

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TAKING STOCK

A rare bonhomie in Parliament last week between the government and the Opposition led to the passage of a constitutional amendment Bill to enable operationalisation of the India-Bangladesh land boundary pact. The Bill led to the 100th amendment of the Constitution. *Business Standard* takes a look at some previous constitutional amendments and the prime ministers who presided over these.

COUNTRY-WISE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

No. of constitutional amendments

USA (1789)	27	
France (1958)	18	
Canada (1982*)	10	
Australian (1901)	8	
Japan (1947)	0	

Figures in brackets of the year the Constitution came into operation

*Until 1982, changes in Canadian laws were made only through the British Parliament.

Note: The number of amendments is representative of the nature of the Constitution

Prime minister	Number of amendments	Number of articles & schedules affected
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU (1947-64)	16	Articles: 66 Schedules: 14
LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI (1964-66)	1	Articles: 1 Schedules: 1
INDIRA GANDHI (1966-77) & (1980-84)	25 & 5	Articles: 109 Schedules: 14 & the Preamble
MORARJI DESAI (1977-79)	2	Articles: 50 Schedules: 1
CHARAN SINGH (1979-80)	0	-
RAJIV GANDHI (1984-89)	12	Articles: 18 Schedules: 2
V P SINGH (1989-90)	5	Articles: 5 Schedules: 1
CHANDRA SHEKHAR (1990-91)	1	Articles: 1
P V NARASIMHA RAO (1991-96)	11	Articles: 9 Schedules: 5
H D DEVE GOWDA (1996-97)	0	-
I K GUJRAL (1997-98)	0	-
ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (1999-2004)	14	Articles: 29 Schedules: 3
MANMOHAN SINGH (2004-2014)	6	Articles: 3 Schedules: 1
NARENDRA MODI (2014-present)	1	-