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Cabinet nod to re-promulgate Bills as Ordinances

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The State Cabinet on Thursday decided to repromulgate as Ordinances three controversial Bills that were passed by the Legislative Assembly but failed to make it through Legislative Council in the recently concluded monsoon session. It will also repromulgate a fourth Bill that remains pending in the Assembly. The Cabinet decided to re-promulgate the Industrial Disputes and Certain Other Laws (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2020, the Karnataka Land Reforms (Second) Amendment Bill, 2020, and the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation and Development) (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

Before introducing these Bills in the legislature, they were promulgated as Ordinances during the COVID-19 induced lockdown.

While farmers held a protest against amendments to the APMC and land reform Bills, the Congress had petitioned Governor Vajubhai Vala not to give assent to the Bills. Trade unions had opposed the labour Bill.

The government will also re-promulgate the Karnataka State Universities and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill, 2020, pending in the Assembly, as Ordinance.

A Cabinet meeting on Thursday decided to repromulgate these Bills as Ordinances with the Governor's assent. The Ordinances will be in force for six months.

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