

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**VALEDICTORY REMARKS – 230<sup>th</sup> Session**  
**( 21.2.2014 )**

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Hon'ble Members, the 230<sup>th</sup> Session of the Rajya Sabha, has taken place in two parts. The first part had 10 sittings in December, 2013. The Session was resumed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014 and as scheduled, it comes to a close today, the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2014. In all, the House sat for 22 sittings.

The House bid farewell to 54 retiring Members, scheduled to retire in the months of April and May, 2014 and thanked them for their services.

During the entire Session, but for two Short Notice Questions, no Starred Questions could be answered orally. This compels need for introspection about the relevance of the Question Hour itself. There were no Calling Attentions or Short Duration Discussions. The whole Session was marked by persistent obstruction of the proceedings by the Members by coming into the well of the House and shouting slogans and displaying placards. Despite this, on the last few days, the House transacted business and in all, during this Session, 17 Bills were passed/returned.

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I have asked the Secretary-General to make available the statistical information relating to this Session.

**The National Song, (" *Vande Mataram*" to be played.)**

**MR. CHAIRMAN** : The House stands adjourned *sine die*.

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