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DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

Subject:- Time allocation for financial business during the current session of Parliament after presentation of Budget.

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General Budget has been presented to the Parliament on Saturday the 27th of February, 1965.

We have to chalk out and plan the programme of financial business and other important business for the period beginning from Tuesday the 2nd of March, 1965 to the end of the session.

2. The business to be transacted before the Lok Sabha takes up general discussion on the General Budget according to the tentative programme already chalked out, is as follows:

Tuesday 2nd March	1. Supplementary demands (General)	... 2 hrs.	
	2. Income Tax amendment bill	... 2 hrs.	
	3. Reply by the Prime Minister to debate on President's Address	... from 4.15 PM onwards.	
Wednesday 3rd March	1. Carry over from the 2nd March	... 1 hr.	
	2. General discussion on Railway Budget (15 hrs)	... 4 hrs.)	
Thursday 4th March	-do-	... 4½ hrs.)	
Friday 5th March	-do-	... 2 hrs.)	15 hrs.
Monday 8th March	-do-	... 4½ hrs.)	
Tuesday 9th March	Railway Demands (9 hrs)	... 4½ hrs)	
Wednesday 10th March	-do-	... 4½ hrs)	9 hrs.
Thursday 11th March	1. Supplementary demands (Railways)	... 2 hrs.	
	2. Supplementary demands (Kerala)	... 2 hrs.	
	3. No day yet named motion		
Friday 12th March	1. Carry over	)	
	2. Armed Forces Bill)	2½ hrs.	

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3. It would be seen from the above that it is not possible to start general discussion on the General Budget before the 15th of March. With an expected allotment of 20 hours the discussion will go on up to Tuesday the 23rd of March as worked out below:-

Monday			
15th March	...	4½ hrs.	)
Tuesday			)
16th March	...	4½ hrs.	)
Wednesday	)		)
17th March	)		)
Thursday	)		)
18th March	)	Holi holidays .. No sitting	) 20 hrs.
Friday			)
19th March	...	2 hrs.	)
Monday			)
22nd March	...	4½ hrs.	)
Tuesday			)
23rd March	...	4½ hrs.	)

4. It would appear desirable to keep Wednesday the 24th March free for 'No day yet named' motion or for any unforeseen item.

5. In the above plan the discussion and voting for demands for grants relating to various Ministries will start from Thursday the 25th of March. It is proposed that the demands may be discussed up to Friday the 30th of April which would yield 25 sittings with a total availability of 110 hours. Atleast 15 hours are likely to be consumed on miscellaneous items leaving a balance of 95 hours for discussion and voting on Demands of different Ministries.

6. Under the circumstances discussion on the Finance Bill may start on Monday the 3rd of May. An allotment of 15 hours for this discussion will engage the Lok Sabha as follows:-

Monday the 3rd May	...	4½ hrs.
Tuesday the 4th May	...	4½ hrs.
Wednesday the 5th May	...	4½ hrs.
Thursday the 6th May	...	4½ hrs.

7. The balance of time on the 6th and Friday, the 7th roughly amounting to 5 hrs may be kept reserved for urgent legislative or other business before the House adjourns sine die on the 7th May, 1965. The Rajya Sabha will discuss the Finance Bill on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (10th, 11th and 12th of May). The Bill has to be assented to by the President latest on the 13th of May which will be the 75th day after introduction of the Finance Bill.

8. It would be seen that the 95 hours available for discussion for demands for grants as calculated in para 5 above will be much less than the time which has been allotted in the past as indicated in the enclosed chart. In the previous years almost all Saturdays were utilized to provide for additional time. Besides, the House sat for one additional hour every day during the discussion on demands. The Speaker has already taken a decision that Saturdays will not be utilized hence-forth for official business. In case an exception is made for discussion on demands for grants ~~xxx~~ we are in a position to utilize 5 Saturdays yielding a total of 30 hours. If we decide to sit one extra hour daily during this period we can get additional 25 hours.

9. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs has to consult the leaders and representatives of the opposition groups for allotment of time for discussion on demands relating to the following Ministries and Departments in the light

of circumstances explained above :-

1.	Commerce	5	
2.	Communications.	4	
3.	Civil Aviation.	3	
4.	Community Development and Co-operation.	5	
5.	Defence.	6	
6.	Education.	6	
7.	External Affairs.	5	
8.	Food and Agriculture	8+1	
9.	Finance (including planning)	8	
10.	Health	4	
11.	Home Affairs.	10	0
12.	Industry and Supply.	5	
13.	Information and Broadcasting.	5	
14.	Irrigation and Power.	5	
15.	Labour and Employment.	6	
16.	Law.	2	
17.	Petroleum and Chemicals.	4	
18.	Rehabilitation.	4	
19.	Social Security.	3	5
20.	Steel and Mines.	5	
21.	Transport.	4	
22.	Works and Housing.	4	
23.	Atomic Energy Department.		
24.	Parliamentary Affairs Department.		

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TIME ALLOTTED FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUDGET, DEMANDS
FOR GRANTS AND THE FINANCE BILL DURING THE YEARS 1957 TO 1964.

S. No.	Name of Ministry/Deptt.	TIME ALLOTTED							
		1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
		hrs.	hrs.	hrs.	hrs.	hrs.	hrs.	hrs.	hrs.
1.	Commerce & Industry	6	6	7	6	8	8	6	11
2.	Community Development & Cooperation.	5	5	8	8	8	8	5	6
3.	Defence.	3	6	6	6	8	8	10	10
4.	Education.	4	5	8	11	9	9	7	7
5.	External Affairs.	4	5	6	6	6	7	8	10
6.	Finance (including Planning)	6	7	8	8	9	9	10	8
7.	Food & Agriculture.	6	6	8	8	8	8	8	6
8.	Health	2	5	3	5	4	3	4	5
9.	Home Affairs	8	6	8	8	8	10	10	12
10.	Information & Broadcasting	2	3	4	5	5	5	5	5
11.	Irrigation & Power.	9	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
12.	Labour & Employment.	6	6	6	5	6	6	5	6
13.	Law.	1	-	5	-	5	3	3	3
14.	Petroleum & Chemicals (previously Mines & Fuel)	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	5
15.	Rehabilitation.	8	5	4	4	3	-	-	-
16.	Steel, Mines & Heavy Engineering.	5	6	8	7	8	6	5	5
17.	Transport & Communications	9	9	8	8	8	8	9	11
18.	Works & Housing.	4	4	4	5	5	8*	4*	7*
19.	Atomic Energy.	2	2	1	-	-	-	2	-
20.	Parliamentary Affairs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
21.	Economic & Defence Coordination.	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4
TOTAL:		90	92	110	106	114	118	119	127
GENERAL DISCUSSION **3 days		20	20	20	20	20	20	20**	20
THE FINANCE BILL.		12	12	15	2	15	12	14	17½
		(days)							

* The time includes also time taken for discussion and voting on the Demands for Grants (General) for the Department of Rehabilitation which then formed part of the Ministry of Works & Housing.

** Plus time for reply.

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