



STATUS IN THE HOUSE

20	242	155	87	162	163	163
Rajya Sabha vacancies by April 9 (including 7 nominated members)	Current RS strength: (3 vacancies: 2 nominated and 1 from Nagaland)	MPs currently supporting GST	MPs opposed to GST (Cong 67 + AIADMK 12 + Nominated 8)	Current two thirds mark	Two-thirds mark after filling of three vacancies (two-thirds of 245)	By April, numbers supporting GST set to increase to at least (addition of 7 nominated + Nagaland seat)

LIST OF RS MPS RETIRING BY APRIL 9

Member name	Party and state	Date of retirement
1. Mani Shankar Aiyar	Nominated (now with Cong)	2 March
2. Javed Akhtar	Nominated	2 March
3. B Jayashree	Nominated	2 March
4. Mrinal Miri	Nominated	2 March
5. Bhalchandra Mungekar	Nominated (now with Cong)	2 March
6. AK Antony	Cong/Kerala***	2 April
7. Jharna Das Baidya	CPM/Tripura	2 April
8. KN Balagopal	CPM/Kerala***	2 April
9. Pankaj Bora	Cong/Assam***	2 April
10. Naznin Faruque	Cong/Assam***	2 April
11. TN Seema	CPM/Kerala***	2 April
12. Bimla Kashyap Sood	BJP/Himachal Pradesh	2 April
13. Ashwani Kumar	Cong/Punjab	9 April
14. SS Dhindsa	SAD/Punjab	9 April
15. MS Gill	Cong/Punjab	9 April
16. Naresh Gujral	SAD/Punjab	9 April
17. Avinash Rai Khanna	BJP/Punjab	9 April
18-19	Two vacancies among the nominated	
20	Vacancy among elected from Nagaland (ruled by NPF, an ally of NDA)	

Notes: * Delhi and Puducherry have legislative Assemblies, but yet to get full statehood; **Nagaland has a coalition government led by Naga People's Front (NPF), of which BJP, with four MLAs, is a partner. NPF, and its MP Neiphiu Rio, is an ally of NDA at the Centre; ***West Bengal, Kerala, Assam and Tamil Nadu are slated for assembly polls by April. Kerala and Assam to elect its Rajya Sabha MPs after the Assembly polls.

Source: Rajya Sabha website

29* Total states

At least half, that is 15, state legislatures need to ratify a constitutional amendment

12 Those run by BJP and/or its allies

J&K (PDP+BJP), Punjab (SAD+BJP), Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra (BJP+SS), Goa, Andhra Pradesh (TDP), Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Nagaland(NPF)**

4 States with non-BJP, non-Congress governments committed to support GST

Odisha (BJD), Telangana (Telangana Rashtra Samithi), Tripura (Left Front), Sikkim (Sikkim Democratic Front)

3 Others unlikely to oppose

Bihar (JDU+RJD+Cong), Uttar Pradesh (Samajwadi Party), West Bengal (Trinamool)

9 States with Congress governments

Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Kerala***, Assam, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram

Even if Tamil Nadu and Congress-ruled states oppose, the govt can count on the support of at least 19 states