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China, GST dues
in Oppn arsenal
to target govt

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THE Opposition is expected to corner the government during the monsoon session, beginning next week, over Chinese transgressions in Ladakh, Covid-19 management and impact of lockdown, the state of economy and pending GST dues to states, among other issues.

A meeting of the leaders of like-minded opposition parties is likely to be held later this week to chart out a joint strategy ahead of the session.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi chaired the meeting of the party's Parliament Strategy Group on Tuesday and discussed the party's stand on 11 ordinances brought by the government. According to Congress sources, it was agreed that the party should oppose three agriculture related ordinances.

The meeting was attended by Rahul Gandhi, former prime minister Manmohan Singh, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, A K Antony, Ahmed Patel, K C Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, Mallikarjun Kharge, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, K Suresh, Manish Tewari, Gaurav Gogoi, Manickam Tagore and Ravncet Singh Bittu.

"It has been decided to raise issues related to India-China standoff, Covid-19 and lockdown, economy and GDP decline under Rule 193," said Suresh. Other issues to be taken up relate to job losses, Facebook's 'nexus' with BJP, PM-CARES Fund, non-payment of GST dues and privatisation of airports.

Sonia might miss the initial part of the monsoon session as she is scheduled to leave for the US for health check-up.