

## **Statement of the Chairman at the conclusion of the 216<sup>th</sup> Session**

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Hon'ble Members, the 216<sup>th</sup> Session of Rajya Sabha comes to a close. It commenced on 4 June, 2009 with the Rashtrapatiji's Address to both the Houses of Parliament. The Address was discussed in the form of Motion of Thanks which was spread over three days and lasted for more than fifteen hours.

I have directed the Secretary-General to make available statistical information regarding this Session.

I thank the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, Leaders of various Parties and Groups and all the Hon'ble Members for the immense cooperation extended that has enabled the smooth conduct of House proceedings.

I also thank the Deputy Chairman, Members on the Panel of Vice-Chairmen and the officers and staff of the Secretariat for their help and cooperation.

