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Parliament building construction to start early next year

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The construction of the new Parliament building is likely to start early next year. The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) is working on clearing space by removing small structures and shifting Parliament reception area in plot number 118 of the Parliament House Estate to make way for space to the construction company to start the works, said an official in the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

"The construction is likely to start in January or February," said an official said.

Tata Projects Limited, which quoted Rs 861.90 crore, won the bid to construct the new building. "Since the tender was awarded on September 29, the construction company needs some time to mobilise workers and materials.

"As the building will come up in the high-security zone, the construction company has to take all precautions as there will be stringent access control measures for entry and exit of

workers and materials," said the official.

According to the work order, at least 60 days are provided for the company to mobilise workers and material to construct site.

The project is expected to be completed in around 22 months from the start of construction work and the new building is likely to be ready by late 2022.

The ground plus two-storey triangular-shaped structure will comprise halls with more seating capacity for both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Besides, there will be a foyer, offices for Members of Parliament, a court and dining facility.

More MPs can be accommodated in the new building as the strength of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha may increase after delimitation of constituencies. It will have spacious seating arrangements for around 1,400 MPs. The building will be a reinforced cement concrete framed structure.

The current Parliament building, which is over 90 years old, will continue to house the famed Parliament library.