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Public Policy Research Centre is organizing a "Su-shasan Darpan" Video Making Contest. The main objective behind this contest is to increase the awareness about Central Government Schemes like Ujjawala Yojana, Mudra Yojana, Make in India, Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, Jan-Dhan Yojana etc. The beneficiaries and others can share their feedback and impact stories with us in the form of maximum 3-minute video clip. Anyone can participate in this contest and send us video on positive impact of these schemes.

The participants are required to create video clipping of maximum 3 minutes and upload it to our website ([www.pprc.in](http://www.pprc.in)). The best video clip of "Su-Shasan" will get an award from PPRC




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**Make a video  
(of maximum three minutes)  
showcasing**

**Feedback of central  
government scheme's beneficiaries**

**Outreach and Impact of  
central government schemes**

**Best 3 entries on national level would get prizes**

<b>First Prize</b> 51000/-	<b>Second Prize</b> 31000/-	<b>Third Prize</b> 21000/-
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\*Best three entries will also get prizes from every zone.

Last date of submission: 15th January, 2017

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## EVENTS AT PPRC

### November 11, 2016

PPRC organized a study circle on recent project Socio-Economic Development & Security Scenario: A Case Study of Rajasthan Border at Conference Hall- Kamal Sandesh.

### December 8, 2016

PPRC organized a Facebook Live Chat session on Demonetisation with Dr. Narendra Jadhav.

# 'The Constitution (122nd amendment) GST Bill, 2014

## Legislative Brief

### Focus on Impact and International Experiences

The GST (Goods and Services) Bill is easily one of the most important bills to be tabled for discussion in Parliament in the monsoon session. It is asserted that the Constitution (122nd amendment) GST Bill, 2014 (GST Bill hereafter), is a game-changing reform in the prevailing multi-layered tax system in India. Historically being excessively dependant on indirect taxes, India has transversed a long way in reforming its complex tax system over the years and the GST Bill will be a culmination of these reforms.

The GST is expected to expand the tax base and reduce distortions by eliminating input taxes further. The peculiarity of an indirect tax like GST is that it has a very strong impact on the economy. The primary motive of the Act is to bring uniformity between states by dismantling fiscal inconsistencies and subsuming excise duty, value-added tax, entertainment tax, purchase-tax on goods and services, and luxury-tax among others.

The matter is particularly contentious, as some argue that the structure does not fit well with the federal character of the constitution and the prevailing center-state relations. So far, 18 states have endorsed the Constitutional Amendment bill on GST. Finance Minister's unflinching resolve in introducing GST for economic integration seems to be bearing fruit. However, the proposed bill still has to cross a few hurdles in the upcoming monsoon session of the Parliament.

### STRENGTHENING THE DEMOCRACY

PPRC extends research services, viz., *Parliamentary Business Insight (PBI)* and *Parliamentary Committee Insight (PCI)* to Parliamentarians. The INSIGHT program has been launched on the first anniversary of the NDA-II government - 26th May 2015.

The idea for developing such a program was given by Shri Narendra Sawaikar (MP-South Goa, convener of the program. The Steering Committee is led by Advocate Nalin S. Kohli.

Services under PBI are given in general to all MPs, while those under PCI are extended on demand and/or expressed research need. All communication is paperless.

Since its launch, several MPs have taken research assistance under the INSIGHT program.

## INSIGHT: RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM TO PARLIAMENTARIANS

PPRC's INSIGHT program launched on 26th May 2015 has been appreciated by several Parliamentarians. The services have catered to the research needs of several Parliamentarians in such a short period. Few Parliamentarians have expressed specific research demands which has been duly provided.

Research briefs on Maritime Security, Make in India, Tobacco Industry Regulations and New Foreign Trade Policy 2015 were provided to Sh Narendra Sawaikar and Transgender laws and Waqf board legislation to Kunwar B.Singh (MP-Bijnore), on their demand.

Briefs on the popularly called Black Money legislation passed by Parliament and on Judicial Appointments in India was sent to all Parliamentarians for general understanding.

During the Monsoon and Winter Sessions 2015, legislative briefs on the Land Acquisition Amendment Bill (popular name), National Waterways Bill, Benami Transactions Bill, Real Estate Bill, MSME Amendment Bill, SC/STs Amendment Bill

*"Insight program aims to provide quality research support to MPs armed with the necessary data and analytics"*

(popular name), Child Labour Amendment Bill (commonly called), Delhi HC Amendment Bill and Bureau of Indian Standards Bill, Electricity Amendment Bill and Commercial Courts/Divisions/Appellate in HC Bill was provided to the MPs. We also provided thematic briefs for discussion on the Constitution Day.

Some of these legislative briefs provided included specific demands from Prof CM Malviya (MP, Ujjain). We received testimonials from Smt Meenakshi Lekhi (MP-Delhi), Sh Meghraj Jain (MP-Indore) for the research assistance provided.



# Su-Shasan Darpan

Parliamentary discussions are rich source of evidences on contemporary policy issues and development trajectory of the country. Taking this at core, at PPRC questions exchanged in the Parliament during the Monsoon and Winter Session 2016 were scanned thoroughly to underline success stories.

As a result, several good initiatives taken across several Govt departments and Ministries were learnt and achievements were highlighted on social media platform by PPRC. Such exercises add to the democratic spirit of Parliamentary democracy by engaging the citizens.

### The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

The Government has allocated a total Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of Rs 46,834 cr including cess and toll remittance for 2016-17 for the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. In addition, Internal & Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) of Rs 59,279 cr has also been allowed to be raised for Highways in 2016-17.

(Ref: RS/Monsoon Session-2016/80/83)

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### ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES

A target of 1,00,000 biogas plants has been fixed for the current year. A budget allocation of Rs. 142.00 crore has been provided for the Biogas Programme for the current year.

(Ref: RS/Monsoon Session-2016/132/133)

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### Promoting Khadi

The Khadi sector has shown a 31% increase in production and 39% in sales, while the Village Industries sector has shown a 29% increase in production and 31% in sales over the last 2 years i.e. 2014-15 and 2015-16.

#### Khadi Sales in crore

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Sales	1081.04	1170.88	1510

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### Ministry of Shipping

The Government has allocated a total Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of **Rs. 1531cr**. In addition, Internal & Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) of **Rs. 3183.14 cr** has also been allowed.

(Ref: RS/Monsoon Session-2016/80/83)

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### Ministry of state for Drinking Water

The Ministry has prepared a Strategic Plan to cover 80% of rural households to have piped water supply with a household connection by the year 2022.

(Ref: RS/Monsoon Session-2016/140/141)

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### Growing in Coir Industries

#### Production in Metric Ton

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Production	17500	20000	22000

#### Value of Exports (in Rs crore)

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Exports	541.04	620.12	695.00

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### Swasth Bharat

AIIMS, New Delhi has introduced the E-Hospitals(ORS) System including patient portal, Call Centre and IVRS to take appointments for OPD patients.

(Ref: RS/Winter Session-2016/75/4)

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### दीन दयाल उपाध्याय ग्राम ज्योति योजना

पूरे देश के ग्रामीण इलाकों में विद्युतीकरण के लिए सरकार ने 42392.47 करोड़ की लागत के 4497 नए प्रोजेक्ट की स्वीकृति दी

(Ref: RS/Monsoon Session-2016/258/257)

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### USE OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES

Details of targets set and achievements is tabulated below : in M.W

YEAR	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
2014-2015	3770	4102
2015-2016	4460	7060

The increase in Booking value through e-auction in 2015-16 was Rs. 1121.16 crores. The increase in the coal quantity allocated in 2015-16 through e-auction was about 29%, that generated about 33% higher prices over the notified price.

(Ref: RS/Monsoon Session-2016/151/153)

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