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Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar recently emphasised that PMBs are “forward-looking” and a “gold mine” for legislative progress.

About Private Member's Bill (PMB)

- A **Private Member's Bill (PMB)** is a **legislative proposal introduced by any Member of Parliament (MP)** who is **not a Minister**, whether **elected or nominated**.
- The **drafting responsibility** of a PMB lies **entirely with the MP** concerned, not with any Ministry.
- For introducing a PMB in Parliament, a **notice period of one month** is required under parliamentary rules.
- PMBs often **reflect the ideological stance, personal convictions, or public interest concerns** of the MP, especially those in the **Opposition**.

Time Allocation for PMBs in Parliament

- In the **Lok Sabha**, the **last two-and-a-half hours of business on every Friday** are earmarked for the introduction and discussion of PMBs.
- In the **Rajya Sabha**, PMBs are **taken up every alternate Friday** for two-and-a-half hours.

Historical Record and Trends

- Since **Independence**, **only 14 PMBs** have ever been **passed and received Presidential assent**, with the **last one becoming law in 1970**.
- In the **17th Lok Sabha (2019-2024)**, **729 PMBs** were introduced in the Lok Sabha and **705 in the Rajya Sabha**. Yet, **only 2 PMBs were discussed in Lok Sabha**, and **14 in the Rajya Sabha**.
- In the **18th Lok Sabha**, as of the **2024 Budget Session**, **only 20 MPs introduced PMBs**, and **not a single one was discussed** due to disruptions and prioritisation of other business.

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