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RS to wind up session on Feb. 13

Floor leaders of parties agree at meeting to hold a sitting on a Saturday

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The Budget session of the Rajya Sabha has been rescheduled and will conclude two days before schedule. The decision was taken at a meeting Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu had with the floor leaders of parties.

The first part of the session will now conclude on February 13, with the House meeting on that Saturday, instead of February 15.

In the monsoon session of Parliament, too, the two Houses had sat over the weekend. But in a loosening of the COVID-19 protocol this time, the weekend break for both the Houses had been restored.

The schedule, said sources, has been changed in accordance with the members' request, as it gives the Standing Committees more time to peruse the Budget and come up with their reports



Decision making: M.Venkaiah Naidu with leaders of political parties during a meeting in New Delhi on Sunday. •PTI

before the start of the second part of the session.

The floor leaders, according to sources, asked for more time to discuss the Motion of Thanks to the President for his address to the joint sitting of the Houses and the Budget. Mr. Naidu told Ministers to keep their speeches brief when moving a Bill for consideration, or while replying at the end of the debates, so that mem-

bers got more time to speak.

The meeting discussed allocation of sufficient time for members of small parties and groups. "Mr. Naidu has promised that the best possible effort will be made to give a reasonable amount of time for members of such parties," one of the MPs who attended the meeting said.

The meeting was attended by the Ministers of Parliamentary Affairs, Finance,

External Affairs, Railways, and Housing and Urban Affairs; the Leader of the Rajya Sabha Thawar Chand Gehlot; the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad; and Congress leaders Anand Sharma and Jairam Ramesh.

Those who attended included former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, Samajwadi Party leader Ramgopal Yadav, Biju Janata Dal leader Prasanna Acharaya, All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam leader A. Navneeth Krishnan, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam leader Tiruchi Siva, Janata Dal(U) leader R.C.P.Singh, Telangana Rashtra Samithi leader K. Keshava Rao, YSR Congress Party leader A. Vijayasai Reddy, Aam Aadmi Party leader Sanjay Singh, Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Elamaram Karim, and Telugu Desam Party leader Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar.