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**BRIEF RESUME' OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE
RAJYA SABHA DURING ITS TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY
SEVENTH SESSION
(22-11-2012 to 20-12-2012)**

SUMMONS

Summons for the Two Hundred and Twenty Seventh Session of the Rajya Sabha was issued to the Members on the 1st of November, 2012.

DURATION OF THE SESSION

The Two Hundred and Twenty Seventh Session of the Rajya Sabha commenced on the 22nd of November, 2012. The House was adjourned *sine die* on the 20th of December, 2012. The House sat for 20 days and the actual hours of sittings were 57 hours and 34 minutes (excluding recess intervals). The House was prorogued by the President on the 24th of December, 2012.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

On the 22nd of November, 2012, National Anthem was played.

(Time taken: 1 Minute)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Obituary References were made in the House during the Session as detailed below:—

Sl. No.	Date of obituary reference	Person in respect of whom reference was made	Date of passing away	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	22-11-2012	Shri B.V.Kakkilaya, ex-Member	04-06-2012	0-17	The Chairman made reference and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
2.	-do-	Shri Ranganath Misra, ex-Member	13-09-2012		
3.	-do-	Shri Jagesh Desai, ex-Member	04-10-2012		
4.	-do-	Shri B.P. Singhal, ex-Member	05-10-2012		
5.	-do-	Shri B. Satyanarayan Reddy, ex-Member	06-10-2012		
6.	-do-	Shri Anantray Devshanker Dave, ex-Member	07-10-2012		
7.	-do-	Shri Kailash Pati Mishra, ex-Member	03-11-2012		
8.	-do-	Shri K. C. Pant, ex-Member	15-11-2012		
9.	-do-	Shri Bal Thackeray	17-11-2012		

@10.	03-12-2012	Shri Inder Kumar Gujral, former Prime Minister of India and ex-Member	30-11-2012	0-06	The Chairman made reference and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed. As a mark of respect to the memory of Shri Inder Kumar Gujral, former Prime Minister of India, the House adjourned for the day.
11.	11-12-2012	Shri G. Swaminathan, ex-Member	09-12-2012	0-04	The Chairman made reference and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
12.	12-12-2012	Pandit Ravi Shankar, ex-Member	12-12-2012	0-05	The Chairman made reference and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
Total:				0-32	

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@ The House also adjourned for the day on the 30th of November, 2012 after the Minister of Home Affairs informed the House at 3-45 p.m. about the passing away of Shri Inder Kumar Gujral.

REFERENCES BY THE CHAIR

Sl. No.	Date of reference	Incident	Date of incident	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	22-11-2012	Reference to the Victims of Superstorm Sandy in USA.	29-10-2012 30-10-2012	0-04	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those, who lost their lives in these tragic incidents.
2.	-do-	Reference to the Victims of Cyclone Nilam in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.	31-10-2012		
3.	-do-	Reference to the Victims of Stampede during Chhat Puja in Patna, Bihar.	19-11-2012		
4.	26-11-2012	Reference to the Fourth Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks in Mumbai on the 26 th of November, 2008.	26-11-2008	0-03	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives in the tragedy.

5.	03-12-2012	Reference on the Anniversary of Bhopal Gas Tragedy.	02-12-1984 & 03-12-1984	0-03	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives in the tragedy.
6.	04-12-2012	Reference to the victims of fire in a garment factory in Bangladesh.	24-11-2012	0-02	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives in the tragedy.
7.	10-12-2012	Reference on the Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the year 1948.	—	0-02	—
8.	13-12-2012	Reference to the Eleventh Anniversary of the terrorist attack on the Parliament Building on the 13 th December, 2001.	13-12-2001	0-03	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those, who lost their lives in that tragedy.

9. 18-12-2012 Reference to the victims of Typhoon Bopha/Pablo in Philippines. 04-12-2012 0-02 The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives in the tragedy.

Total:

0-19

INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL, RAJYA SABHA

On the 22nd of November, 2012, The Chairman introduced the new Secretary-General, Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff to the House.

(Time taken: 1 Minute)

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS BY THE PRIME MINISTER

On the 22nd of November, 2012, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister introduced 6 Cabinet Ministers, 2 Ministers of State (Independent Charge) and 13 Ministers of State to the House.

(Time taken: 2 Mts.)

DISPENSING WITH QUESTION HOUR

On the 7th of December, 2012, the Chairman made the following announcement:—

“Hon’ble Members, yesterday 23 Members took part in the discussion on the Motion regarding FDI in Multi-brand Retail Sector. 11 Members are yet to take part in the discussion. The Leaders of Political Parties along with the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs had requested me that the Question Hour be dispensed with today in order to complete the debate on FDI and voting thereon.

I have acceded to their request, as the rarest of rare. Accordingly, we will now take up further discussion on the Motion. The reply of the mover will take place at 2.30 p.m. followed by voting.

The Private Members’ Legislative Business slated for today will be taken up immediately thereafter.”

Accordingly, the Question Hour was dispensed with and further discussion on the Motion regarding FDI in Multi-brand Retail Sector, was continued.

(Time taken: 2 Mts.)

QUESTIONS

400 Starred Questions were put down in the List of Questions for oral answers, 43 Questions were orally answered and answers to remaining ones were laid on the Table of the House.

(Time taken: 7 Hrs. & 41 Mts.)

3100 Unstarred Questions were put down in the List of Questions and written answers in respect thereof were laid on the Table of the House.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

Date	Short Notice Question No.	Subject	Ministry/ Department	Remarks	<u>Time Taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
29-11-12	1	Fiscal deficit target	Finance	Laid	—
06-12-12	2	Shortage of coins	Finance	Orally answered	0-01
10-12-12	3	Windmill plants in Andhra Pradesh	New and Renewable Energy	Orally answered	0-01
13-12-12	4	Direct cash transfer in Centrally sponsored scheme	Finance	Orally answered	0-17
14-12-12	5	Speed Post services	Communications and Information Technology	Orally answered	0-13
				Total Time	0-32

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS CORRECTING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Statements correcting answers to questions as detailed below were laid during the Session:—

Sl. No.	Date	Subject	Ministry/ Department	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	27-11-2012	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 518 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14 th August, 2012 regarding 'Liver transplantation facility in Government hospitals'.	Health and Family Welfare	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad	0-01
2.	11-12-2012	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 2513 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4 th September, 2012 regarding 'Core Areas in Tiger Reserves'.	Environment and Forests	Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan	0-01
3.	14-12-2012	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2173 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31 st August, 2012, regarding 'Suicide by farmers'.	Agriculture	Shri Tariq Anwar	0-01

4.	19-12-2012	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question No. 4786 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18 th May, 2012, regarding 'Job to kin of accident victim'.	Railways	Shri K. J. Surya Prakash Reddy	0-01
5.	-do-	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2717 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5 th September, 2012, regarding 'Jail inmates using mobile phones'.	Home Affairs	Shri R.P.N. Singh	0-01

Total : 0-05

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

1519 Papers were laid on the Table during the Session. Some of the important papers that were laid are detailed below: —

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
1.	29-11-2012	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2012: No.15 of 2012-13: (Performance Audit) - Union Government (Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation – Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission.
2.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2011: No.16 of 2012-13: (Compliance Audit) – Union Government (Defence Services) – Army and Ordnance Factories.
3.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2011: No.17 of 2012-13: (Compliance Audit) Union Government (Defence Services) – Air Force and Navy.
4.	05-12-2012	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India: No.12 of 2012-13: Union Government - Performance Audit on Operational Performance of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd. (ECGC).
5.	06-12-2012	Annual Report of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), for the year 2011.
6.	07-12-2012	National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Policy (NPPP), for the year 2012.
7.	-do-	Nineteenth Progress Report on the Action Taken Pursuant to the Recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Stock Market Scam and matters relating thereto (December, 2012).
8.	10-12-2012	Eighth Annual Statement on Pending Law Commission Reports (December, 2012).

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
9.	12-12-2012	First Special Report of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), New Delhi, for the period from 1 st April, 2006 to 30 th September, 2006.
10.	-do-	Explanatory Memorandum on the First Special Report of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), New Delhi, for the period from 1 st April, 2006 to 30 th September, 2006.
11.	13-12-2012	Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) G.S.R. 795 (E), dated the 30 th October, 2012, publishing the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident outside India) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2012.
12.	14-12-2012	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2011: No.18 of 2012-13 - (Performance Audit) - Union Government (Defence Services).
13.	-do-	Statement on Quarterly Review of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget, at the end of the first quarter of the financial year 2012-13.
14.	17-12-2012	Statement on the review of the Economy and Budget for the Mid year of the financial year 2012-13 (Mid-Year Economic Analysis 2012-13).
15.	19-12-2012	Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi, for the year 2010-11.
16.	-do-	Action Taken Report on the Recommendations contained in the Annual Report of the National Commission for Women, for the year 2010-11.
17.	-do-	Sixty-second Annual Report of the Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi, for the year 2011-12.

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
18.	19-12-2012	Memorandum explaining reasons for non-acceptance of the advice of the Union Public Service Commission in respect of cases referred to in Chapter 10 of the Sixty-second Annual Report of the Union Public Service Commission, for the year 2011-12.
19.	-do-	Annual Report of the Central Information Commission (CIC), New Delhi, for the year 2011-12.
20.	-do-	Annual Report on the working of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, for the year 2010.
21.	-do-	Annual Report on the working of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, for the year 2010.
22.	20-12-2012	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2012: No.20 of 2012-13: (Performance Audit) on Production and Sale of Iron Ore by NMDC Ltd. - Union Government (Ministry of Steel).
23.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2012: No.19 of 2012-13: (Performance Audit Report) - Union Government (Railways).
24.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2011: No.21 of 2012-13: (Performance Audit) – Environment Management in Indian Railways - Union Government (Railways).

(Total Time taken: 36 Mts.)

**REPORTS/STATEMENTS OF THE COMMITTEES
PRESENTED/LAID ON THE TABLE**

The following Reports/Statements of various Committees were presented/laid on the Table:—

<i>Date</i>	<i>Report/Statement</i>
	<i>Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha on the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Bill, 2011</i>
23-11-2012	Report and Evidence <i>Committee on Health and Family Welfare</i>
23-11-2012	60 th Report and Evidence <i>Committee on Home Affairs</i>
23-11-2012	164 th Report <i>Committee on Agriculture</i>
23-11-2012	39 th Report
29-11-2012	Action Taken Statements
20-12-2012	40 th and 41 st Reports <i>Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes</i>
26-11-2012	22 nd to 25 th Reports
19-12-2012	Report on on-the-spot visit to Jind and Kaithal Districts of Haryana on the 17 th October, 2012 to examine incidents of atrocities against Scheduled Caste women in Haryana <i>Committee on Water Resources</i>
27-11-2012	15 th and 16 th Reports

Committee on Commerce

04-12-2012 103rd to 106th Reports

Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture

04-12-2012 181st to 187th Reports

Committee on Information Technology

05-12-2012 Action Taken Statements

18-12-2012 38th to 41st Reports

20-12-2012 42nd Report

Committee on Urban Development

05-12-2012 21st and 22nd Reports

Committee on Industry

06-12-2012 237th Report

Committee on Finance

06-12-2012 60th to 64th Reports

Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment

12-12-2012 Action Taken Statements

19-12-2012 29th to 31st Reports

Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas

12-12-2012 15th Report & Action Taken Statements

Committee on Petitions

13-12-2012 143rd Report

19-12-2012 144th Report

*Committee on Human Resource Development*13-12-2012 247th Report and Evidence*Committee on Subordinate Legislation*14-12-2012 201st to 203rd Reports*Joint Committee on Offices of Profit*14-12-2012 7th and 8th Reports*Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice*17-12-2012 54th Report*Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers*17-12-2012 29th to 32nd Reports*Committee on Coal and Steel*17-12-2012 27th to 29th Reports

18-12-2012 Action Taken Statement

*Committee on Energy*18-12-2012 31st and 32nd Reports*Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution*18-12-2012 24th and 25th Reports19-12-2012 26th Report

20-12-2012 Action Taken Statements

Committee on Railways

18-12-2012 Action Taken Statements

Committee on Rural Development

18-12-2012 34th to 37th Reports and Action Taken Statement

Committee on Government Assurances

19-12-2012 66th Report

Committee on External Affairs

19-12-2012 Action Taken Statement

Public Accounts Committee

19-12-2012 Action Taken Statement

Railway Convention Committee

19-12-2012 5th Report

Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests

26-11-2012 231st Report

20-12-2012 232nd to 238th Reports

(Total time taken: 34 Mts.)

PETITION PRAYING FOR AMENDMENT IN THE EMPLOYEES PENSION SCHEME, 1995

On the 23rd of November, 2012, Shri Prakash Javadekar reported to the House the receipt of a petition signed by him, praying for amendment in the Employees Pension Scheme, 1995.

(Time taken: 1 Minute)

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

(i) On the 30th November, 2012, the Chairman made the following announcement:—

“Hon’ble Members, I have received eight notices of motion from different Members under Rule 168 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha on Foreign Direct Investment in multi-brand retail sector. I have to inform the House that I have admitted the motion and will allow discussion on the subject. The date and time of the discussion will be decided.”

(ii) On the 6th December, 2012, the Chairman made the following announcement:—

“Hon’ble Members, now we will take up the MOTION under Rule 168 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States on FDI in Multi-brand Retail Sector.

As informally agreed to, there will be no lunch-hour today. The discussion on the Motion may be concluded today itself. If required, the House may sit late for the purpose. The Minister’s intervention and reply of the Mover to the discussion on the Motion would be tomorrow.

Now, Dr. V. Maitreyan may move the Motion.”

(Total Time taken: 2 Mts)

OBSERVATION BY THE CHAIR

On the 11th December, 2012, the Chairman made the following observation:—

"Hon. Members, a situation has arisen in which the Chair has to watch helplessly the disruption of the Question Hour very frequently. I, therefore, propose to call a meeting of the Rules Committee and put before the Members of the Committee two options. One, that the Question Hour be moved to another part of the day. Two, since Members don't seem to attach very grave importance to the questions being answered, the Question Hour be dispensed with altogether."

(Time taken: 1 Minute)

INFORMATION TO THE HOUSE

On the 30th of November, 2012, Shri Sushilkumar Shinde, Minister of Home Affairs, informed the House about the passing away of Shri Inder Kumar Gujral, former Prime Minister of India.

(Time taken: 1 Minute)

PANEL OF VICE-CHAIRMEN

On the 22nd of November, 2012, the Deputy Chairman announced that the Chairman has re-constituted the Panel of Vice-Chairmen w.e.f. 9th November, 2012, with the following Members:—

1. Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan
2. Shri Shanta Kumar
3. Shri Prasanta Chatterjee
4. Dr. Mahendra Prasad
5. Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury
6. Shri Tiruchi Siva

(Time taken: 1 Minute)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- (i) On the 30th of November, 2012, Shri S. M. Krishna (Karnataka) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 29th November to 18th December, 2012, during the 227th Session of the Rajya Sabha.
- (ii) On the 11th of December, 2012, Shri Murli Deora (Maharashtra) was granted leave of absence from all the sittings of the House, from 22nd November to 20th December, 2012, during the 227th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(Time taken: 1 Minute)

MOTIONS FOR ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/BODIES

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Committee/Body	<u>Time taken</u> <u>Hrs.Mts.</u>
1.	04-12-2012	National Tiger Conservation Authority	0-01
2.	10-12-2012	Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology	0-01
3.	-do-	Central Advisory Committee for the National Cadet Corps	0-01
4.	-do-	Coffee Board	0-01
5.	11-12-2012	National Welfare Board for Seafarers	0-01
6.	12-12-2012	Committee on Public Undertakings	0-01
7.	18-12-2012	Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) Council	0-01
Total :			0-07

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

1. On the 30th of November, 2012, Shri Prakash Javadekar raised a matter regarding recent suicides committed by students for formation of separate Telangana State.

2. On the 10th of December, 2012:—

(1) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding payment of ₹ 2,585 crores to Bihar as pension liability under the Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000.

(2) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad raised a matter regarding reported lobbying by Walmart for entry in India.

Shri P. Rajeev associated.

Shri Rajeev Shukla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs responded.

3. On the 11th of December, 2012:—

(1) Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu raised a matter regarding reported lobbying by Walmart for entry in India.

Shri Sitaram Yechury and Dr. V. Maitreyan also spoke.

Shri Kamal Nath, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Urban Development responded.

(2) Shrimati Kanimozhi raised a matter regarding spread of dengue epidemic in India.

(3) Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda raised a matter regarding suspension of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Shri Anil Desai also spoke.

(4) Shri C.M. Ramesh raised a matter regarding the Directive issued by U.A.E. to 18,000 workers of Andhra Pradesh to leave the country.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu also spoke.

Shri Vayalar Ravi, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs responded.

(5) Shri Tarun Vijay raised a matter regarding complaint against the IRP personnel deployed at Zanskar sub-division of Kargil district, Jammu and Kashmir.

Shri Shanta Kumar also spoke.

Shri Rajeev Shukla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs responded.

(6) Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar raised a matter regarding Indian hostages held by Somalian pirates.

Shri K.N. Balagopal also spoke.

Shri Rajeev Shukla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs responded.

4. On the 13th of December, 2012:—

(1) Shri P. Rajeev raised a matter regarding engagement of lobbying agency of Wal-Mart by the Indian Embassy at the time of Nuclear deal.

(2) Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding death of a dalit boy in Ambedkar Welfare Hostel in Bhojpur, Bihar.

Shri Ram Vilas Paswan also spoke.

(3) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding declaring of digging soil on less than 5 acres of land as mining activity by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Shri Vinay Katiyar also spoke.

Shri Rajeev Shukla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs responded.

(4) Shri Prasanta Chatterjee raised a matter regarding non-payment of salary to the workers and employees of Burn Standard Company Limited.

(5) Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu raised a matter regarding alleged exploitation of precious mineral resources by corporates without approval of Parliament.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and Dr. Najma A. Heptulla also spoke.

Shri Rajeev Shukla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs responded.

(6) Dr. T.N. Seema raised a matter regarding incidents of derailment in Kerala.

(7) Shri Prakash Javadekar raised a matter regarding death of five patients in a Delhi hospital due to interrupted supply of oxygen.

(8) Shri M.P. Achuthan raised a matter regarding poor condition of bogies in Kerala bound trains.

(9) Shri Avinash Rai Khanna raised a matter regarding difficulties faced by Hindus and Sikhs for cremation of dead bodies in Afghanistan.

5. On the 17th of December, 2012:—

(1) Shri Ram Vilas Paswan raised a matter regarding death of more than 100 people after consuming spurious liquor in Bihar.

(2) Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav raised a matter regarding need for a Constitution Amendment to give reservation to Backward Muslims, as recommended by the Sachar Committee.

(3) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad raised a matter regarding statements made by the Interior Minister of Pakistan during his recent visit to India.

Shri Rajeev Shukla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs responded.

(4) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding problems being faced by the people of Dhanbad due to day and night transportation of Coal against the guidelines in Maithen Power Limited.

(5) Dr. K.P. Ramalingam raised a matter regarding compensation for farmers and labourers in Tamil Nadu due to heavy power cuts in the State.

(6) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding allocation of coal to power plants in Uttar Pradesh.

(7) Shri Shanta Kumar raised a matter regarding huge shortage of officers and soldiers in the Army.

(8) Shri Prasanta Chatterjee raised a matter regarding millions spent by US entitites to enter Indian markets.

(9) Shri Tarun Vijay raised a matter regarding National War Memorial at New Delhi in honour of Martyrs.

(10) Dr. V. Maitreyan raised a matter regarding issue of Digital Addressable System (DAS) Licence to Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu also spoke.

(11) Shri Shantaram Naik raised a matter regarding unemployment due to closure of mining operations in Goa.

6. On the 18th of December, 2012:—

Shrimati Maya Singh raised a matter regarding the incident of gang rape of a para-medical student in New Delhi on the 16th of December, 2012.

The following Members spoke:—

1. Shri Prasanta Chatterjee
2. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu
3. Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury
4. Km. Mayawati
5. Shrimati Jaya Bachchan
6. Shri Shivanand Tiwari
7. Shri Derek O' Brien
8. Shrimati Vasanthi Stanley
9. Shri Shashi Bhusan Behera
10. Shri Devender Goud T.
11. Dr. V. Maitreyan
12. Dr. Najma A. Heptulla
13. Dr. Prabha Thakur
14. Shri Sanjay Raut
15. Shri Ram Jethmalani
16. Dr. T.N. Seema

17. Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani
18. Dr. Vijaylaxmi Sadho
19. Shrimati Gundu Sudharani
20. Dr. Ashok S. Ganguly
21. Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya
22. Shri Balwinder Singh Bhunder
23. Shrimati Mohsina Kidwai
24. Shri D. Raja
25. Shri Tiruchi Siva
26. Shri Avinash Rai Khanna
27. Shri Ram Kripal Yadav
28. Chaudhary Munabbar Saleem
29. Shri M. Rama Jois
30. Dr. Yogendra P. Trivedi
31. Shri Basawaraj Patil
32. Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya
33. Dr. Gyan Prakash Pilonia
34. Shri Kumar Deepak Das
35. Shri Javed Akhtar

Shri Sushilkumar Shinde, Minister of Home Affairs, responded.

(Total time taken: 3 Hrs. & 53 Mts.)

SPECIAL MENTIONS

The following matters of Public Importance were raised/laid on the Table with the permission of the Chair during the Session: —

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
[@] 1.	23-11-2012	Shri C. M. Ramesh	Demand to consolidate the social welfare schemes for youth, particularly the rural youth under one organisation.	0-02
2.	-do-	Shri Kumar Deepak Das	Demand to make a comprehensive land policy to protect the interests of the indigenous people of Assam.	
3.	-do-	Shri Bhupender Yadav	Demand to take deterrent action against pharma companies responsible for unethical clinical trials in the country.	
4.	-do-	Shri Husain Dalwai	Demand to extend the National Mission for Food Processing to Konkan region.	
5.	-do-	Shri D. Raja	Demand for strict implementation of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976.	

[@] Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 1 to 5 were treated as laid on the Table of the House with the permission of the Chair.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
[@] 6.	26-11-2012	Dr. Gyan Prakash Pilania	Concern over inordinate delay in disposal of cases of crores of undertrials in the country.	0-01
7.	-do-	Dr. Janardhan Waghmare	Demand to set up a mechanism for proper utilization of wealth of Ashrams and temples for welfare measures in the country.	
8.	-do-	Shri Shantaram Naik	Demand to make defamation laws more stringent in the country.	
9.	-do-	Shri Ambeth Rajan	Need for giving cash benefits to women and children affected by malnutrition.	
10.	30-11-2012	Shri M. Rama Jois	Need to withdraw the proposal to dispose solid nuclear waste from Kudankulam Nuclear Plant at K.G.F. in Kolar District of Karnataka.	0-01
11.	-do-	Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap	Need to make the costly treatment of cancer economical in the country.	0-02

[@] Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 6 to 9 were treated as laid on the Table of the House with the permission of the Chair.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
12.	30-11-2012	Chaudhary Munabbar Saleem	Need to take steps to protect Wakf property from encroachment and illegal possession in the country.	0-02
13.	-do-	Shri C.M. Ramesh	Need to declare the catastrophe caused by Cyclone Nilam in Andhra Pradesh as a national calamity.	0-02
14.	-do-	Dr. Prabha Thakur	Need to strengthen medical facilities by establishing AIIMS like Government medical and diagnostic centres in the country.	0-02
15.	-do-	Shri Darshan Singh Yadav	Need to take steps to remove the social evil of giving death-feast in the country.	0-03
16.	-do-	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Need to consider alternative methods for interlinking of rivers in the country.	0-02
17.	-do-	Shri Ali Anwar Ansari	Need to include people of diverse fields while deciding on setting up nuclear power stations in the country.	0-03

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
18.	30-11-2012	Dr. Ram Prakash	Need to ban the release of industrial effluents and polluted water from villages and cities into the River Ganga.	0-03
19.	-do-	Shri Kumar Deepak Das	Need to take effective steps to protect the traditional silk industry of Assam from degradation.	0-02
20.	-do-	Shri Bhupender Yadav	Need to take effective steps to improve the condition of sanitation in the country.	0-02
21.	-do-	Shrimati Maya Singh	Need to take strict action against people responsible for death of an Indian woman in Ireland and grant her family adequate compensation.	0-03
22.	-do-	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Need to create international pressure to tackle the threat of Talibani terrorists to harm Indian people.	0-02
23.	7-12-2012	Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia	Need to conduct All India Medical Entrance Examinations of CBSE in Odia language.	0-01
24.	-do-	Shri Kumar Deepak Das	Need to review the clearance of power projects in Arunachal Pradesh.	0-03

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
25.	7-12-2012	Shri Praveen Rashtrapal	Need to institute an inquiry into the killing of <i>dalits</i> in Surendra Nagar, Gujarat.	0-03
26.	-do-	Shri Tarun Vijay	Need to include the study of East Asian countries, specially China, in school curriculum.	0-02
@27.	11-12-2012	Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan	Need to revamp structural and intellectual aspects of diplomacy of the country.	0-01
28.	-do-	Shri S. Thangavelu	Need for early completion of electrification of Chennai to Kanyakumari railway line.	
29.	-do-	Dr. Gyan Prakash Pilania	Concern over the shameful scenario of abuse of elders.	0-02
30.	-do-	Shri D. Raja	Need for revival of the Hindustan Photo Films, Ooty.	0-04
31.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Need for more Jan Aushadhi Stores in West Bengal.	0-01
32.	-do-	Shrimati T. Ratnabai	Need for setting up a Task Force to monitor the various Centrally Sponsored Schemes.	

@ Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 27, 28, 31 & 32 were treated as laid on the Table of the House with the permission of the Chair.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
33.	11-12-2012	Shri Basawaraj Patil	Need to establish a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Yadgir District in Karnataka.	—
34.	-do-	Shri Ishwar Singh	Need to regulate the advertisements pertaining to fast food items.	0-02
35.	-do-	Shri Kaptan Singh Solanki	Need to release the funds for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes students in Madhya Pradesh.	0-01
36.	-do-	Shrimati Vasanthi Stanley	Need to check the increasing number of dengue cases in Tamil Nadu.	0-02
37.	-do-	Shri P. Rajeeve	Need to give special package for the coconut farmers in the country.	0-02
38.	-do-	Shrimati Bimla Kashyap Sood	Need for early release of additional funds allocated for Himachal Pradesh by the Thirteenth Finance Commission.	0-01
39.	-do-	Shri Mohd. Ali Khan	Need for introduction of a train between Kachch and Hyderabad.	0-02

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
[@] 40.	11-12-2012	Shri Prasanta Chatterjee	Need for immediate curtailment of subsidy on diesel for operating telephone towers by telecom companies in the country.	0-02
41.	-do-	Shri Avtar Singh Karimpuri	Need to make stringent laws to check crimes against women in the country.	
42.	-do-	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Need for extension of rail network in Punjab.	0-01
43.	-do-	Chaudhary Munabbar Saleem	Need to declare Urdu as the second official language and include it in school education.	0-02
44.	-do-	Shri Arvind Kumar Singh	Need to resolve the problems of recruitment and promotion of staff and teachers at Allahabad University in Uttar Pradesh.	0-03
45.	-do-	Shrimati Kusum Rai	Need to take necessary steps to stop the brain-drain of doctors at AIIMS in Delhi.	0-01
46.	-do-	Shrimati Maya Singh	Need to take steps to stop crimes against women and girls in Delhi.	0-01

[@] Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 40 & 42 were treated as laid on the Table of the House with the permission of the Chair.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
[@] 47.	11-12-2012	Shri N.K. Singh	Need to take effective steps to contain the unsustainable level of fiscal deficit of the country.	0-03
48.	-do-	Shri Ambeth Rajan	Need to take immediate steps to curb the atrocities against SCs and STs in the country.	
49.	-do-	Dr. Ram Prakash	Need to take steps for development of people belonging to Bagdi Gadia Lohar community to bring them into mainstream of the society.	
50.	-do-	Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap	Need to implement the policy of reservation for OBCs in all the states of the country.	0-01
51.	-do-	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar	Need to take steps to improve the confidence of investors in the telecom sector.	—
52.	-do-	Shri Shanta Kumar	Taking up the issue of brutalities meted out to the Kargil martyr Captain Saurabh Kalia in the International Court of Justice.	

[@] Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 47, 48, 50 to 52 were treated as laid on the Table of the House with the permission of the Chair.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
[@] 53.	11-12-2012	Shri Sanjay Raut	Need to take concrete steps to check increasing number of accidents in Mumbai Sub-urban Railways.	0-01
54.	-do-	Shri Husain Dalwai	Need to construct a Railway Terminus at Madura near Sawantwadi on the Mumbai-Goa-Konkan Railway line.	
55.	-do-	Shri K.N. Balagopal	Need to take steps to construct the building for Kendriya Vidyalaya in Kollam District of Kerala.	0-02
56.	-do-	Shri Ram Kripal Yadav	Need to include people belonging to certain castes in SC/ST category in Bihar.	
57.	-do-	Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda	Need to give more emphasis in Planning on Health, Education and Energy.	0-02
58.	-do-	Shri Rabinarayan Mohapatra	Need to enhance the Minimum Support Price of Paddy, for the year 2012-13.	
59.	13-12-2012	Dr. K.P. Ramalingam	Demand to protect small farmers involved in contract farming of Emu bird in Tamil Nadu from financial frauds.	—

[@] Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 53 to 55, 57 & 59 were treated as laid on the Table of the House with the permission of the Chair.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
[@] 60.	13-12-2012	Dr. Bharatkumar Raut	Demand to release a postal stamp to commemorate the birthday of Balasaheb Thakarey.	0-04
61.	-do-	Shri Anil Desai	Demand to take steps to check the spread of dengue in Mumbai.	
62.	-do-	Shrimati Jaya Bachchan	Demand to remove the cap imposed on the number of subsidized LPG cylinders in the country.	
63.	-do-	Shri Ali Anwar Ansari	Demand to make a concrete policy to rehabilitate and grant compensation to innocent Muslims imprisoned on the charges of terrorism.	
64.	-do-	Dr. Najma A. Heptulla	Demand to take measures for providing safe drinking water in the country.	—
65.	-do-	Shri Thomas A. Sangma	Demand to restore the services of Alliance Airlines in Meghalaya.	—

[@] Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 60 to 65 were treated as laid on the Table of the House, after taking sense of the House.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
[@] 66.	13-12-2012	Shri Derek O' Brien	Demand to give tax waiver on prize money to Sonali Mukherjee, a victim of acid attack on humanitarian ground.	0-05
67.	-do-	Shrimati Kanimozhi	Demand for early release of Tamil fishermen from jails in Sri Lanka.	
68.	-do-	Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya	Demand to take effective measures to reduce the child mortality rate in the country.	
69.	-do-	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Demand to take steps to increase the population of Ongole, Punganuru and Deoni breed cattle in Andhra Pradesh.	
70.	-do-	Dr. T.N. Seema	Demand to confer classical language status to Malayalam.	
71.	-do-	Dr. C.P. Thakur	Demand to rename the Tropical Diseases Institute in Patna as the Samrat Ashoka Tropical Diseases Institute.	

[@] Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 66 to 71 were treated as laid on the Table of the House, after taking sense of the House.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
72.	13-12-2012	Shri A. Elavarasan	Demand to allocate adequate power to the State of Tamil Nadu, specially from the Koondankulam Nuclear Power Plant.	0-02
73.	-do-	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey	Demand to declare Hockey as the National Game of the country.	0-02
74.	-do-	Shri C.M. Ramesh	Demand to remove anomaly with regard to fixing eligibility criteria for IIT entrance exam.	0-03
[@] 75.	17-12-2012	Dr. Gyan Prakash Pilania	Concern over horrendous scenario of crimes against children in the country.	0-02
76.	-do-	Shri Basawaraj Patil	Demand to expedite the process of setting up the Golpalli Hydro-electric power project in Karnataka.	
77.	-do-	Dr. Ram Prakash	Demand to take steps for purification of the water of River Yamuna and conserve the heritage sites along the course of the river.	

[@] Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 75 to 77 were treated as laid on the Table of the House, after taking sense of the House.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
[@] 78.	17-12-2012	Dr. Najma A. Heptulla	Demand to set up District level Committees to monitor the mid-day-meal scheme for school children in the country.	—
79.	-do-	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Demand to take effective steps to protect the dignity of women in the country.	0-01
80.	-do-	Shri Kumar Deepak Das	Demand to set up an inquiry into the matter of exclusion of a Tableau to depict the Ahom General Sukhpa on the Republic Day parade.	
81.	-do-	Prof. Saif-ud-Din Soz	Need to bring rail line to Uri and Kupwara and development of Railways in J & K.	
82.	-do-	Shri Prabhat Jha	Demand to make a concrete policy for urban development in the country.	0-03
83.	-do-	Shri Ishwar Singh	Concern over adverse impact of requirement of environmental clearance for sand mining on the development work in the country, particularly in Haryana.	

[@] Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 78 to 82 were treated as laid on the Table of the House, after taking sense of the House.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
84.	17-12-2012	Shri Ram Kripal Yadav	Demand to open adequate number of procurement centres and storage facilities for paddy crop in Bihar.	0-02
85.	-do-	Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra	Demand to resolve the problems being faced by a large number of villages due to the Askot Musk Deer Sanctuary in Uttarakhand.	0-03
86.	-do-	Shri Balwinder Singh Bhunder	Demand to take concrete steps to enhance the storage facility for foodgrains in the country.	0-02
87.	-do-	Shri Sanjiv Kumar	Demand to include the people belonging to Maira community of Jharkhand in the Central list of Other Backward Category.	0-02
88.	-do-	Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya	Demand to take action against the culprits involved in sexual harassment and criminal intimidation of a woman theatre artist and playwright in Karnataka.	0-01
89.	-do-	Shri Piyush Goyal	Concern over slow growth of Index of Industrial Production.	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
90.	17-12-2012	Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani	Need for raising height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam.	0-02
91.	-do-	Shrimati Gundu Sudharani	Demand to provide financial assistance to the State of Andhra Pradesh hit by Cyclone Nilam.	0-02
92.	-do-	Shri Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala	Demand to install electronic indicators in all passenger coaches of trains in the country.	0-01
93.	-do-	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Demand to frame a uniform education policy in the country.	0-01
@94.	20-12-2012	Shri Avinash Pande	Demand for early construction of the Ambikapur Barwadi railway line.	—
95.	-do-	Shrimati Maya Singh	Demand to take necessary steps for welfare of homeless children in Delhi.	
96.	-do-	Chaudhary Munabbar Saleem	Demand to declare the Mohd. Ali Jauhar University in Rampur (U.P.) as a Minority educational institution.	

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@ Special Mentions from Sl. Nos. 94 to 108 were treated as laid on the Table of the House, after taking sense of the House.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
97.	20-12-2012	Shri N.K. Singh	Demand to grant special assistance for the development of Bihar.	0-01
98.	-do-	Shri B.S. Gnanadesikan	Demand to announce Minimum Support Price for the crops of Turmeric and Coconut in Tamil Nadu.	
99.	-do-	Shri C.M. Ramesh	Demand to address the exploitation faced by cotton farmers in Andhra Pradesh and increase the MSP for cotton.	
100.	-do-	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand to take effective steps to strengthen India's relations with the ASEAN countries.	0-02
101.	-do-	Shri Piyush Goyal	Demand to take immediate steps to maintain availability of coal for power sector in the country.	
102.	-do-	Shri P. Rajeeve	Demand to take action to fill up all the vacancies at subordinate level in all the Public Sector Banks in a time bound manner.	
103.	-do-	Shri S. Thangavelu	Demand to provide interest free educational loans and set up a Credit Guarantee Fund.	

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
104.	20-12-2012	Shri K.N. Balagopal	Demand to take urgent steps to construct all major bypasses on National Highways in Kerala.	—
105.	-do-	Shri Arvind Kumar Singh	Demand to withdraw the letter sent to Universities directing the institutions not to give representations directly to UGC.	
106.	-do-	Shri Joy Abraham	Demand to take immediate measures to check the fall in prices of natural rubber in the domestic market.	
107.	-do-	Shri Ram Vilas Paswan	Demand to set up fast track courts for disposal of cases against innocent Muslim prisoners and take steps for rehabilitation and employment of Muslims.	0-01
108.	-do-	Shri Rangasayee Ramakrishna	Concern over commencement of cash transfer scheme based on AADHAR in the country and its inflationary effects.	
Total:				2-01

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Calling Attention Notice on the following subject was admitted and the Statement in respect thereof was made in the House: —

Sl. No	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Ministry	Minister-in-Charge	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	19-12-2012	Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	Suspension of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).	Youth Affairs and Sports	Shri Jitendra Singh	0-56

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

(I) The following Statements were made by Ministers during the Session: —

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	05-12-2012	Construction of a befitting Memorial to Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar at Mumbai.	Shri Rajeev Shukla	0-02
2.	17-12-2012	Visit of the Interior Minister of Pakistan to India on 14 th to 16 th December, 2012.	Shri Sushilkumar Shinde	0-19
3.	19-12-2012	Action Taken by the Government on the incident of gang rape of a paramedical student in South Delhi on the 16 th December, 2012.	Shri Sushilkumar Shinde	0-07

(II) The following Statements were laid by Ministers in pursuance of the Direction of the Chairman, Rajya Sabha, dated the 24th September, 2004 in accordance with the provisions of Rule 266 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States:—

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	26-11-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2012-13) of the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research.	Shri S. Jaipal Reddy	0-01
2.	27-11-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas on Demands for Grants (2012-13) of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.	Shrimati Panabaka Lakshmi	—
3.	29-11-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.	Shri V. Kishore Chandra Deo	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
4.	29-11-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel on Demands for Grants (2012-13) of the Ministry of Steel.	Shri Beni Prasad Verma	—
5.	30-11-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on “Disbursement of wages to Labourers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act by Post Offices” pertaining to the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.	Dr (Shrimati) Kruparani Killi	0-01
6.	05-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Nineteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development on Demands for Grants pertaining to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.	Shri Ajay Maken	0-01
7.	06-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eighteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Urban Development.	Shrimati Deepa Dasmunsi	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
8.	07-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on Optimization of Employment Generation Potential of Animal Husbandry Sector pertaining to the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries.	Shri Tariq Anwar	0-01
9.	10-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development.	Shri Jairam Ramesh	0-01
10.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Seventeenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution pertaining to the Department of Food and Public Distribution.	Prof. K.V. Thomas	—
11.	11-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifty-fourth to Fifty-seventh Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare on the Demand for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
12.	13-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Sixty-second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on Demands for Grants (2012-13) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region	Shri Paban Singh Ghatowar	0-01
13.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Action Taken Notes on the Two Hundred and Twenty-third Report of the Committee on Revival and Restructuring of North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd pertaining to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.	-do-	
14.	17-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants, for the year 2012-13, of the Department of Biotechnology.	Shri S. Jaipal Reddy	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
15.	17-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel pertaining to the Ministry of Coal.	Shri Shriprakash Jaiswal	—
16.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources.	Shri Harish Rawat	0-01
17.	18-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry pertaining to the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia	0-01
18.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry pertaining to the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.	-do-	

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
19.	19-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on the Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.	Shri Sarvey Sathyanarayana	0-01
20.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment.	Shri Porika Balram Naik	
21.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirtieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on the Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Rural Development.	Shri Jairam Ramesh	0-01
22.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-ninth and Two Hundred and Thirty-Fifth Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry pertaining to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.	Shri K.H. Muniappa	

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
23.	19-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel pertaining to the Ministry of Mines.	Shri Dinsha J. Patel	—
24.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Nineteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on the Demands for Grants (2011-12) pertaining to the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.	Shri Jairam Ramesh	0-01
25.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Sixty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on the Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Home Affairs.	Shri Mullappally Ramachandran	
26.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests on the Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Space.	Shri V. Narayanasamy	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
27.	19-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and First Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on the Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.	Dr. S. Jagathrakshakan	—
28.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on the Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Agriculture and Co-operation.	Shri Tariq Anwar	—
29.	20-12-2012	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.	Shri K.J. Surya Prakash Reddy	0-01
			Total:	0-45

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA/ GOVERNMENT BILLS—LAID ON THE TABLE

Secretary-General reported to the Rajya Sabha, 10 messages received from the Lok Sabha and laid on the Table, 7 Government Bills, as passed by the Lok Sabha, during the Session.

(Time taken: 6 Mts.)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3 Meetings of the Business Advisory Committee were held during the Session to allocate time for Government Legislative Business. Recommendations of the Committee in respect of three (3) meetings were reported to the House on the dates mentioned below: —

Sl. No.	Date	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	23-11-2012	0-01
2.	06-12-2012	0-01
3.	18-12-2012	0-01
Total:		0-03

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL) 2012-13

Sl. No	Date	Particulars	Minister who laid on the Table	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	07-12-2012	Supplementary Demands for Grants (General), for the year 2012-13 (December, 2012)	Shri Namo Narain Meena	0-01
Total:				0-01

MOTION

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	Ministers who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	06-12-2012 07-12-2012	Dr. V. Maitreyan	“That this House disapproves the decision of the Government to allow FDI in Multi-brand Retail Sector.”	(i) Shri Ashwani Kumar (ii) Shri Anand Sharma	35	9-17	The Motion was negatived. For details of Division, refer page No. 60.
					Total:	<u>9-17</u>	

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction / laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2012.	04-12-2012	—	Shri Mallikarjun Kharge	—	0-01	Introduced
2.	The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Amendment Bill, 2012	13-12-2012	—	Shrimati Krishna Tirath	—	0-01	Introduced
3.	The Constitution (One Hundred Seventeenth Amendment) Bill, 2012.	05-09-2012	13-12-2012 17-12-2012	Shri V. Narayanasamy	31	5-41	Passed, as amended.

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction / laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
4.	The North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Amendment Bill, 2012.	04-09-2012	14-12-2012	Shri Mullappally Ramachandran	6	0-44	Passed.
5.	The Prevention of Money-Laundering (Amendment) Bill, 2012.	04-12-2012	17-12-2012	Shri P. Chidambaram	10	1-42	Passed.
6.	The Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2012.	17-12-2012	18-12-2012	Shri Namo Narain Meena	13	2-46	Returned.

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction / laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
7.	The Constitution (One Hundred Eighteenth Amendment) Bill, 2012.	19-12-2012	19-12-2012	Shri R.P.N. Singh	10	1-20	Passed, as amended.
8.	The Unlawful Activities Prevention (Amendment) Bill, 2012.	04-12-2012	19-12-2012 20-12-2012	Shri Sushilkumar Shinde	21	4-07	Passed.

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction / laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
#9.	The Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2012.	19-12-2012					
#10.	The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2012.	11-12-2012	20-12-2012	Shri P. Chidambaram	9	2-40	Passed.
						Total:	19-02

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Discussed together.

DIVISIONS

The following Divisions were held :—

Sl. No.	Subject	Date of division	Brief Question on which Division was sought	Result as declared	Final Corrected Result	Remarks
1.	Motion on FDI in Multi-brand Retail Sector	07-12-2012	Motion moved by Dr. V. Maitreyan on FDI in Multi-brand Retail Sector	Ayes — &109 Noes — &123	Ayes — #102 Noes — #123	Motion was negatived
2.	The Constitution (One Hundred Seventeenth Amendment) Bill, 2012.	17-12-2012	Motion moved by Shri V. Narayanasamy for consideration of the Bill	Ayes — &206 Noes — &10	Ayes — *194 Noes — *10	The Motion was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the

& Subject to correction.

The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 50390 dated the 7th December, 2012.

* The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 50423 dated the 17th December, 2012.

						Members of the House present and voting.
3.	-do-	-do-	Adoption of Clause 2, as amended of the Bill	Ayes — ^{&} 206 Noes — ^{&} 10	Ayes — [*] 194 Noes — [*] 10	Clause 2, as amended, was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.
4.	-do-	-do-	Adoption of Clause 1, as amended of the Bill	Ayes — ^{&} 206 Noes — ^{&} 10	Ayes — [*] 194 Noes — [*] 10	Clause 1, as amended, was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the

[&] Subject to correction.

^{*} The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 50423 dated the 17th December, 2012.

						Members of the House present and voting.
5.	-do-	-do-	Adoption of the Enacting Formula and the Title of the Bill	Ayes — &206 Noes — &10	Ayes — *194 Noes — *10	The Enacting Formula and the Title, were adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.
6.	-do-	-do-	Motion for passing of the Bill, as amended	Ayes — &206 Noes — &10	Ayes — *194 Noes — *10	Motion was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.

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& Subject to correction.

* The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 50423 dated the 17th December, 2012.

7.	The Constitution (One Hundred Eighteenth Amendment) Bill, 2012.	19-12-2012	Motion moved by Shri R.P.N. Singh for consideration of the Bill	Ayes — &163 Noes — &NIL	Ayes — \$163 Noes — \$NIL	The Motion was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.
8.	-do-	-do-	Adoption of Clause 2 of the Bill	Ayes — &163 Noes — &NIL	Ayes — \$163 Noes — \$NIL	Clause 2 was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.

& Subject to correction.

\$ The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 50442 dated the 19th December, 2012.

9.	-do-	-do-	Adoption of Clause 1, as amended of the Bill	Ayes — &163 Noes — &NIL	Ayes — \$163 Noes — \$NIL	Clause 1, as amended, was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.
10.	-do-	-do-	Adoption of the Enacting Formula and the Title of the Bill	Ayes — &163 Noes — &NIL	Ayes — \$163 Noes — \$NIL	The Enacting Formula and the Title, were adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.

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& Subject to correction.

\$ The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 50442 dated the 19th December, 2012.

11.	-do-	-do-	Motion for passing of the Bill, amended	Ayes — ^{&} 163 Noes — ^{&} NIL	Ayes — ^{\$} 163 Noes — ^{\$} NIL	The Motion was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.
12.	The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2012, as passed by Lok Sabha.	20-12-2012	Amendment moved by Shri P. Rajeeve to Clause 2 of the Bill.	Ayes — ^{&} 28 Noes — ^{&} 79	Ayes — [*] 28 Noes — [*] 81	The Amendment was negatived. Clause 2 was adopted.

[&] Subject to correction.

^{\$} The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 50442 dated the 19th December, 2012.

^{*} The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 50446 dated the 20th December, 2012.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

I. Private Members' Bills

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	23-11-2012	The Sugarcane Growers' (Remunerative Price and Welfare) Bill, 2012	Shri Shadi Lal Batra	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
2.	-do-	The Population Stabilization Bill, 2012	Shri Shadi Lal Batra	—	—	—	-do-
3.	-do-	The Rural Electrification Authority Bill, 2012	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
4.	-do-	The Bihar Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2012	Shri Jai Prakash Narayan Singh	—	—	—	-do-
5.	-do-	The Orphans (Reservation of Posts in Government Establishment) Bill, 2012	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	—	—	0-01	-do-
6.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (amendment of articles 75 and 164)	Shri M. Rama Jois	—	—	—	-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
7.	23-11-2012	The Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions (Amendment) Bill, 2012	Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
8.	-do-	The Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2012	-do-	—	—	—	-do-
9.	23-11-2012 07-12-2012	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (Amendment of articles 124 and 217)	Shri H.K. Dua	Shri Ashwani Kumar	11	1-51	Withdrawn
10.	07-12-2012	The Homeless Pavement Dwellers (Welfare) Bill, 2011	Shri Rajkumar Dhoot	—	—	0-01	-do-
11.	-do-	The Illegal Immigrants and Missing Foreign Nationals Identification and Deportation Authority of India Bill, 2011	-do-	—	—	—	-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
12.	07-12-2012	The Exploited, Indebted and Poverty Stricken Farmers (Protection, Prevention of Suicides and Welfare) Bill, 2011	Shri Rajkumar Dhoot	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
13.	-do-	The Hosting, Sponsoring and Advertising of Sports Events (Regulation) Bill, 2011	Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta	—	—	0-01	-do-
14.	-do-	The Marriages (Simple Solemnisation, Compulsory Registration and Prevention of Wastage of Food Items) Bill, 2011	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
15.	-do-	The Contesting Election on Government Expenses Bill, 2012	Shri Prabhat Jha	—	—	0-01	-do-
16.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (substitution of new article for article 155)	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
17.	07-12-2012	The Special Price Control Authority Bill, 2012	Shri Prabhat Jha	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
18.	-do-	The Compulsory Registration of International Prepaid SIM Cards to be Operated in India Bill, 2012	Shri Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala	—	—	0-01	-do-
19.	-do-	The Teaching of Sanskrit as a Compulsory Language in Schools Bill, 2012	-do-	—	—	—	-do-
20.	-do-	The Special Courts for Women Bill, 2012	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
21.	-do-	The Commercialised Girl Child Trafficking (Prevention, Rehabilitation and Welfare) Bill, 2012	Dr. E. M. Sudarsana Natchiappan	—	—	—	-do-
22.	-do-	The Rural Labour (Welfare) Bill, 2012	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
23.	07-12-2012	The Working Children (Rescue, Rehabilitation and Welfare) Bill, 2012	Dr. E. M. Sudarsana Natchiappan	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
24.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (amendment of article 72)	Dr. Bharatkumar Raut	—	—	0-01	-do-
25.	-do-	The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill, 2012	Shri Shantaram Naik	—	—	—	-do-
26.	-do-	The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2012	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
27.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (Insertion of new article 50A)	-do-	—	—	—	-do-
28.	-do-	The Physically Challenged (Infrastructure for Accessibility to Public Areas) Bill, 2012	Shri Vivek Gupta	—	—	—	-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
29.	07-12-2012	The Regulatory Authorities (Accountability) Bill, 2012	Shri Vivek Gupta	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
30.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (amendment of article 15)	Shri Veer Singh	—	—	—	-do-
31.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (amendment of articles 341 and 342)	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
32.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (Insertion of new article 335A)	Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap	—	—	—	-do-
33.	-do-	The Free and Compulsory Primary, Secondary, Higher and Technical Education Bill, 2012	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	—	—	0-01	-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
34.	07-12-2012	The Compulsory Military Training Bill, 2012	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
35.	-do-	The Official Languages Bill, 2012	Shri Tiruchi Siva	—	—	0-01	-do-
36.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (amendment of article 124)	Shri H. K. Dua	—	—	—	-do-
37.	-do-	The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, 2012	Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia	—	1	0-23	Under Consideration
						Total:	<hr/> 2-35 <hr/>

II. Private Members' Resolutions

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	30-11-2012	Shri Bhupender Yadav	<p>"Having regard to the fact that—</p> <p>(i) in order to strengthen the democracy, it is expedient to have more transparency in the political funding, and for that certain reforms are necessary;</p> <p>(ii) various countries have experimented with such public funding of elections with varying degrees of success but such changes can only be brought in here by keeping in mind our unique democratic and electoral characteristics and cannot be adopted wholesale, thus it requires to identify where the need for reform lies;</p> <p>(iii) limits on campaign expenditure are fixed at certain amounts, depending on the nature of the</p>	Shri Ashwani Kumar	8	1-08	Withdrawn

election but such ceilings automatically invite evasion and the actual cost of running an election campaign is often much higher than the prescribed spending limit and even after the passage in 2003 of the Election and Other Related Laws (Amendment) Act, through which party and candidate expenditure in support of individuals was brought under control, the system still lacks transparency;

- (iv) the lack of legislation providing for legally acceptable public funds means that candidates must fend for themselves during each election without any steady support to ensure the continuation of their respective campaigns which in turn has the obvious consequence of proliferation of black money in politics, and the institutionalisation of corruption;
- (v) the amendment of the Companies Act in 1985, which through Section 293 A, allows corporate

donations to political parties only under certain restrictive conditions, however, still requires more reforms;

- (vi) absence of effective measures to ensure transparency and accountability in funding of political parties exacerbates this situation by creating authoritarian power structures, which are hard to relinquish for those who enjoy their benefits, and tend to impose themselves in the scheme of national politics as well; and
- (vii) the high cost of elections prevents those with modest financial resources from being competitive in elections and biased policy decisions become inevitable if those who make them have to resort to multiple sources of funds,

this House urges upon the Government to—

- (i) further amend the Election and

Other Related Laws in order to keep more transparency;

- (ii) adopt state funding of elections in appropriate form;
- (iii) raise the current limits on political contributions by corporate houses for more transparent funding; and
- (iv) enact or suitably amend law to regulate utilization of funds by a political party."

2. 14-12-2012 Shri P. Rajeeve

"Having regard to the fact that -

- (i) the Internet, an international network of interconnected computers that enables millions of people to communicate with one another in cyberspace and to access vast amounts of information from around the world has provided an unprecedented platform for citizens to exercise their fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression, the freedom to create and innovate,

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Under Consideration.
[After taking the sense of the House, the Vice-Chairman (Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan) announced that the discussion on

- to organize and influence, to speak and be heard;
- (ii) in the last few months, a number of cases have come to light on how section 66A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (herein after referred to as Act) is being arbitrarily used by the law enforcement agencies to arrest citizens in various parts of the country for posting comments on internet and social networking websites;
 - (iii) although the offense is bailable, the citizens are being detained without being granted bail and various countries have criticized these incidents as a slap on India's democracy;
 - (iv) the language and scope of legal terms used under section 66A of the Act are very wide and capable of distinctive varied interpretations with extremely wide parameters which have not been given any specific

the Resolution would be resumed in the next Session on the day allotted to Private Members' Resolutions as the first item on that day.]

definitions under the law;

- (v) clause (a) of section 66A of the Act uses expressions such as 'grossly offensive' and 'menacing character' which are not defined anywhere and are subject to discretionary interpretations;
- (vi) clause (b) of section 66 A prescribes an imprisonment term up to three years for information that can cause annoyance, inconvenience, insult, criminal intimidation, thereby bundling disparate terms and providing similar punishment for criminal intimidation and causing inconvenience;
- (vii) clause (c) of the same section although intended to handle spam nowhere defines it and makes every kind of spam a criminally punishable act, which is also against the world-wide norms;
- (viii) the offence under section 66A of the Act is cognizable, and has made it possible for police to

arrest citizens at odd times for example arresting two 21 years old women in Mumbai after sunset and a businessman at 5.00 a.m. in Puducherry;

- (ix) right to freedom of speech and expression is the foundation of all democratic countries and is essential for the proper functioning of the process of democracy;
- (x) only very narrow and stringent limits have been set to permit legislative abridgment of the right of freedom of speech and expression;
- (xi) the Supreme Court has given a broad dimension to Article 19 (1)(a) by laying down that freedom of speech under Article 19 (1)(a) not only guarantees freedom of speech and expression, it also ensures the right of the citizen to know and the right to receive information regarding matters of public concern;

- (xii) in interpreting the Constitution we must keep in mind the social setting of the country so as to show a complete consciousness and deep awareness of the growing requirements of the society and the increasing needs of the nation and for this, the approach should be dynamic, pragmatic and elastic rather than static, pedantic or rigid;
- (xiii) there are tremendous problems in the way section 66A of the amended Act has been drafted as this provision though inspired by the noble objectives of protecting reputations and preventing misuse of networks, has not been able to achieve its goals;
- (xiv) the language of section 66A of the amended Act goes far beyond the reasonable restrictions on freedom of speech, as mandated under Article 19 (2) of the Constitution of India;

(xv) India, being the world's largest vibrant democracy, reasonable restrictions on freedom of speech need to be very strictly construed and section 66A of the amended Act, needs to be amended to make the Indian Cyber law in sync with the principles enshrined in the Constitution of India and also with the existing realities of social media and digital platforms today;

(xvi) it has been pointed out that section 66A of the Act has been based on United States Code, Title V (Sections 501 & 502) of Telecommunication Act titled Communications Decency Act (CDA), it must be brought to the notice of this House that the United States Supreme Court has held that the CDA's "indecent transmission" and

"patently offensive display" provisions which abridge "the freedom of speech" protected by

the First Amendment and thus unconstitutional, for instance, its use of the undefined terms like "indecent" and "patently offensive" provoke uncertainty among speakers about how the two standards relate to each other and just what they mean;

(xvii) the vagueness of such a content-based regulation, coupled with its increased deterrent effect as a criminal statute, raises Special First Amendment concerns because of its obvious chilling effect on free speech; and

(xviii) it has also been stated that section 66A of the Act has been based on United Kingdom's section 127 of the Communication Act, 2003 which addresses improper use of public electronic communication network but the application of that section is restricted to a communication between two persons using public electronic communications network, i.e.,

mails written persistently to harass someone and not "tweets" or "status updates" that are available for public consumptions and which are not intended for harassment, also, the intention or *mens rea* element is crucial in it and further, the maximum punishment has been only up to six months in contrast to the three years mandated by Section 66A of the Act,

this House urges upon the Government to -

- (a) amend section 66A of the IT Act, 2000 in line with the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution of India;
- (b) restrict the application of section 66A of the Act to communication between two persons;
- (c) precisely define the offence covered by Section 66A of the Act;

- (d) reduce the penalty imposed by section 66A of the Act; and
- (e) make the offence under section 66A of the Act a non-cognizable offence.

Total: 3-39

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

On the 20th of December, 2012, the Chairman made valedictory remarks on the conclusion of the Session.

(Time taken: 2 Mts.)

NATIONAL SONG

On the 20th of December, 2012, National Song (*Vande Mataram*) was played.

(Time taken: 1 Minute)

**STATEMENT SHOWING BREAK-UP OF THE TIME TAKEN BY THE
RAJYA SABHA ON VARIOUS ITEMS OF BUSINESS DURING THE
SESSION**

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Sl. No.	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
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	Total:	<u>57-34</u>

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE TIME TAKEN AND TIME LOST
DUE TO INTERRUPTIONS/ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE
DURING THE SESSION**

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
22-11-2012	0	29	4	31	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to demand by BSP Members to take up the Constitution (Amendment) Bill for reservation in promotion for SCs and STs in Government jobs as the first legislative business during the Session as well as protests by other Opposition Members over the Government's decision to permit FDI in multi-brand retail without consensus on the issue.
23-11-2012	0	18	4	42	--do--
26-11-2012	0	09	4	51	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by Opposition Members against the Government's decision to permit FDI in multi-brand retail without consensus on the issue.
27-11-2012	0	05	4	55	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by Members of Samajwadi Party (SP) against the Constitution (Amendment) Bill providing for reservation in promotion for SCs and STs in

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
					Government jobs and by other Opposition Members against the Government's decision to permit FDI in multi-brand retail without consensus on the issue .
29-11-2012	0	05	4	55	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by Opposition Members against the Government's decision to permit FDI in multi-brand retail without consensus on the issue.
30-11-2012	2	56	0	00	————
03-12-2012	0	09	0	00	The House adjourned for the day as a mark of respect to the memory of Shri Inder Kumar Gujral, former Prime Minister and ex-Member after making Obituary Reference.
04-12-2012	0	10	4	50	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by Members of Samajwadi Party (SP) on the issue of arrests of innocent Muslim youth across the country on false charges and against the Constitution (Amendment) Bill providing for reservation in promotion for SCs and STs in Government jobs as well as due to protest by Members of INC on the newspaper and media reports alleging irregularities in a gas deal by the Government of Gujarat.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
05-12-2012	0	16	4	44	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to protests by Samajwadi Party Members against the Constitution (Amendment) Bill providing for reservation in promotion for SCs and STs in Government jobs.
06-12-2012	8	37	0	20	The House was adjourned for sometime during the discussion on the Motion on FDI due to pandemonium in the House.
07-12-2012	5	43	0	00	————
10-12-2012	1	27	3	33	The House was adjourned and Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by BJP Members about the reported lobbying by Walmart for entry into India and demand for a statement on the matter by the Government and due to protest by Samajwadi Party Members against the Constitution (Amendment) Bill providing for reservation in promotion for SCs and STs in Government jobs.
11-12-2012	1	31	3	29	The House was adjourned and Government Business could not be taken up due to protests by Samajwadi Party Members against the Constitution (Amendment) Bill providing for reservation in promotion for SCs and STs in Government jobs.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
12-12-2012	0	36	4	24	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to demand by BSP Members for early passage of the Constitution (Amendment) Bill providing for reservation in promotion for SCs and STs in Government jobs and protests by Samajwadi Party Members against the said Bill.
13-12-2012	5	15	0	49	The House was adjourned for some time due to slogan shouting and protests by Samajwadi Party Members against the Constitution (Amendment) Bill providing for reservation in promotion for SCs and STs in Government jobs.
14-12-2012	4	35	0	00	————
17-12-2012	7	21	0	33	The House was adjourned for some time during the Question Hour due to slogan shouting and protests by Samajwadi Party Members against the Constitution (Amendment) Bill providing for reservation in promotion for SCs and STs in Government jobs.
18-12-2012	5	33	0	56	The House was adjourned for some time during the Question Hour due to demand by the entire House to discuss the incident of gang rape of a paramedical student in South Delhi on the 17 th December, 2012 and for a Statement from the Government in this regard.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
19-12-2012	5	55	0	00	_____
20-12-2012	6	24	0	00	_____
Total	57	34	47	32	

**Highlights of work transacted during the 227th Session –
At a glance**

Sittings	
Date of issue of Summons	01-11-2012
Duration of the Session	22-11-2012 to 20-12-2012
Number of actual days of sitting	20
Actual Hours of sittings (<i>excluding recess intervals</i>)	57 Hrs. & 34 Mts.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	47 Hrs. & 32 Mts.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	About 2 Hrs.
Date of prorogation of Session	24-12-2012
Questions	
No. of Starred Questions listed	400
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	43
No. of Unstarred Questions answered	3100
Short Notice Questions	5
Half-an-Hour Discussion	-
Government Bills	
No. of Bills introduced	2
No. of Bills withdrawn	-
No. of Bills passed/returned	8
No. of Bills under consideration	-
No. of Bills deferred	-
Private Members' Business	
No. of Bills introduced	35
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	1
No. of Bills withdrawn/negatived	1
No. of Resolution part discussed	1
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negatived	1
Oath/Affirmation	
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation	-

Statements by Ministers	
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers	3
No. of Statements laid regarding Reports of Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees	29
Matters of public importance raised	
No. of Calling Attentions	1
No. of Short Duration Discussions	-
No. of Special Mentions	108
No. of Matters raised with permission	30
Submission by Members	-
Papers Laid on the Table	1519 papers
