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Speaking to reporters following the BAC meeting, Opposition leader Siddaramaiah said the government is expected to pose a similar duration of the session along similar steps by Parliament and other state governments due to the pandemic. The session was scheduled to end on September 30.

"We demanded Question Hour as our MLAs had several queries. The government said that it would just table the answers. But, we have insisted that at least an hour be set aside for questions, which the government has not agreed to," Siddaramaiah said.

During the five-day session, Assembly proceedings will start an hour earlier at 10 am and will continue till 7 pm. Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy and Congress leader Krishna Byregowda will finalise the list of Bills to be discussed, he said. Of the new Bills, at least 25 are important and many of them were anti-constitutional, Siddaramaiah added.

There were clear indications earlier that the session could be curtailed further.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said Monday morning that if 50 MLAs will not be able to attend the session due to Covid-19, he will request the opposition to stick to discussing only necessary issues and finish the session as soon as possible. Let's see how they co-operate," the CM said.