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Cong to launch nationwide protest against farm laws

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The Congress on Monday announced a nationwide agitation from September 24 against the new farm sector reforms passed by Parliament, collecting signatures from farmers to press for repeal of the "draconian laws".

The decision was taken at a meeting of top Congress leaders, chaired by former defence minister A K Antony in the absence of party chief Sonia Gandhi, who was consulted on the issue.

Sonia, along with Rahul Gandhi, is travelling abroad for her medical treatment.

A series of press conferences will also be held across the country to protest against the Farmers (Protection of Agriculture and Farm Services) Bill, 2020, and the Farming Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, which were cleared by voice vote in the Rajya Sabha even as Opposition members stormed the well of the House, charged at Deputy Chairman Harivansh and climbed on tables, seeking referral of the bill to a Select Committee for further examination.



Punjab Congress MPs light candles to protest against the farm laws at the Parliament House, in New Delhi, Monday. PTI

Besides a series of press conferences across the country, AICC General Secretary K C Venugopal said that party leaders at all levels will march to the respective Raj Bhavans and submit a memorandum to Governors demanding the repeal of the laws.

"From September 24 onwards, Congress will launch an all-India agitation asking the government to repeal the black laws," Antony told reporters here adding that the protests would continue till the government withdraws the laws.

Suspension of MPs: Open likely to boycott F.S

Nationalist Democratic Congress party members are likely to boycott Rajya Sabha proceedings on Tuesday if their demand for discussing events that led to the suspension of eight MPs on charges of unruly behaviour is not met.

Sources said Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad will raise the issue at the beginning of proceedings on Tuesday.