

Akalis to move adjournment motion in LS on farm laws

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Ahead of the monsoon session of Parliament, set to begin on July 19, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has decided to move an adjournment motion in the Lok Sabha against the government on the three farm laws. The party had walked out of the NDA government over the controversial laws.

Senior SAD MP Naresh Gujral told *The Hindu* that his party would be reaching out to the leaders of all regional parties to seek support for the motion which requires the signatures of 50 MPs to be admitted.

“As of now the Shiv Sena, our allies the Bahujan Samaj Party, the Nationalist Congress Party, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and the Trinamool Congress have agreed to support it,” Mr. Gujral said, adding that they were reaching out to more regional parties such as the Biju Janata Dal, the YSR Congress Party and the Telangana Rashtra Samithi.

While adjournment motions are not allowed in the Rajya Sabha, Mr. Gujral said his party would hold discussion with supporting parties to come up with a device to register



Farmers shouting slogans against the farm laws at Singhu border on Thursday. ■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

their strong feelings against the farm laws.

Interestingly, the Congress, the main rival of the SAD in the poll-bound State of Punjab, has not been included in this effort and is not likely to be. According to sources, the tug of war between the two parties to be the sole spokesperson for the agitating farmers, especially in Punjab and Haryana, is the reason for this distance.

The protests and the mobilisation of farmers on the issue is expected to have a huge impact on voter behaviour in the upcoming poll.