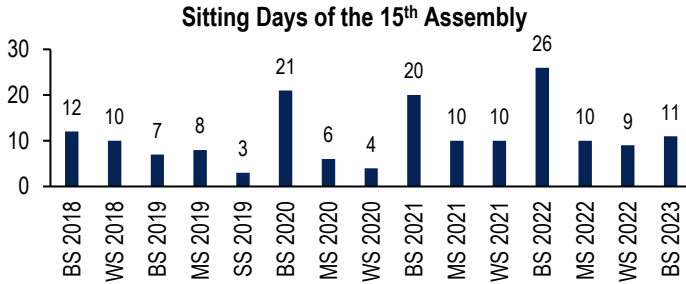


Vital Stats

Functioning of the 15th Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Elections to the 16th Karnataka Legislative Assembly will be held on May 10, 2023. This document analyses the functioning of the 15th Karnataka Legislative Assembly, which held sessions between May 2018 and February 2023.

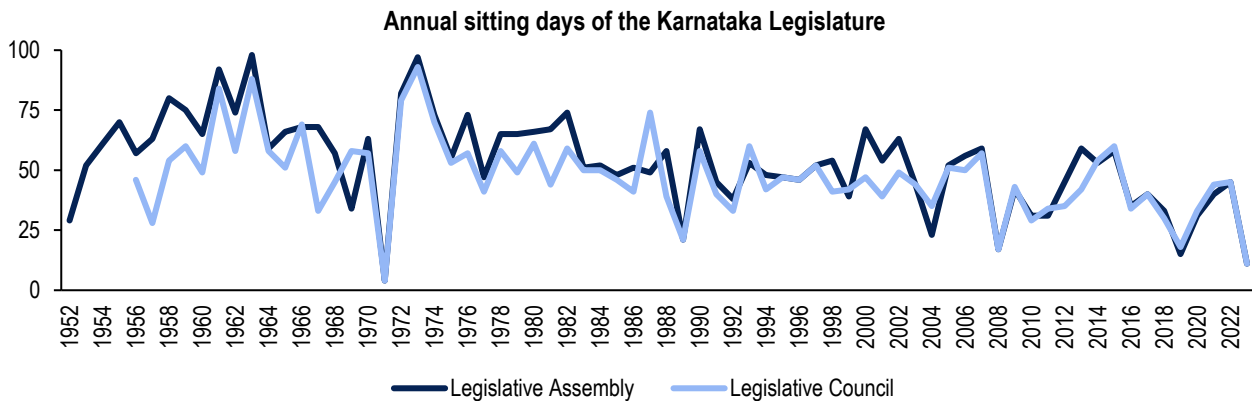
The Assembly met for an average of 33 days a year; sitting days have declined over time



- The 15th Assembly had 167 sitting days across 15 sessions. The average number of sittings in a year was 33.
- The Karnataka Conduct of Government Business in the State Legislature Act, 2005 mandates that the legislature meet for at least 60 days in a year, over four sessions. The 15th Assembly did not meet this target in any year of its entire five-year term. The Karnataka Assembly has not met for more than 60 days in any year since 2002.

Note: BS – Budget Session, MS – Monsoon Session, WS-Winter Session, SS – Special Session.

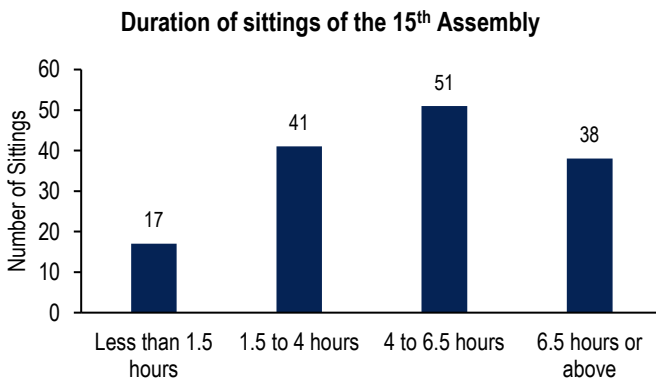
- The Conduct of Government Business Act also specifies the minimum length of each session. Budget sessions must be held for at least 20 days. Of the six budget sittings in this term, the Assembly met this target on three occasions, between 2020 and 2022. The sixth budget session was to pass an interim budget.
- As per the Act, Monsoon Sessions must last for at least 15 days. In the 15th Assembly, no Monsoon Session has had more than 10 sittings. Only two Winter Sessions have met the mandate of a minimum of 10 sitting days.



Note: Data for the Legislative Council is available only from 1956.

- Over the years, sitting days have decreased in both Houses of the Karnataka Legislature (the legislature is bicameral, i.e., it has a Legislative Assembly and a Legislative Council).

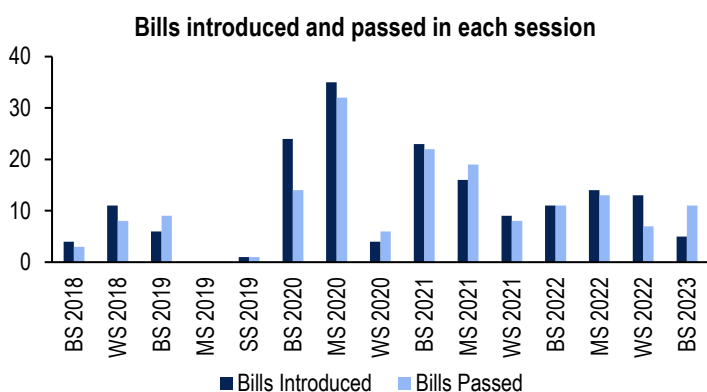
74% sittings lasted less than mandated 6.5 hours



- As per the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, each sitting should last for 6.5 hours. 74% of sittings in this term lasted less than 6.5 hours.
- The longest sittings of this Assembly were held on July 23, 2019, and September 26, 2020, each lasting about 10 hours. On July 23, 2019, a motion of confidence in the government was put to vote. The government lost the confidence of the House. On September 26, 2020, a motion of no confidence against the government was discussed, and defeated.

Note: Data on functioning time is available only till Monsoon Session 2022.

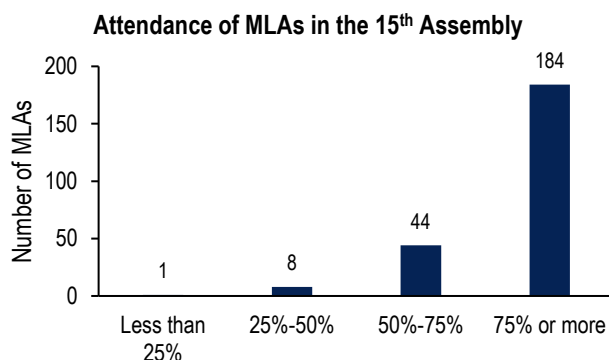
86% Bills passed in the same session



Note: Bills passed implies Bills passed by both Houses.

- 176 Bills were introduced during the tenure of the 15th Assembly, and 164 (excluding Finance and Appropriation Bills) were passed by the legislature (both the Assembly and the Council). 86% of Bills were passed by both Houses in the same session they were introduced.
- Key Bills passed include the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill, 2020, the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2022, and the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Bill, 2022.
- The Legislative Assembly passed 32% of Bills on the same day or the day after introduction. These include the Karnataka Lokayukta (Second Amendment) Bill, 2020, the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Bill, 2020, and the Karnataka Religious Structures (Protection) Bill, 2021.
- Less than 5% of Bills were sent to committees for detailed scrutiny. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Bill, 2020 was examined by a Joint Select Committee comprising of members from both the Assembly and the Council.

Attendance of MLAs high; 184 MLAs have more than 75% attendance



Note: Attendance data is available only till Budget Session 2022.

Sources: Session Resumes and Bulletins of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly; Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Karnataka Legislative Assembly; RTI requests; PRS.

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