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**29 MPs submit over 200
amendments to Prez's
address in Lok Sabha**

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Twenty-nine MPs from 11 parties, including from Congress, Trinamool Congress and the Left, have submitted over 200 amendments in Lok Sabha to the President's Address with the farmers' issue and Covid-19 together accounting for around 30% of the amendments.

Interestingly, 10 of 29 MPs who submitted amendments were from Kerala. Altogether, 14 were from Congress.

In Rajya Sabha, 16 MPs have submitted 118 amendments to the President's Address that kick-started the Parliament's Budget Session with around two dozen "regretting" the omission of the mention of three contentious farms laws and protest by farmers against it.

Around 30 of 204 amendments submitted in the Lok Sabha are related to "regretting" the omission of farmers' agitation, the violence at Red Fort during tractor rally on Republic Day, minimum support price and other issues in the President's Address. Another around 30 were related to Covid-19 management and migrant labourers' plight during the lockdown. There were also a number of amendments related to jobs, job-loss and unemployment as well as on MNREGA.

The leakage of WhatsApp messages of journalist Arnab Goswami with former Broadcast Audience Research Council of India CEO Partho Dasgupta also figured among the amendments. The manipulation of TRP ratings also found space in the list. One of the amendments submitted by CPM's Premachandran and Ariff said the amendment "regret that there is no mention in the address about providing a solution to the issues of agitating farmers and the need to provide a special package for them and minimum support price on the agricultural products."