

# RAJYA SABHA

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE 216<sup>TH</sup> SESSION

[ 04-06-2009 TO 09-06-2009 ]

1. The 216<sup>th</sup> Session of Rajya Sabha, first after the constitution of the 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, commenced on Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 with the President's Address to both the Houses of Parliament.
2. The Session had 4 sittings in all and the House sat for about 17 hours.
3. During the Session, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India was introduced to the House by the Chair and thereafter, 32 Union Cabinet Ministers, 07 Minister of State (Independent Charge) and 38 Ministers of State were introduced by the Prime Minister to the House.
4. The House was informed about the appointment of Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister as the Leader of the House and recognition of Shri Arun Jaitley as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha.
5. The House was also informed by the Chair about the vacancies caused by the resignation of Shri Digvijay Singh and Shri Banwari Lal Kanchhal, both sitting Members from the State of Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh respectively.
6. During the Session, we condoled the death of 6 former Members of the Rajya Sabha.
7. The Chairman made a reference to a cyclonic storm AILA which hit the State of West Bengal on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 affecting several districts and adjoining areas in which 125 people lost their lives, over 63 lakh persons were affected and about 9 lakh houses were damaged.
8. The current Session being a brief Session after the constitution of the new Lok Sabha, the Address by the Hon'ble President to both Houses of Parliament on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 was discussed in the form of Motion of Thanks which spread over 3 days and lasted for about 16 Hours.
9. There was no Question Hour and 18 Special Mentions were laid on the Table. No Government Legislative and Private Members' Business was transacted in the House.
10. During the Session, 7 Reports of various Parliamentary Committees including of Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees were presented or laid on the Table of the House.

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### Highlights of work transacted during the 216<sup>th</sup> Session - At a glance

<b>Sittings</b>	
Date of issue of Summons	26-05-2009
Duration of the Session	04-06-2009 to 09-06-2009
Number of actual days of sitting	04
Actual Hours of sittings ( <i>excluding recess intervals</i> )	16 Hrs. and 57 Min.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	—
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	—
Date of prorogation of Session	12-06-2009

<b>Questions</b>	
No. of Starred Questions listed	There was No Question Hour During the Session
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	
No. of Unstarred Questions listed	
<b>Government Bills</b>	
No. of Bills introduced	NIL
No. of Bills withdrawn	NIL
No. of Bills passed/returned	NIL
<b>Private Members' Business</b>	
No. of Bills introduced	There was No Private Members' Business during the Session
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	
No. of Bills withdrawn/negated	
No. of Resolution part discussed	
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negated	
<b>Oath/Affirmation</b>	
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation	NIL
<b>Statements by Ministers</b>	
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers	NIL
<b>Matters of public importance raised</b>	
No. of Special Mentions	18
No. of Matters raised with permission	NIL
<b>Papers Laid on the Table</b>	22 papers

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