

**Comparative Analysis of sittings of Rajasthan State Assembly with other State Assemblies and Lok Sabha**

To perform the all important function of legislation, our law makers are meeting for an abysmally less number of days (per year) both in state assemblies and in the Parliament:

- A private member Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha in December 2008 that proposed to make it mandatory the **120 days** of sitting (per year) both for Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha and **60 days** of sitting (per year) mandatory for the state legislatures
- A discussion on the same Bill in Rajya Sabha in July 2009 saw **members cutting across all leading parties** (BJP, CPM, DMK etc) except ruling Congress lining up to **pledge their support** for the proposal of the Bill
- The last time the Lok Sabha met for even 100 days in a year was nearly two decades back in 1988, when it met for 102 days. The Rajya Sabha's record is even less impressive. It met for 109 days in 1974, the last time it touched the 100-sitting figure. **In 2008, the last year of the 14th Lok Sabha, both Houses of Parliament met for just 46 days each—the lowest ever.**

**Number of Days of Sittings in State Assemblies and Lok Sabha**

The table below provides the details of the number of sittings in 9 state assemblies and the Lok Sabha:

| State Assembly               | No. of Years considered | Years Considered | Number of Sessions held | Total number of days of sittings | Average number of days of sittings /year |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Rajasthan                    | 4 years                 | 2009-2012        | 9                       | 97                               | 24                                       |
| Gujarat                      | 5 years                 | 2008-2012        | 10                      | 156                              | 31                                       |
| Himachal Pradesh             | 5 years                 | 2008-2012        | 11                      | 128                              | 26                                       |
| Tripura                      | 5 years                 | 2007-2012        | 13                      | 78                               | 16                                       |
| Uttar Pradesh (till Feb '11) | 4 years                 | 2007-2011        | 10                      | 89                               | 22                                       |
| Punjab (till Mar'11)         | 4 years                 | 2007-2011        | 10                      | 76                               | 19                                       |
| Manipur (till Aug'11)        | 4.5 years               | 2007-2011        | 11                      | 110                              | 24                                       |
| Uttarakhand (till Sept'10)   | 3.5 years               | 2007-2010        | 11                      | 68                               | 19                                       |
| Goa (till Feb'11)            | 4.5 years               | 2007-2011        | 12                      | 82                               | 18                                       |
| 15th Lok Sabha               | 4 years                 | 2009-2012        | 12                      | 282                              | 70.5                                     |

Table: Average number of sittings of State Assemblies and Lok Sabha

### State of affairs in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies

- According to the latest data received from the Lok Sabha secretariat, Lok Sabha has sit for merely 282 days during 12 sessions in 4 years (2009-2012) i.e. **70.5 days per year**
- Rajasthan despite being one of the states that require rigorous legislation, the state assembly legislators in the state sat on an average for only **24 days per year** during the 4 years between 2009 and 2012.
- Out of the 9 State Assemblies for which we have analyzed the assembly sittings, Gujarat has the maximum average number of sittings/year i.e. **31** (in 5 yrs between the years 2009 and 2012)
- Out of the 9 State Assemblies analyzed for the sittings, Tripura has the minimum average number of sittings per year i.e. **16** days per year, followed by Goa with **18** average number of sittings per year. Punjab and Uttarakhand assemblies sat for only **19** days per year on an average.

*\*The number of days of sittings mentioned in this report doesn't account for the time lost during adjournments and walkouts in the Assemblies and Parliament (i.e. these number of days also include the time lost during adjournments and walkouts).*