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Budget Session may be cut short due to state polls

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Parliament's Budget Session is likely to be shortened by two weeks before voters in Assam and West Bengal cast their votes in the first phase of elections on March 27.

Key Opposition parties—Congress, Trinamool, Left parties, DMK—were engaged in a high-pitched campaign in the election-bound states of Assam, West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. The elections are crucial as a thumping victory for the Opposition could set the tone for the general elections of 2024.

A number of Lok Sabha members have written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla requesting him to cut short the Budget Session to allow them to campaign in the Assembly elections.

The second part of the Budget Session began on Monday and as per the original schedule would continue till April 8.

Congress' Lok Sabha strategists: floor leader Achin Ranjan Chowdhury, his deputy Gaurav Gogoi, party whips Kodikunnil Suresh and Manickam Egoore are busy campaigning in West Bengal, Assam, Kerala and Tamil Nadu respectively.

Congress has maximum members in the Lok Sabha from Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu. Trinamool and DMK have the largest contingent of members from West Bengal and Tamil Nadu respectively in the Lok Sabha.

At a meeting of Lok Sabha's Business Advisory Committee (BAC), Birla spoke with various floor leaders on a one-on-one basis to take a sense on curtailing the session which began on Monday.

Parliament to return to its usual schedule

Parliament will return to its usual timing of functioning from Tuesday with proceedings starting at 11 am, amid firm indications that the second leg of the Budget Session may be cut short to enable MPs from poll-bound states to take part in campaigning, reports DHNS.

The announcement was first made in Rajya Sabha by Vice Chairperson Vandana Chavan, who said Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu has taken a decision that the Upper House will function from 11 am to 6 pm from Tuesday onwards.

Later, Lok Speaker Om Birla also made a similar announcement in the Lower House.

In the Rajya Sabha, Trinamool member Derek O'Brien said due to the polls, MPs of his party would not be able to attend the Parliament session.

"I am writing to you as the parliamentary party leader (Rajya Sabha) for the All India Trinamool Congress. Sir, we urge you to consider the adjournment of the ensuing Parliament session, because of the declaration of elections in five states," he said.

At the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee, Biju Janata Dal did not agree with the demand for curtailment of the session. YSR Congress Party member P V Nidhan Reddy said if the current session is curtailed, the next session should be longer.