

VALEDICTORY REMARKS – 221st Session

Hon'ble Members, the Two Hundred and Twenty First Session of the Rajya Sabha comes to a close. It displayed distinctive features: no debates or discussions on matters of public interest took place; no Special Mentions were made or laid on the Table; no Zero Hour interventions were sought; no questions were answered orally and no supplementary questions were raised.

Four Appropriation Bills were passed. Altogether, the House assembled for 2 hours and 44 minutes in 23 days.

The prohibition in the Rules about shouting slogans, displaying posters, obstructing proceedings by coming into the Well of the House was consistently ignored. Peace prevailed only when obituaries were read.

All sections of the House would perhaps introspect on the record of this session to seek the distinction between dissent, remonstrance, agitation and disruption.