

RAJYA SABHA
STATISTICAL INFORMATION
PERTAINING TO PART TWO OF THE 230TH SESSION

[05-2-2014 TO 21-2-2014]

1. The second part of the 230th Session (Winter Session) resumed on Wednesday, the 5th of February, 2014. The Session, as scheduled, comes to an end today, the 21st of February, 2014.
2. The Session had 12 sittings in all. The House sat for more than 16 hours. During the Session, more than 46 hours were lost on issues like (a) death of a youth from Arunachal Pradesh in Delhi and atrocities against people from the North-east in various parts in country, (b) need to set up SIT to investigate the 1984 anti-sikh riots, (c) inclusion of some OBCs of Uttar Pradesh in the list of Scheduled Castes, (d) formation of the State of Telengana, (e) arrest and killing of Tamil Nadu fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy, (f) grant of special status to the State of Bihar, (g) protest against taking up the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill for consideration and passing, and (h) special economic package for 7 backward States identified in the Raghuram Rajan Report.
3. During the Session, the Chair made references to the passing away of 5 former Members of the Rajya Sabha.
4. References to the victims of (a) fire on the Bangalore-Nanded Express in Andhra Pradesh; (b) bus accident in Malshej Ghats in Maharashtra; (c) fire in the Mumbai-Dehradun Express in Thane District of Maharashtra; (d) capsizing of a boat '*Aqua Marine*' in the Bay of Bengal of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and (e) road accident on the Pune-Satara Highway were made by the Chair.
5. The Chair offered felicitations to the scientists, engineers and all others who were associated with the successful launch of the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-D5) powered by an indigenous cryogenic engine.
6. The House bade farewell to 54 retiring Members from various States, whose term of office would expire in the months of April and May, 2014.
7. The House was informed by the Chair about the resignations of Shrimati Maya Singh, Shri Prem Chand Gupta and Dr. Kanwar Deep Singh, Members representing the States of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand, respectively.
8. The Interim Railway and General Budgets, for the year 2014-15, were laid on the Table of the House on the 12th and 17th of February, 2014, respectively. Discussion on the Interim Budget (Railways) could not take place due to continued disruptions of the proceedings. However, the Interim Budget (General) was discussed by the House for more than an hour.

9. Statutory Resolution seeking approval of the President's Rule in the National Capital Territory of Delhi was adopted. The Interim Budget of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, for the year 2014-15, was laid on the Table of the House on the 21st of February, 2014. The Interim Budget of the National Capital Territory of Delhi along with Appropriation Bills thereto were discussed.
 10. 4 *suo motu* statements were either made or laid on the Table of the House by various Ministers. These statements related to (a) issue of procurement of VVIP Helicopters; (b) constitution of Task Force under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Tribal Affairs for addressing the issues regarding scheduling of communities as Scheduled Tribes and related matters; (c) state of affairs of the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, and (d) MGNREGA wage rates for the period 2014-15. 28 statements were laid on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Reports of various DRPS Committees.
 11. 8 Government Bills were introduced, the introduction of one Government Bill, *namely* the Prevention of Communal Violence (Access to Justice and Reparations) Bill was deferred and 1 Government Bill, *namely*, the Communal Violence Bill, 2005 was withdrawn. 14 Government Bills, *including* two important legislations, *namely*, the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill and the Whistle Blowers Protection Bill, were passed/returned during the Session.
 12. A statement on the situation arising out of repeated attacks on Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy was laid on the Table by the Minister in response to a Calling Attention on the said matter.
 13. There were 6 Special Mentions on Matters of Public Importance which were laid during the Session.
 14. During the Session, 131 Reports/Statements of various Parliamentary Committees including those of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees and 13 Procedural Minutes of the sittings of the Committee on Public Undertakings held during the Fifteenth Lok Sabha were presented or laid on the Table of the House.
 15. Report of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, Statement on Quarterly Review of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget at the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year 2013-14, Report of Justice M.B. Shah Commission of Inquiry for Illegal Mining of Iron Ore and Manganese in the States of Goa and Odisha, Updated Memorandum of Action Taken on the First Interim Report of Justice M.B. Shah Commission of Inquiry for Illegal Mining of Iron Ore and Manganese, Report of the National Commission for Minorities, Mid-Year Economic Analysis, for the year 2013-14, 38 Production Sharing Contract between the Government of India and various Contractors, Public Enterprises Survey for the year 2012-13, and National Agroforestry Policy, 2014 were some of the important Reports that were laid on the Table of the House during the Session.
 16. During the Session, 220 Starred Questions and 1556 Unstarred Questions were admitted and their answers were laid on the Table. No question could be answered orally. However, 2 Short Notice Questions were orally answered.
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**Highlights of work transacted during the Second part of the 230th Session –
At a Glance**

Sittings	
Date of issue of Summons	18-01-2014
Duration of the Session	05-02-2014 to 21-02-2014
Number of actual days of sitting	12
Actual Hours of sittings (<i>excluding recess intervals</i>)	16+ Hrs.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	46+ Hrs.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	3 ^{1/2} + Hrs.
Date of prorogation of Session	-
Questions	
No. of Starred Questions listed	220
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	-
No. of Unstarred Questions answered	1556
Short Notice Questions	2
Half-an-Hour Discussions	-
Government Bills	
No. of Bills introduced	8
No. of Bills withdrawn	1
No. of Bills passed/returned	14
No. of Bills referred to Select Committee	-
No. of Bills deferred	1
Private Members' Business	
No. of Bills introduced	-
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	-
No. of Bills withdrawn/negated	-
No. of Resolution part discussed	1
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negated	-
Oath/Affirmation	
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation	-
Statements by Ministers	
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers	4
No. of Statements laid regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees	28
Matters of public importance raised	
No. of Calling Attentions	1
No. of Short Duration Discussions	-
No. of Special Mentions	6
No. of Matters raised with permission	-
Submission by Members	1
Papers Laid on the Table	1999