

RAJYA SABHA

STATISTICAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE 221ST SESSION [09-11-2010 TO 13-12-2010]

1. The 221st Session (Winter Session) commenced on Tuesday, the 9th November, 2010. The Session, as scheduled, comes to an end today, the 13th December, 2010.
2. The Session had 23 sittings in all and the House sat for more than 2^{1/2} hours. During the Session, more than 100 hours were lost on issues like (a) demand to constitute a JPC to probe the irregularities in allocation of 2G spectrum (b) corruption in CWG 2010 projects (c) Adarsh Housing Society (d) offensive remarks made by former Chief of RSS (Shri K.S.Sudarshan) against the President of the Indian Congress, etc.
3. The Chair congratulated the Indian contingent for securing second position in the recently held Commonwealth Games, 2010 in Delhi with 38 Gold, 27 Silver and 36 Bronze medals.
4. During the Session, the House condoled the death of two of its sitting Members *namely* Shri Arjun Kumar Sengupta and Shri M. Rajasekara Murthy and adjourned on 9th November and 6th December, 2010 as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls. The House also made reference to the passing away of 3 former Members of the Rajya Sabha.
5. References to the (a) victims of Tsunami in Indonesia; (b) victims of a Building collapse in East Delhi; (c) Second Anniversary of Terrorist attacks in Mumbai on the 26th of November, 2008; (d) victims of Bridge Stampede Accident in Cambodia (e) Anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy and (f) Anniversary of Terrorist Attack on Parliament House Building on 13th December, 2001 were made by the Chair.
6. There was a *suo motu* Statement by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports on the recently concluded Commonwealth Games, 2010 at New Delhi. 35 statements were laid in pursuance of the Direction of the Chairman, Rajya Sabha, dated 24-9-2004 on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Reports of various DRPS Committees.
7. 4 Government Bills were listed for introduction of which 3 were introduced whereas 1 of the 2 Government Bills was withdrawn, amidst pandemonium in the House. 7 Government Bills were listed for consideration and passing/return but only 4 Appropriation Bills relating to Supplementary Demand for Grants (General and Railways) were returned amidst din.

8. The following 3 matters of Urgent Public Importance were listed for discussion in the form of a Calling Attention during the Session but none could be taken up:-
 - (i) Plight of small loan borrowers due to exorbitant interest rates of microfinance institutions;
 - (ii) Government's assurance to waive off the debts of handloom weavers and other policy related issues; and
 - (iii) Frequent accidents in railways and rail safety.
9. During the Session, 31 Bills were listed for introduction and 6 Bills were listed for consideration and passing under Private Members' Business (Bills) but none could be taken up.
10. During the Session, 7 Private Members' Resolutions were admitted but none could be taken up.
11. During the Session, 80 Reports/Statements of various Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees, Parliamentary Standing Committees, Select Committees on Bills and the Report of the Inquiry Committee appointed under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 in respect of the Mr. Justice Soumitra Sen, Judge, Calcutta High Court, were presented or laid on the Table of the House.
12. Report of the CAG on the issue of Licences and Allocation of 2G Spectrum by the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology; Statement concerning 'HIV/AIDS and the World of Work' adopted by International Labour Organisation; Mid-Year Analysis of the Indian Economy for the year 2010-11; Progress Report on the Action Taken pursuant to the recommendations of the JPC on Stock Market Scam were some of the important papers that were laid on the Table of the House during the Session.
13. The proceedings of the House starting from the Question Hour were disrupted on almost every day during the Session resulting in repeated adjournments over the demand of a JPC to probe the irregularities in allocation of 2G spectrum due to which only **one** Starred Question was taken up for oral answer amidst din. However, 480 Starred Questions and 3720 Unstarred Questions were admitted and answers thereof were treated as laid on the Table.

Highlights of work transacted during the 221st Session – At a glance

Sittings		
Date of issue of Summons		15-10-2010
Duration of the Session		09-11-2010 to 13-12-2010
Number of actual days of sitting		23 days
Actual Hours of sittings (<i>excluding recess intervals</i>)		More than 2 ^{1/2} Hrs.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments		100 + Hrs.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess		-
Date of prorogation of Session		-
Questions		
No. of Starred Questions listed		480
No. of Starred Questions answered orally		01
No. of Unstarred Questions answered		3720
Government Bills		
No. of Bills introduced		3
No. of Bills withdrawn		1
No. of Bills passed/returned		4
No. of Bills referred to Select Committee		-
Private Members' Business		
No. of Bills introduced		-
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)		-
No. of Bills withdrawn/negatived		-
No. of Resolution part discussed		-
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negatived		-
Oath/Affirmation		
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation		-
Statements by Ministers		
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers		1
Matters of public importance raised		
No. of Calling Attentions		-
No. of Short Duration Discussions		-
No. of Special Mentions		-
No. of Matters raised with permission		-
Submission by Members		-
Papers Laid on the Table		1688