

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**VALEDICTORY REMARKS -226<sup>TH</sup> SESSION**  
**(7<sup>th</sup> September, 2012)**

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Hon'ble Members, the 226<sup>th</sup> Session of the Rajya Sabha, which commenced on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012, comes to a close today. It is likely to be remembered for the work that was not done. The data is in no need of commentary:

- 3 Government Bills were passed and two others, including Constitution (117<sup>th</sup> Amendment) Bill were introduced.
- Out of 399 Starred Questions listed, only 11 could be answered orally. The Question Hour could be conducted only on one of the 19 days.
- 8 Short Notice Questions were admitted but could not be discussed.
- Three Short Duration Discussions - on increase in prices of goods and services, deficient rainfall and impending drought in various parts of the country, and problems of food security - were listed but were not taken up.
- 4 Matters of Urgent Public Importance in the form of Calling Attentions were listed but could not be discussed.

- 3 Half-an-Hour Discussions were listed but could not be proceeded with.
- Altogether, about 62 hours were lost on account of disruptions.

The new Chairman, Rajya Sabha, was welcomed in the House on August 13, 2012. Prof. P.J. Kurien was elected as Deputy Chairman on August 21, 2012.

I take this opportunity to thank the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of different political parties and groups, and the Hon'ble Members for the courtesy extended by them during the Session.

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

The House stands adjourned *sine die*.