



CRITICAL THINKING WORKSHEET
CLASS-VIII

NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION
ASSIGNMENT NUMBER 5

Dear Students,

Reading newspaper makes you well informed. It enables you to take part in every discussion pertaining to the world's current events. Reading newspapers will improve your knowledge in general and it will be easy for you to relate to other people who often talk about current events and politics. Through newspapers, you will have a clear idea and understanding of what is happening in your country and the whole world.

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NEW DELHI: If their passage was contentious and unleashed a trail of tumultuous events, the burial of the three farm sector reform laws was not a quiet affair either. On the opening day of winter session of Parliament on Monday, the government secured approval of both Houses for the repeal amid protests by the opposition parties which insisted on a debate.

The Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021, which sought to rescind the three laws passed last year, was passed by Lok Sabha within minutes. The exercise was replicated in the afternoon in Rajya Sabha. The passage of the legislation for revocation, promised by PM on Guru Nanak's birthday on November 19, brings the curtains down on an intensely contested episode which saw sustained protests by farmers from Punjab, Haryana and western UP, their tenacity eventually forcing a rethink.

The bill will now be sent to the President for his assent to meet the procedural requirement for the extinction of the three laws.

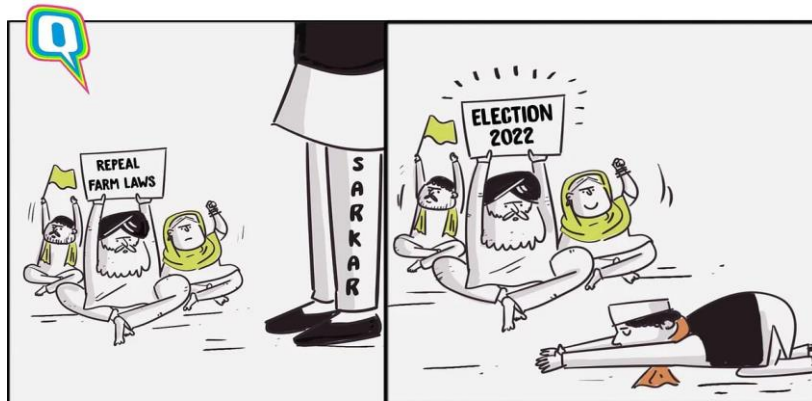
As opposition MPs continued to shout slogans, the Speaker put the bill to voice vote and declared it as passed. Tomar introduced the bill in Rajya Sabha after the House assembled in the afternoon. He said there was no need for any discussion as both government and opposition wanted the laws repealed. Importantly, Rajya Sabha had also cleared the three reform laws by voice vote.

On Monday, before the motion was adopted for passage of the bill, Deputy Chairman Harivansh allowed Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge to speak for two minutes. Kharge said the government had taken back the three farm laws because of the upcoming elections in states. He also mentioned the alleged deaths of over 700 farmers in more than a year during the agitation against these laws.



Questions for Writing and Discussion

- 1) In your opinion, was it fair and democratic to repeal the Farm Laws without any parliamentary debate? Give a reasoned argument.
- 2) How would you evaluate the government's decision to repeal the laws after a year-long protest by the farmers against the laws?
- 3) Interpret the cartoon given below. Write your observation along with a suitable heading for the cartoon.



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MENTAL AGILITY

TOPIC – SUDOKU PUZZLE



LEVEL 1

SERIAL NO:5

ANSWER KEY

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