

Bengal passes resolution to set up Council

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The West Bengal Assembly on Tuesday passed a resolution to set up Legislative Council with a two-thirds majority.

While 196 favoured, 69 opposed the resolution moved by Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Partha Chatterjee under Article 169. Senior Minister Subrata Mukherjee and Deputy Chief Whip Tapas Roy spoke in favour of it. The BJP legislators voted against it.

Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari said the passage of the resolution does not mean that the Council has come into existence.

“Under Article 169, Parliament will have to provide for creation of the Council. This means that it has not been created,” Mr. Adhikari said.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had announced the setting up of the Council during the run-up to the Assembly polls.