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Monsoon assembly session will begin on Sept 21: Govt

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Bengaluru: The monsoon session of the legislature will be held from September 21 to 30 in Bengaluru. The cabinet finalised the dates at a meeting on Thursday.

"If necessary, the session will be extended by a day or two," said law and parliamentary affairs minister JC Madhuswamy.

The venue and other modalities, including new health-safety protocols, will be decided in consultation with the speaker, he added.

Normally, the monsoon session is held in July, but it was postponed this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. Though the number of infections continues to rise, the government is under legal obligation to convene the session before September 24. According to the rules, the gap between two assembly sessions cannot exceed six months. The



KEY CABINET DECISIONS

- Rs 100 crore for constructing a ring road around Shivamogga town
- 32 vacant posts at Karnataka Bhavan, Delhi, will be filled up
- Services of mobile health units under SCP/TSP to be continued for five more years
- Last date for farmers to upload details of their crops on app developed by the agriculture department will be extended till Sept 24

last session was conducted in March. The cabinet on Thursday approved six bills to replace ordinances that the government promulgated in recent months. The bills will now be tabled in both houses for post facto approval.

In another major decision, the state government approved the Hota Committee's recommendation of calling 15 candidates for the interview conducted by the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) for one post of gazetted probationer. Until now, 20 candidates were called for the interview for one post. The cabinet also upgraded the post of KPSC chairman, making it equivalent to the position of the chief information commissioner.

The government rejected the committee's suggestion that a screening committee should be formed to appoint members of KPSC.