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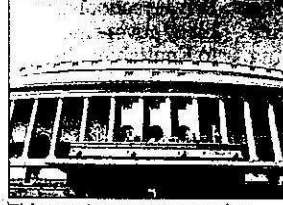
## Parliament's winter, budget sessions together in January?

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New Delhi: With virus cases on the rise in the national capital, Parliament is unlikely to be convened before the last week of January, raising the possibility that there may be no winter session. The budget is presented on February 1.

However, the Centre, sources told TOI, has decided to defer the winter session to next year, and club it with the budget session at the end of January.

In September, the monso-



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on session was curtailed after several MPs as well as staff tested positive for the virus. The current thinking in government is that Parliament

could be called closer to the regular budget session. A considerably delayed winter session, though, will not be a first. Parliamentary records show that out of 65 winter sessions of Rajya Sabha between 1952 and 2019, eight commenced in December and at least two, in 1962 and 1963, stretched from December to January.

In 1962-63, for instance, while the first part of the winter session met between November 18 and December 12, 1962, the second half met between January 21 and 25, 1963.