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# Centre pushes through farm bills amid oppn's charges of foul play

## Bedlam In RS, Bills Passed On Voice Vote

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New Delhi: Amid unruly and aggressive protests by opposition members, Rajya Sabha on Sunday passed by voice vote two contentious farm bills that were earlier approved by Lok Sabha.

The two bills — Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, and the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 — will now be sent to the President for his assent, setting the stage for a prolonged political confrontation which looks set to

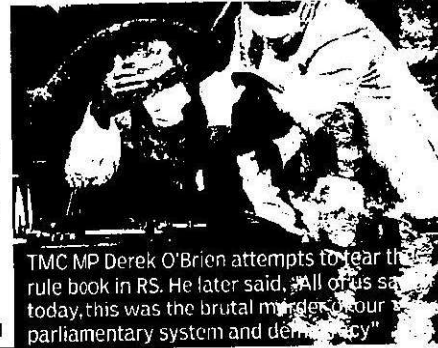
## WATERSHED MOMENT FOR INDIAN AGRICULTURE: PM

“A watershed moment in the history of Indian agriculture! Congratulations to our hardworking farmers... For decades, the Indian farmer was bound by various constraints and bullied by middlemen. The bills liberate farmers from such adversities... Now, our farmers will have easier access to futuristic technology that will boost production and yield better results — PM NARENDRA MODI”

“I am also a farmer and was the agriculture minister, and I can never believe that the government of which we are part of will take any step against the interest of farmers. What happened is against the decorum of the House”

— RAJNATH SINGH, DEFENCE MINISTER

Modi govt has passed the law to snatch the livelihood of farmers on the basis of number-force, but how will it implement it? The govt has used hooliganism and it has forcibly passed the law and taken away the livelihood of 62 crore farmers... When Parliament becomes hostage, there is no other option but to raise the voice — RANDEEP S SURJEWALA, CONG SPOKESPERSON



TMC MP Derek O'Brien attempts to tear the rule book in RS. He later said, “All of us saw today, this was the brutal murder of our parliamentary system and democracy”

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spill over to the streets in the northern states.

Besides the known opponents, the bill was opposed

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by BJP's estranged ally, SAD, the TRS and BJD which, in a rare instance, decided to cast the “no” vote. The bill,

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however, was backed by AIADMK and YRSP.

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## Oppn breaks mic, heckles RS dy chairman

New Delhi: Opposition MPs who indulged in unruly behaviour and heckled RS deputy chairman Harivansh during passage of the two farm bills may face strict action as chairman Venkaiah Naidu is learnt to be going through video footage of the acrimonious scenes.

Shocked at the disorderly conduct of members, Harivansh apprised Naidu about the events in the House where MPs broke the chair's mike, tore papers and heckled him. One MP was seen in a video holding a marshal by his neck before mounting the table in front of Harivansh's chair.

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