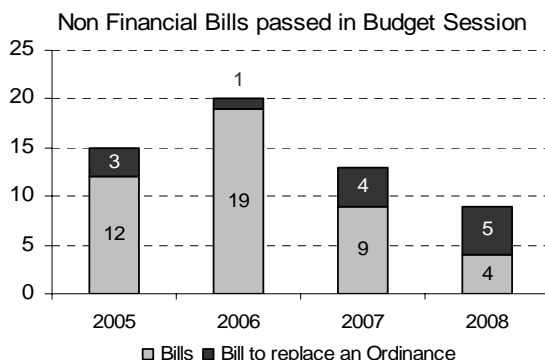
Budget Session 2008 of Parliament concluded today. Lok Sabha met for 28 days and Rajya Sabha for 30 days, both less than the planned 35 days. We compare the Budget Session 2008 with the last three Budget Sessions of the 14th Lok Sabha.

Parliament worked the least number of days ...



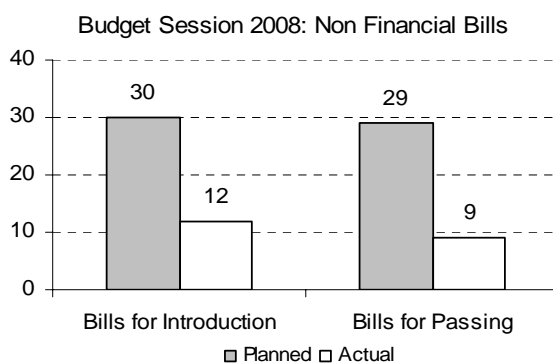
- Lok Sabha worked seven days and Rajya Sabha five days less than the planned number of days during Budget Session 2008.
- Two Fridays that followed a Thursday holiday were declared holiday.
- During Budget 2008, Parliament worked eight days less than Budget 2005.
- The difference between planned and actual working days increased from one day in 2005 to 10 days in 2007.

... Transacted the least non financial legislative business



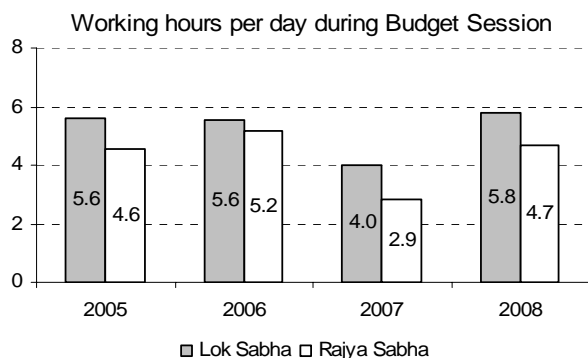
- Budget Session is primarily meant for transaction of financial business. However a substantial amount of non financial legislative business also gets transacted during the Budget session.
- In 2008, Parliament passed nine non financial legislative Bills, of which five replaced ordinances.
- During Budget 2006, 20 non financial Bills including one Bill to replace an ordinance were passed by Parliament.

... Significantly lower than planned



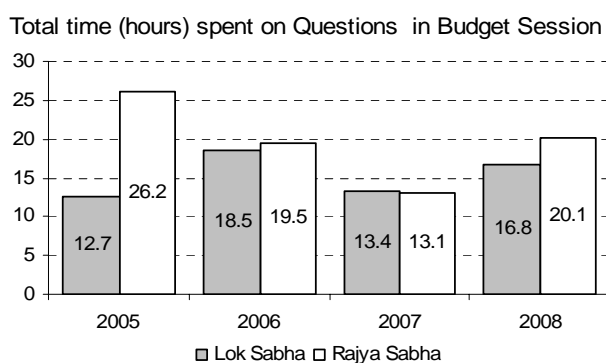
- Before the start of every session the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs announces the legislative business proposed to be conducted during the session.
- Important legislation like the Seeds Bill 2004, the Gram Nyayalayas Bill 2007, the Information Technology (Amendment) Bill 2006 etc were listed for passing during the Budget Session.
- Only one third of the planned non financial legislative business was concluded.
- Apart from the financial business and Bills replacing ordinances, Parliament passed only one new Bill and three amendment Bills.

But worked the maximum number of hours per day ...



- Lok Sabha is scheduled to work for six hours and Rajya Sabha for five hours a day.
- Lok Sabha lost 28 hours 30 minutes due to adjournments and interruptions but it made up for lost time by working extra for 36 hours and 38 minutes.
- On six days, Lok Sabha met for less than one hour, and on 14 days, for more than seven hours.
- On seven days, Rajya Sabha met for less than one hour, and on seven days for more than seven hours.
- Parliament worked the least during Budget 2007 and the maximum during 2008.

... With a “well functioning” Question Hour



- The first hour of Parliament is allocated for answering questions raised by Members of Parliament.
- 20 questions are listed every day to be answered orally inside the House by Ministers.
- During Budget Session 2008, 105 questions were replied to orally in the Lok Sabha.
- In 2005, a total of 116 questions were answered orally during the Budget Session in the Lok Sabha. This number was reduced to 85 in 2006 and 75 in 2007.

Notes:

1. For a full list of legislative activity during the Budget Session 2008, see our [Session Wrap](#) dated May 6, 2008. Also see a comparison of [Plan vs. Performance](#).
2. The data for the above graphs has been obtained from the Parliamentary proceedings as reported on <http://parliamentofindia.nic.in/> and from the press releases of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs at www.mpa.nic.in.

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