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RE: Ninth Session of the National Assembly of Bhutan

The 9th Session of the Third Parliament was held from 8th June to 8th July 2023. During the month-long session, several bills including three international instruments were deliberated and ratified.

Fifty six questions were raised during the Question and Answer Sessions covering a wide range of issues relating to economy, social, policy, and developmental issues.

A Motion was moved on “*The construction of one storied building will not require the structural drawings and for two storied and above buildings, the government shall provide model drawings to the people free of cost.*” It was unanimously adopted by the House.

The National Assembly adopted the following Bills and will be submitted to The Druk Gyalpo for Royal Assent:

1. National Digital Identity Bill of Bhutan 2023;
2. Pay Revision Bill of Bhutan 2023;
3. Forest and Nature Conservation Bill of Bhutan 2021; and
4. Civil Liability Bill of Bhutan 2022.

His Majesty The Druk Gyalpo has granted Assent to the following Bills:

1. Budget Appropriation Bill for FY 2023-2024; and
2. Supplementary Budget Appropriation Bill for FY 2022-23;

The House also adopted and presented the following Bills and International Instruments to the National Council:

1. Biological Corridor Nine Bill of Bhutan 2023;



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2. Agreement on the Movement of Traffic-in-Transit between the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Royal Government of Bhutan;
3. Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Charter; and
4. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

In accordance with the Article 25(6) of the Constitution, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) reviewed and reported the Annual Audit Report to the Joint Sitting of the Parliament. The Committee presented the reports on the following:

1. Royal Audit Authority's Annual Audit Report (AAR) 2021-22;
2. Follow up on the RAA's Review Reports of AAR 2010-21;

The PAC was also assigned to review two reports namely, i) Performance Audit Report on Preparedness for Cyber Security, and ii) Performance Audit Report on Irrigation System which will be tabled for deliberation during the Winter Session.

The summary and detailed resolution for the 9th Session will be available online on the National Assembly website soon.