

RAJYA SABHA
STATISTICAL INFORMATION
PERTAINING TO THE 245th SESSION

[29-01-2018 TO 09-02-2018
AND
05-03-2018 TO 06-04-2018]

1. The 245th Session (Budget Session) commenced on Monday, the 29th January, 2018. The Session was held in two parts and as scheduled, comes to an end today, the 6th April, 2018.
2. The President addressed both the Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 29th January, 2018. The discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address took place for three days and lasted for more than 14 hours.
3. The discussion on the Union Budget, 2018-19, which was laid on the 1st February, 2018, took place on two days and lasted for more than 10 hours.
4. One Government Bill, *namely*, the Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2018, could be passed during the entire Session. Though motion for consideration of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013; as reported by the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha was moved, further consideration of the Bill could not be taken up due to disruptions.
5. 60 Members elected/re-elected in the biennial/bye-elections from 17 States and the NCT of Delhi joined the House during the Session and was welcomed by the Chair.
6. The House was informed about the appointment of Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, as the Leader of the House, consequent upon his re-election to the Rajya Sabha from the State of Uttar Pradesh.
7. The Chair made references on the occasions of 'International Women's Day' and 'World Water Day'.
8. The Chair informed the House about the nomination of Shrimati Kahkashan Perween, a woman Member to the Panel of Vice-Chairmen of Rajya Sabha.
9. The House felicitated (a) Ms. Aanchal Thakur for winning Bronze in Alpine Ejder 3200 Cup in International Skiing event in Turkey (b) Indian Blind Cricket Team for winning 5th ODI Blind Cricket World Cup Title held at Sharjah (UAE) (c) ISRO for successful launch of its 100th satellite (d) DRDO for the successful testing of the Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile AGNI-V (e) Indian Under-19 Cricket Team for winning the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup, held in New Zealand (f) Ms. Aruna Budda Reddy for winning Bronze in Women's Vault event in Gymnastics World Cup 2018 held in Melbourne

(g) Ms. Navjot Kaur and Ms. Vinesh Phogat for winning Gold and Silver respectively, and Shri Bajrang Punia, Shri Vinod Kumar Omprakash, Shri Rajender Kumar, Shri Harpreet Singh, Ms. Sangeeta Phogat and Ms. Sakshi Malik for winning Bronze in Asian Wrestling Championship 2018 held in Kyrgyzstan (h) Ms. Manu Bhaker and Shri Shahzar Rizvi for winning Gold in Women and Men events and Ms. Mehuli Ghosh, Shri Jitu Rai and Shri Ravi Kumar for winning Bronze in Air Pistol and Air Rifle events in ISSF World Cup Shooting Championship, 2018 in Mexico.

10. During the Session, the House made references to the passing away of Prof. Stephen Hawking, renowned British Physicist and Cosmologist and **8** former Members of the Rajya Sabha.
11. References to the victims of (a) crash of the Pawan Hans Helicopter off the Mumbai Coast on 13th of January, 2018, (b) fire in a firecracker unit in Bawana industrial area of Delhi on the 19th of January, 2018 (c) accidental fall of a State Transport bus over the Balirghat Bridge in Murshidabad District of West Bengal on 29th of January, 2018 (d) victims of naxal attack on the 212 Battalion of CRPF in Sukma District of Chhattisgarh on the 13th of March, 2018 (e) massive forest fire in Theni District of Tamil Nadu on 14th of March, 2018 and paid tributes to Martyrs Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and Sukhdev.
12. The House bid farewell to 60 Members *including* 4 nominated Members, whose term of office would expire in the months of April, May, June and July, 2018.
13. Shri Y. S. Chowdary, Member, made a personal explanation regarding facts and circumstances leading to his resignation from the Union Council of Ministers.
14. Shrimati Sushma Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs, informed the House about the sequence of events leading to the abduction and killing of 39 Indians by ISIS in June, 2015 in Mosul, Iraq.
15. **18** Special Mentions on Matters of Public Importance were made/laid and **16** matters were also raised with the permission of the Chair during the first part of the Session. No Special Mentions or Matter could be made/raised during the second part of the Session.
16. During the Session, **5** Private Members' Bills were introduced and one Private Member's Bill was withdrawn. The discussion on one Private Member's Bill *namely* the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Amendment of article 366*) remained inconclusive. However, no Private Member's Resolution could be discussed during the entire Session.
17. During the Session, **145** Reports/Statements of various Parliamentary Committees including those of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees were presented or laid on the Table of the House.

18. Economic Survey, 2017-18; Fiscal Policy Statements, 2018-19; Report of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), for the year 2014-15; Report of the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), for the year 2016-17; Report of the Central Information Commission (CIC), for the year 2016-17; Public Enterprises Survey (Volumes I and II), for the year 2016-17; Report on the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, for the year 2016; Report on the working of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, for the year 2016; Report on the progress made in the intake of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes against vacancies reserved for them in the recruitment and promotion categories on the Railways, for the year 2016-17; Activity/Post Games Report of the Twelfth South Asian Games, 2016, Statement of the ILO Recommendation No.205 concerning the Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience; Quarterly Review Statement of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget, at the end of third quarter of the financial year 2017-18; Report of the Central Vigilance Commission, few CAG Reports and some sensitive notifications relating to Ministry of Finance were some of the important Reports/papers that were laid on the Table of the House during the Session.
19. During the Session, 434 Starred Questions and 4632 Unstarred Questions were admitted and answered. Of these 5 Starred Questions were orally answered. Question Hour could not be taken up for 27 days due to pandemonium and interruptions in the House over one or the other issue.
20. The Chair directed, under Rule 255 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) Dr. K. V. P. Ramachandra Rao and Shri C. M. Ramesh, Members to withdraw from the House for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
21. The House was informed by the Chair about the resignation of 4 Members, each representing the States of Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana respectively.
22. The Session had 30 sittings in all and the House sat for more than 45 hours. During the Session, more than 121 hours were lost on issues like (a) law and order situation in Kasganj and fake encounters in Uttar Pradesh (b) sealing of commercial establishments in Delhi (c) demand for special status to Andhra Pradesh (d) demand to constitute Cauvery Water Management Board (e) increase in frauds in Public Sector Banks especially PNB scam (f) vandalizing of statues in some parts of the country and (g) review of Orders of Supreme Court banning immediate arrest under SC/ST Act. The House also sat late for more than 10 hours to complete legislative and other important business.

Highlights of work transacted during the 245th Session – At a glance

Sittings	
Date of issue of Summons	12-01-2018
Duration of the Session	29-01-2018 to 09-02-2018 and 05-03-2018 to 06-04-2018
Number of actual days of sitting	30
Actual Hours of sittings (<i>excluding recess intervals</i>)	45+ Hrs.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	121+ Hrs.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	10+ Hrs.
Date of prorogation of Session	-
Questions	
No. of Starred Questions listed	434
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	5
No. of Unstarred Questions answered	4632
Short Notice Questions	-
Half-an-Hour Discussions	-
Government Bills	
No. of Bills introduced	-
No. of Bills withdrawn	-
No. of Bills passed/returned	1
No. of Bills referred to Select Committee	-
No. of Bills under consideration	1
No. of Bills deferred	-
Private Members' Business	
No. of Bills introduced	5
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	1
No. of Bills withdrawn/negated	1
No. of Resolution part discussed	-
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negated	-
Oath/Affirmation	
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation	60
Statements by Ministers	
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers	-
No. of Statements laid regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees	37
Matters of public importance raised	
No. of Calling Attentions	-
No. of Short Duration Discussions	-
No. of Special Mentions	18
No. of Matters raised with permission	16
Submission by Members	-
Papers Laid on the Table	1617