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Title: Need to fix a minimum 120 sittings of Parliament per year

SHRI GAURAV GOGOI (KALIABOR): It is a matter of concern that the number of Parliament sittings per year has been decreasing since independence. During the first two decades, Lok Sabha met for an average of over 120 days. This has come down to 70 in the last decade and 50 for this year. In countries like US, UK and Canada, at the beginning of the year, a calendar of sitting days is formalised where legislative and other businesses are programmed in with an average of 100- 150 sittings a year. The volume of pending legislation is a reminder that our Parliament needs to be more proactive. The legislature is the seat of decision-making and its convening shouldn't be subject to flexibility. I request the Minister of Parliament Affairs to ensure that the Parliament sit for a minimum period of 120 days in a year.