

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**VALEDICTORY REMARKS – 232<sup>ND</sup> SESSION**  
**14.08.2014**

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Hon'ble Members, we have come to the close of the 232<sup>nd</sup> Session of Rajya Sabha which had 27 sittings. We welcomed 17 newly/re-elected Members to our House. Considerable legislative business has been transacted apart from discussion on the Railway and General Budgets 2014-2015. In all more than 20 hours were devoted to Government Legislative Business apart from discussing three Ministries. On the whole, the House conducted business for more than 140 hours.

A wide spectrum of issues were taken up through Questions, Special Mentions, Calling Attention and Short Duration Discussion. The House also discussed significant national and international developments. There was ample opportunity for Members to seek clarifications.

On numerous occasions disruptions, principally in the Question Hour, occurred which forced repeated adjournments. This deprived Members of the opportunity to seek the accountability of the Executive.

I take this opportunity to thank the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of various Parties and Groups and the Hon'ble Members for the cooperation extended by them in the overall functioning of the House.

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

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

On the eve of our Independence Day, I take this opportunity to convey my greetings to all of you and the good wishes of Parliament to the citizens of our nation.

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

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

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