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BY THE RAJYA SABHA**

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Secretary-General.

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**BRIEF RESUME' OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED
BY THE RAJYA SABHA DURING ITS TWO HUNDRED AND
TWENTY EIGHTH SESSION
(21-2-2013 to 22-3-2013 and 22-4-2013 to 8-5-2013)**

SUMMONS

Summons for the Two Hundred and Twenty Eighth Session of the Rajya Sabha was issued to the Members on the 5th February, 2013.

DURATION OF THE SESSION

The Two Hundred and Twenty Eighth Session of the Rajya Sabha commenced on the 21st February, 2013. The House was adjourned for four weeks on the 22nd March, 2013 to enable the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees to examine and report on the Demands for Grants of various Ministries/Departments and re-assembled on the 22nd April, 2013. The House which was scheduled to adjourn on the 10th May, 2013, however, adjourned *sine die* on the 8th May, 2013. The House sat for 32 days and the actual hours of sittings were 82 hours and 58 minutes (excluding recess intervals). The House was prorogued by the President on the 10th May, 2013.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

On the 21st February, 2013, National Anthem was played.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT LAID
ON THE TABLE**

The President, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, addressed Members of both Houses of Parliament assembled together in the Central Hall on the 21st February, 2013. Secretary-General laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the President's Address on the 21st February, 2013.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

The following Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation and took their seats in the House as detailed below:—

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Time Taken
		BIHAR	
1.	21-02-2013	Shri K.C. Tyagi	0-03
		MAHARASHTRA	
2.	-do-	Shrimati Rajani Patil	
		MEGHALAYA	
3.	22-04-2013	Shrimati Wansuk Syiem	0-02
Total:			0-05

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	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	21-02-2013	Shrimati Sushila Adivarekar, ex-Member	17-11-2012	0-14	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 Charanjit Chanana, ex-Member	19-12-2012		
3.	-do-	Shri Krishna Nand Joshi, ex-Member	06-01-2013		
4.	-do-	Shri Nand Kishore Bhatt, ex-Member	14-01-2013		
5.	-do-	Shri Nripati Ranjan Choudhury, ex-Member	15-01-2013		
6.	-do-	Shri Narain Prasad Gupta, ex-Member	08-02-2013		
7.	-do-	Shri Radhakishan Malaviya, ex-Member	19-02-2013		

8.	07-03-2013	Mr. Hugo Chavez, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	05-03-2013	0-02	The Chairman made reference and the House observed silence, all Members standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
9.	11-03-2013	Shri Viren J. Shah, ex-Member	11-03-2013	0-03	-do-
10.	15-03-2013	Shri Tindivanam G. Venkataraman, ex-Member	21-02-2013	} 0-04	-do-
11.	-do-	Shri C.O. Poullose, ex-Member	12-03-2013		
12.	21-03-2013	Mr. Mohammed Zillur Rahman, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	20-03-2013	0-02	-do-
13.	22-04-2013	Lady Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom	08-04-2013	} 0-05	-do-
14.	-do-	Shri Surjit Singh Atwal, ex-Member	04-04-2013		
15.	-do-	Shri R.P. Goenka, ex-Member	14-04-2013		

16.	22-04-2013	Shrimati V.S. Rama Devi, ex-Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha	17-04-2013	0-01	The Chairman made reference and the House observed silence, all Members standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
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Total: 0-31

REFERENCES BY THE CHAIR

Sl. No	Date of Reference	Incident	Date of the Incident	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	21-02-2013	Reference to the Victims of Stampede at Allahabad Railway Station	10-02-2013	0-01	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives in the tragedy.
2.	22-02-2013	Reference to the Victims of Bomb Blasts in Hyderabad	21-02-2013	0-04	-do-
3.	26-02-2013	Reference to the successful launching of the Indo-French Satellite 'SARAL' and six other foreign mini and micro satellites on board by PSLV-C20	25-02-2013	0-01	—
4.	01-03-2013	Reference to Victims of fire in a market building on Surya Sen Street in Kolkata	27-02-2013	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.

5.	06-03-2013	Reference to Victims of School Van Accident in Jalandhar District of Punjab	04-03-2013	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.
6.	08-03-2013	Reference on the occasion of International Women's Day	—	1-01	After Reference by the Chair, 22 Members belonging to various parties/groups spoke on the occasion.
7.	15-03-2013	Reference to Victims of Terrorist Attack on a Paramilitary Camp in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir	13-03-2013	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.
8.	20-03-2013	Reference to the Victims of Bus Accident in Maharashtra	19-03-2013	0-01	-do-
9.	22-03-2013	Reference on the occasion of the World Water Day	—	0-02	—

10.	22-04-2013	Reference to the Victims of Building Collapse in Thane, Maharashtra	04-04-2013	}	0-04	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives in the tragedy.			
11.	-do-	Reference to Attack on Indian Army Personnel in Sudan	09-04-2013						
12.	-do-	Reference to the Victims of Bomb Blasts in Boston, USA	15-04-2013						
13.	-do-	Felicitations to Indian Sportsperson for winning Gold Medal at ISSF World Cup	—		0-01	—			
14.	-do-	Reference on the occasion of World Earth Day	—		0-01	—		∞	
15.	23-04-2013	Reference to the National Panchayati Raj Divas	—		0-01	—			
16.	02-05-2013	Reference to the sad demise of Shri Sarabjit Singh, an Indian citizen in Jinnah Hospital, Lahore in Pakistan	02-05-2013		0-02	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.			
					Total:	1-25			

QUESTIONS

599 Starred Questions were put down in the List of Questions for oral answers, out of which **49** Questions were orally answered and answers to the remaining ones were laid on the Table of the House.

(Total Time taken: 8 Hrs. & 2 Mts.)

4650 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	Time Taken	
					Hrs.	Mts.
08-03-2013	1	Assessment of drought affected regions of Maharashtra	Agriculture	Orally answered	0-13	
11-03-2013	2	Shortage of Drinking Water	Drinking Water and Sanitation	Orally answered	0-09	
15-03-2013	3	New Variety of Coloured Cotton	Agriculture	Orally answered	0-08	
20-03-2013	4	Wrestling dropped from the 2020 Olympics	Youth Affairs and Sports	Laid	—	
22-03-2013	5	Safety of Government Websites	Communications and Information Technology	Laid	—	

Date	Short Notice Question No.	Subject	Ministry/ Department	Remarks	Time Taken Hrs. Mts.
06-05-2013	6	CSIR's initiatives in villages	Science and Technology	Laid	—
08-05-2013	7	Migration of Hindus and Sikhs to India	Home Affairs	Laid	—
				Total Time	0-30

MOTION UNDER RULE 267 TO SUSPEND QUESTION HOUR

On 22nd April, 2013, Dr. V. Maitreyan moved the following motion:—

“That in pursuance of Rule 267 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, this House do suspend Rule 38 of the said Rule in its application to the discussion on the role of CBI in the Coalgate Scam.”

The Deputy Chairman *inter-alia* gave a ruling that as the Question Hour was over at 12 Noon, the Motion has become infructuous.

(Time taken: 20 Mts.)

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.	27-02-2013	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 2818 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19 th December, 2012, regarding “Employees of MoD holding elective office in K.B”.	Defence	Shri A.K. Antony	0-01
2.	04-03-2013	Correcting the reply to Starred Question 327 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17 th December, 2012, regarding “Rising prices of wheat”.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Prof. K.V. Thomas	0-01
3.	30-04-2013	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 187 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26 th February, 2013 regarding ‘NPA under KCC declared by Ballia Etawa Gramin Bank’.	Finance	Shri Namo Narain Meena	0-01
Total :					0-03

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

2041 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.	21-02-2013	The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 (No.1 of 2013) promulgated by the President on the 21 st January, 2013.
2.	-do-	The Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Ordinance, 2013 (No.2 of 2013) promulgated by the President on the 30 th January, 2013.
3.	-do-	The Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 (No.3 of 2013) promulgated by the President on the 3 rd February, 2013.
4.	26-02-2013	Consolidated Report on the Working of Public Sector Banks (PSBs), for the year ended 31 st March, 2012.
5.	27-02-2013	Public Enterprises Survey (Volumes I and II), for the year 2011-12.
6.	-do-	Economic Survey, 2012-13.
7.	28-02-2013	*The Macro-Economic Framework Statement; the Medium-term Fiscal Policy Statement and the Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement.

* Laid along with the Budget (General), 2013-14. For further details, please see Sl. No. 2 under the heading "BUDGETS – LAID ON THE TABLE".

8. 05-03-2013 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India : No.3 of 2013: (Performance Audit) - Union Government (Ministry of Finance) on Implementation of Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008.
9. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2011: No.22 of 2012-13: (Performance Audit Report) - Union Government (Civil) Ministry of Women and Child Development on Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.
10. 13-03-2013 Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), New Delhi, for the year 2008-09.
11. -do- Memorandum of Action Taken on the Annual Report of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), New Delhi, for the year 2008-09.
12. -do- Annual Report and Accounts of the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, for the year 2011-12.
13. -do- Fifteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), Faridabad, for the year 2011-12.
14. 15-03-2013 Annual Report of the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, for the year 2011-12.
15. -do- Annual Accounts of the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, for the year 2011-12, and the Audit Report thereon.
16. 18-03-2013 Two Hundred and Fortieth Report of the Law Commission of India on Costs in Civil Litigation.
17. 18-03-2013 Two Hundred and Forty-first Report of the Law Commission of India on Passive Euthanasia – a Relook.

18. -do- Two Hundred and Forty-second Report of the Law Commission of India on Prevention of Interference with the Freedom of Matrimonial Alliances (in the name of Honour and Tradition): A Suggested Legal Framework.
19. -do- Two Hundred and Forty-third Report of the Law Commission of India on Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).
20. 22-03-2013 Report on the State of Indian Agriculture, for the year 2012-13.
21. 23-04-2013 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, 2013: No.5 of 2013: (Performance Audit) - Union Government (Civil) Ministry of Home Affairs on Performance Audit of Disaster Preparedness in India.
22. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India: No.6 of 2013: (Performance Audit) - Union Government (Civil), Ministry of Rural Development on Performance Audit of Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.
23. 30-04-2013 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India – No.23 of 2012-13: (Performance Audit) - Union Government (Department of Revenue – Direct Taxes) on IT applications in Income Tax Department.
24. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, 2013: No.4 of 2013: (Performance Audit) - Union Government, Department of Revenue – Direct Taxes on Strengthening the Tax Base through Use of Information.
25. 02-05-2013 Second Report of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, for the year 2006-07.
26. -do- Action Taken Memorandum on the Second Report of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, for the year 2006-07.

27. 03-05-2013 Explanatory Memorandum on the Action taken Note relating to Expansion of Scope of Justice Grant recommended by the Thirteenth Finance Commission.
28. 07-05-2013 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended on 31st March, 2012: Report No.2 of 2013 Union Government (Commercial) General Purpose Financial Reports of Central Public Sector Enterprises (Compliance Audit).
29. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India - No.7 of 2013 on “Storage Management and Movement of Food Grains in Food Corporation of India”.
30. 08-05-2013 Statement on Quarterly Review of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget at the end of third Quarter of the financial year 2012-13.
31. -do- Statement regarding adoption of Social Protection Floors Recommendation 2012 (No. 202) in the 101st Session of the International Labour Conference of International Labour Organisation (ILO), held in Geneva in June, 2012.
32. -do- Forty-second Annual Assessment Report of the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, for the year 2010-11, regarding Programme for accelerating the spread and development of Hindi and its progressive use for the various official purposes of the Union and its implementation.
33. -do- Annual Report and Accounts of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi, for the year 2011-12, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(Total Time taken: 35 Mts.)

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

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

Date	Report/Statement
<i>Committee on Human Resource Development</i>	
26-02-2013	248 th to 252 nd Reports and Evidence
25-04-2013	253 rd to 255 th Reports
03-05-2013	256 th Report
<i>Committee on Defence</i>	
26-02-2013	17 th Report
20-03-2013	18 th Report
29-04-2013	19 th and 20 th Reports
<i>Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution</i>	
26-02-2013	27 th Report
30-04-2013	28 th and 29 th Reports
<i>Committee on Agriculture</i>	
26-02-2013	42 nd and 43 rd Reports
14-03-2013	44 th Report
19-03-2013	Action Taken Statements
22-03-2013	45 th Report
25-04-2013	46 th to 48 th Reports
30-04-2013	49 th Report
<i>Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice</i>	
27-02-2013	55 th Report
21-03-2013	56 th and 57 th Reports
25-04-2013	58 th Report
02-05-2013	59 th Report
03-05-2013	60 th Report

Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture

27-02-2013 188th to 190th Reports
03-05-2013 191st to 195th Reports

Committee on Public Accounts

27-02-2013 64th to 69th Reports
21-03-2013 70th to 79th Reports
30-04-2013 80th to 86th Reports

Committee on Home Affairs

01-03-2013 165th to 168th Reports
25-04-2013 169th and 170th Reports

Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment

04-03-2013 32nd Report
21-03-2013 33rd Report
02-05-2013 34th to 37th Reports

Committee on Finance

05-03-2013 65th and 66th Reports
22-04-2013 67th to 71st Reports

Committee on Urban Development

08-03-2013 Action Taken Statements
13-03-2013 23rd Report
23-04-2013 24th and 25th Reports

Committee on Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme

12-03-2013 7th Report

Committee on External Affairs

14-03-2013 18th Report
29-04-2013 19th and 20th Reports

Committee on Health and Family Welfare

19-03-2013 61st to 65th Reports
 26-04-2013 66th to 70th Reports

Committee on Empowerment of Women

19-03-2013 18th Report and Action Taken Statements
 08-05-2013 19th Report

Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

20-03-2013 26th Report
 21-03-2013 Report on the on-the-spot Study Visit of the Committee to Bhubaneswar, Chennai and Visakhapatnam during January, 2012 and Action Taken Statements
 30-04-2013 27th Report

Committee on Industry

21-03-2013 236th to 241st Reports
 08-05-2013 242nd to 244th Reports

Committee on Public Undertakings

21-03-2013 16th to 21st Reports
 30-04-2013 22nd to 25th Reports

Committee on Labour

22-03-2013 Action Taken Statements
 29-04-2013 35th and 36th Reports
 06-05-2013 37th Report

Committee on Railways

22-04-2013 17th to 20th Reports

Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas

23-04-2013 16th Report
 08-05-2013 17th and 18th Reports

Committee on Coal and Steel

25-04-2013 30th to 33rd Reports
 02-05-2013 34th and 35th Reports
 07-05-2013 36th and 37th Reports

Committee on Energy

25-04-2013 33rd to 35th Reports

Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes

25-04-2013 2nd Report

Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers

30-04-2013 33rd to 35th Reports
 07-05-2013 Action Taken Statements

Committee on Information Technology

30-04-2013 43rd to 46th Reports
 07-05-2013 47th Report

Committee on Rural Development

30-04-2013 38th to 41st Reports

Committee on Water Resources

30-04-2013 17th Report and Action Taken Statement

Committee on Commerce

02-05-2013 107th and 108th Reports

*Joint Committee on Offices of Profit*02-05-2013 9th Report*Committee on Subordinate Legislation*03-05-2013 204th to 207th Reports*Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests*08-05-2013 239th to 245th Reports*Railway Convention Committee*08-05-2013 6th and 7th Reports*(Total time taken: 50 Mts.)***REPORTS ON INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

- (i) On the 26th February, 2013, Secretary-General laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Report on the participation of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 58th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in Colombo (Sri Lanka), from 7th to 15th September, 2012.
- (ii) On the 6th May, 2013, Secretary- General laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Report on the participation of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 127th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Quebec City (Canada) from 21st to 26th October, 2012.

*(Total time taken: 2 Mts.)***PETITION PRAYING FOR REVIEW OF MEAT EXPORT POLICY**

On the 26th February, 2013, Secretary-General reported to the House, the receipt of a petition signed by Jainacharya Vijay Ratnasundersuri and two others, countersigned by Shri S.S. Ahluwalia, ex-M.P., Rajya Sabha, praying for review of Meat Export Policy.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

PETITION PRAYING TO PUT A CHECK ON CYBER PORNOGRAPHY BY AMENDING THE IT ACT, 2000

On the 26th April, 2013, Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda presented to the House, a petition signed by Jainacharya Vijay Ratnasundersuri and three others, praying to put a check on Cyber Pornography by amending the IT Act, 2000.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

PROCLAMATION UNDER ARTICLE 356 OF THE CONSTITUTION

On the 21st February, 2013, Shri Sushilkumar Shinde, Minister of Home Affairs, laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

- (i) Proclamation [G.S.R. No. 27(E)], issued by the President on the 18th January, 2013, under article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the State of Jharkhand, under clause (3) of the said article.
- (ii) Order [G.S.R. No. 28(E)], dated the 18th January, 2013, made by the President, under sub-clause (i) of clause (c) of the above Proclamation.
- (iii) Reports of the Governor of Jharkhand, dated the 8th and 12th January, 2013 to the President recommending the issue of the Proclamation.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

DIRECTION BY THE CHAIR

On the 22nd February, 2013, the Chairman made the following announcement:—

“Hon’ble Members, some Members met me this morning and informed that Dr. T.N. Seema, Member of Parliament, was manhandled yesterday by the Delhi Police personnel in a police van. It is a serious matter which relates to the dignity of the Member and the prestige of the House.

I direct the Government to enquire into the matter and submit a report before the next sitting of the House.”

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

(i) On the 21st March, 2013, the Vice-Chairman (Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan) made the following announcements:—

- (a) “Hon’ble Members, in a meeting of Leaders of various political parties in the Rajya Sabha with the Hon’ble Chairman on the 20th March, 2013, it has been decided that in view of the limited time available, 45 Members who have given their names for discussion on the General Budget and Appropriation Bills, 2013, will be permitted to lay their complete written speeches on the Table of the House.

The speeches (in Hindi and English) shall not contain ironical expressions and defamatory statement. Enclosures such as letter addressed to the Government, tabulated statistical statements etc. shall not be appended to the text of the speeches.

The text of the speech shall be duly signed by the member on every page indicating his Division Number and these may be handed over to the Officer at the Table before the House rises for the day. An electronic copy of the speech may also be sent through e-mail to the Reporters Branch.

Written speeches so laid will be incorporated in the verbatim proceedings of the day.

Now, I will read out the names of the Members one by one—

1. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu
2. Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar
3. Shri Narendra Budania
4. Shri Ishwar Singh
5. Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu
6. Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia
7. Shrimati T. Ratna Bai
8. Shrimati Rajani Patil
9. Shri Birender Singh
10. Shrimati Naznin Faruque
11. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
12. Shri Kaptan Singh Solanki
13. Shri Rangasayee Ramakrishna
14. Shri Ajay Sancheti

15. Shri Raghunandan Sharma
16. Shri Veer Singh
17. Shri Rajpal Singh Saini
18. Shri K.N. Balagopal
19. Shri C.P. Narayanan
20. Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy
21. Dr. Kanwar Deep Singh
22. Shri Naresh Agrawal
23. Shri N.K. Singh
24. Dr. K.P. Ramalingam
25. Shri Shashi Bhusan Behera
26. Dr. Yogendra P. Trivedi
27. Shri Ishwarlal Shankarlal Jain
28. Shri A. Elavarasan
29. Shri Y.S. Chowdary
30. Dr. Ashok S. Ganguly
31. Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya
32. Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar
33. Shri Anil Desai
34. Shri D. Raja
35. Dr. Barun Mukherji
36. Shri Ram Kripal Yadav
37. Shri A.V. Swamy
38. Shri Ranbir Singh Parjapati
39. Shri Naresh Gujral
40. Shri Biswajit Daimary”

- (b) “I have to inform Members that the CPWD has intimated that there is some problem with the microphone system in the Chamber and accordingly they have switched over to the standby system. I hope Hon’ble Members will kindly bear with the inconvenience caused till the microphone system is restored to a functional state.”

(ii) On the 22nd April, 2013, the Chairman made the following announcement:—

“Hon’ble Members, I have received nine (9) notices from different Members under Rule 267 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Rajya Sabha seeking suspension of Question Hour today (suspension of Rule 38 in its application) to discuss various matters of public importance. The Members who have given notices

are Dr. V. Maitreyan, Shri Derek O' Brien, Shri Prasanta Chatterjee, Shri Prakash Javadekar, Shri D. Raja, Shri Tiruchi Siva, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Shri Brajesh Pathak and Shrimati Maya Singh.

I have admitted the notice given by Dr. V. Maitreyan regarding the role of CBI in Coalgate Scam, being the first in point of time of receipt. Since the notice is for suspension of Question Hour, I would request the Member to complete the discussion by 12.00 hours, the time earmarked for Question Hour, in case the Motion is carried.

Dr. V. Maitreyan you may now move the Motion.”

(Total time taken: 5 Mts.)

FAREWELL TO RETIRING MEMBERS

- (1) On 22nd March, 2013, the Deputy Chairman (Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan) bade farewell to Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Nominated Member of the Rajya Sabha, whose term of office would expire on the 9th April, 2013.

Prof. M.S. Swaminathan responded.

- (2) On 8th May, 2013, the Chairman bade farewell to the two retiring Members of the Rajya Sabha from the State of Assam and six Members from the State of Tamil Nadu, whose term of office would expire in the months of June and July, 2013.

Shri Arun Jaitley, Leader of the Opposition, Dr. V. Maitreyan, Shri Kumar Deepak Das, Shri D. Raja, Shri Tiruchi Siva, Shri B.S. Gnanadesikan, Shrimati Kanimozhi, Shri A. Elavarasan and Dr. Karan Singh spoke on the occasion.

(Total time taken: 48 Mts.)

RESIGNATION BY MEMBERS

On 21st February, 2013, the Chairman made the following announcement in the House:—

“I have to inform Members that I had received letters from Shri Upendra Kushwaha and Shri Thomas Sangma, Members,

representing the States of Bihar and Meghalaya respectively, resigning their seats in the Rajya Sabha. I have accepted their resignations with effect from the 4th of January and 4th of February, 2013 respectively.”

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(i) On 22nd February, 2013, Dr. Janardan Waghmare (Maharashtra) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 21st February to 22nd March, 2013, during the 228th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(ii) On 26th February, 2013, Shri Shantaram Naik (Goa) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 21st February to 10th March, 2013, during the 228th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(iii) On 13th March, 2013, Shri Shantaram Naik (Goa) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 11th to 22nd March, 2013, during the 228th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(iv) On 15th March, 2013:—

(a) Shri Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar (Nominated) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 21st February to 7th March, 2013, during the 228th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(b) Shri S.M. Krishna (Karnataka) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 5th to 22nd March, 2013, during the 228th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(v) On 20th March, 2013, Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey (Odisha) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 1st March to 10th May, 2013, during the 228th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(vi) On 21st March, 2013, Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda (Maharashtra) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 6th to 22nd March, 2013, during the 228th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(vii) On 22nd March, 2013, Ms. Rekha (Nominated) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 21st February to 22nd March, 2013, during the 228th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(viii) On 25th April, 2013, Shri Devender Goud T. (Andhra Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 22nd April to 10th May, 2013, during the 228th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(ix) On 29th April, 2013, Shrimati Jaya Bachchan (Uttar Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 22nd April to 10th May, 2013, during the current (228th) Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(Time taken: 9 Mts.)

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.	27-02-2013	National Jute Board	0-01
2.	22-03-2013	Committee on Public Accounts	0-01
3.	-do-	Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	0-01
4.	-do-	Committee on Public Undertakings	—
5.	22-04-2013	Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBCs)	0-01
Total :			0-04

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT COMMITTEE

On the 27th February, 2013, Shri Kamal Nath, Minister of Urban Development and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, moved the following Motion:—

“That a Joint Committee of both the Houses consisting of 30 Members, 10 Members from Rajya Sabha and 20 Members from Lok Sabha, be appointed to inquire into the allegations of payment of bribes in the acquisition of VVIP Helicopters by the Ministry of Defence from M/s. Augusta Westland and the role of alleged middlemen in the transaction.

2. That the Committee shall have 10 Members of the Rajya Sabha as its Members :—

- (1) Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury
- (2) Shri Birender Singh
- (3) Shri Jesudasu Seelam
- (4) Dr. Yogendra P. Trivedi
- (5) Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav
- (6) Shri Satish Chandra Misra
- (7) Shri T.K. Rangarajan

Remaining three names will be filled later by the House.

3. That the Chairman, Rajya Sabha will nominate one of the Members of the Committee to be its Chairman.

4. That the Committee shall start functioning from the day it is duly constituted.

5. That the Committee shall be provided all assistance by the Government and other agencies.

6. That in order to constitute a sitting of the Joint Committee, the quorum shall be one-third of the total number of members of the Joint Committee.

7. That the Joint Committee shall make a report to this House within 3 months of its first sitting.

8. That in other respects, the Rules of Procedure of this House relating to the Select Committee shall apply with such variations and modifications as the Chairman, Rajya Sabha may make.

9. That this House recommends to the Lok Sabha that the Lok Sabha do join the Committee and communicate to this House the names of 20 Members appointed from amongst the Members of the Lok Sabha to the Committee as mentioned above.”

Some Members participated in the debate and Shri Kamal Nath replied.

The Motion was adopted.

(Time taken: 11 Mts.)

For Reference and Record

The Message regarding constitution of Joint Parliamentary Committee was reported in the Lok Sabha on 4th March, 2013, but no further action in this regard was taken.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION**I. On 26th February, 2013:—**

(1) Dr. Bharatkumar Raut raised a matter regarding rape and murder of three minor sisters in Bhandara District in Maharashtra.

Shrimati Rajani Patil, Shri Husain Dalwai, Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar 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.

(2) Shri Tarun Vijay raised a matter regarding issue of unpreparedness for Nanda Raj Jat Yatra in Uttarakhand.

(3) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding death of three tribal labourers of Jharkhand in Punjab.

(4) Shri Y.S. Chowdary raised a matter regarding need to modernize our surveillance mechanism to combat terror attacks in the country.

(5) Shri Prakash Javadekar raised a matter regarding Government's new stand on the issue of Sethu Samudram Project.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad also spoke.

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

II. On 6th March, 2013:—

(1) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad raised a matter regarding gross irregularity, financial impropriety and misappropriation in Loan Waiver Scheme for farmers.

Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister, responded.

(2) Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding frequent attacks on Indian fishermen and their detention by Sri Lankan Navy.

Dr. V. Maitreyan and Shrimati Kanimozhi also spoke.

Shri A.K. Antony, Minister of Defence, responded.

(3) Chaudhary Munabbar Saleem raised a matter regarding need to issue special passports to Haj pilgrims.

(4) Shri Avinash Rai Khanna raised a matter regarding killing of an Indian prisoner by jail authorities in Pakistan.

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

(5) Dr. Prabha Thakur raised a matter regarding barbaric *lathicharge* on a woman by police in Punjab.

(6) Shri Prabhat Jha raised a matter regarding reported notification by the Government to promote beef eating.

Shri K. Rahman Khan, Minister of Minority Affairs, responded.

(7) Shri Kumar Deepak Das raised a matter regarding wild life protection and killing of one horned Rhino in Assam.

(8) Shri P. Rajeev raised a matter regarding problems being faced by the Public Transport System in Kerala due to hike in diesel price on bulk consumers.

(9) Shri Ram Vilas Paswan raised a matter regarding need to take steps for use of Hindi or other Indian languages besides English in the proceedings of the High Courts and the Supreme Court.

III. On 7th March, 2013:—

(1) Shri Husain Dalwai raised a matter regarding dharna at Jantar Mantar for old age pension.

Shri D. Raja also spoke.

Shri Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Rural Development responded.

(2) Shri Tarun Vijay raised a matter regarding recent attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh.

Dr. Chandan Mitra and Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad also spoke.

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

(3) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding pathetic condition of health services in Dhanbad and adjacent districts in Jharkhand.

(4) Shri Darshan Singh Yadav raised a matter regarding situation arising out of *Pad Yatra* by “Save Yamuna *Rakshak Dal*”.

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

(5) Dr. Bharatkumar Raut raised a matter regarding unrest among Civil Services aspirants due to a notification making English a compulsory subject.

(6) Shri Anil Desai raised a matter regarding need for SEBI to reintroduce entry load for lakhs of small distributors of Mutual Fund Products.

(7) Shri Bhupender Yadav raised a matter regarding irregularities in allocation of mining lease in Rajasthan.

IV. On 11th March, 2013:—

(1) Shri K. Parasaran raised a matter regarding need to emphasize on moral education in the curriculum of school children.

(2) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding para teacher crisis in the State of Jharkhand.

(3) Dr. Najma A. Heptulla raised a matter regarding alarming situation in India's neighbouring countries.

(4) Shri K.N. Balagopal raised a matter regarding import of Cashew products to India.

(5) Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap raised a matter regarding exceptional increase in the fare of Airport Metro.

(6) Shri Avtar Singh Karimpuri raised a matter regarding increasing incidents of foeticides in the country.

(7) Shri C.M. Ramesh raised a matter regarding imposition of ban by UPSC on writing Civil Services Final Examination in Telugu.

(8) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad raised a matter regarding All India strike by the Bar Council.

V. On 13th March, 2013:—

Shri Arun Jaitley, Leader of the Opposition, raised a matter regarding Italy's refusal to send back two marines accused of killing Indian fishermen.

The following Members also spoke:-

- (i) Dr. Najma A. Heptulla
- (ii) Shri Sitaram Yechury
- (iii) Shri K.N. Balagopal
- (iv) Shri P. Rajeeve
- (v) Dr. V. Maitreyan
- (vi) Shri Tiruchi Siva
- (vii) Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy
- (viii) Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav
- (ix) Shri N.K. Singh
- (x) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

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

VI. On 18th March, 2013:—

(1) Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi raised a matter regarding the on-going agitation by the Jaat Community for reservation in different parts of the country.

(2) Shri C.M. Ramesh raised a matter regarding money laundering by ICICI, AXIS and HDFC banks.

(3) Dr. V. Maitreyan raised a matter regarding continued silence of India on US resolution in Geneva and its shifting stand as revealed by the Statement of the Permanent Mission of India to the UN.

Shri Tiruchi Siva, Shri D. Raja, Shri Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala and Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu also spoke.

(4) Shri Derek O' Brien raised a matter regarding increasing road accidents in the country.

(5) Dr. Prabha Thakur raised a matter regarding gang rape of a Swiss woman near Datia, Madhya Pradesh.

(6) Shri Prakash Javadekar raised a matter regarding recent revelations in coal blocks allotment.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad also spoke.

VII. On the 22nd March, 2013:—

Shri K.C. Tyagi made a reference to Sardar Bhagat Singh, Shri Raj Guru and Shri Sukhdev.

(Total time taken: 2 Hrs. & 52 Mts.)

SPECIAL MENTIONS

The following matters of Public Importance were made/laid on the Table during the Session: —

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
1.	26-02-2013	Shri Ambeth Rajan	Demand to make mandatory for Government Organisations to transact with Government Banks only.	0-05
2.	-do-	Dr. Bharatkumar Raut	Demand for effective measures for implementation of the provisions of the Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005.	
3.	-do-	Smt. Gundu Sudharani	Demand to declare Warangal in Andhra Pradesh a Smart City.	
4.	-do-	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Demand for proper implementation of rules regarding solid waste management in the country.	

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For Reference and Record

Hon'ble Chairman issued a Direction on 8th March, 2013 to the effect that Special Mentions admitted for a sitting of the Council shall be taken up at 5.00 p.m. or before the House rises for the day whichever is later and that Members will have the option to either read the approved text of the Special Mentions or lay the same on the Table of the House. Also see Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II Para No. 50742 dated the 11th March, 2013.

*5.	26-02-2013	Dr. Najma A. Heptulla	Demand to ban the awarding of contracts to Chinese companies to protect the security interests of the country.	} 0-04
*6.	-do-	Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani	Demand to set up an inquiry into the reported death of a large number of children in Government hospitals in Delhi.	
*7.	-do-	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand to institute an inquiry into the death of Rabha tribals in police lathi-charge in Rabha Hosang Autonomous Council area in Assam.	
8.	01-03-2013	Shri Ram Vilas Paswan	Demand to release the Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Gilani under house arrest in Delhi.	} 0-02
9.	-do-	Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia	Demand to enhance the amount of pension given under EPF scheme in the country.	
10.	-do-	Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap	Demand to take early steps for widening of NH-24 and other Highways in NCR, including Ghaziabad.	

* Special Mention was Made.

11.	01-03-2013	Shri M. Rama Jois	Demand to take steps for safety of people in view of recent incident of robbery in Delhi.
12.	-do-	Dr. Ram Prakash	Demand to set up a National Institution for conservation, study and recording of various dialects on the verge of extinction in the country.
13.	-do-	Shri Kaptan Singh Solanki	Demand to allot coal blocks and grant environmental clearance for Singaji and Bansagar Thermal Power Projects in Madhya Pradesh.
14.	-do-	Dr. Gyan Prakash Pilania	Demand to take corrective measures to check the alarming scenario of feticide in the country.
15.	-do-	Shri Kumar Deepak Das	Demand to initiate bilateral deliberations with China for equitable utilization of the waters of the River Brahmaputra.
16.	-do-	Shri Ram Kripal Yadav	Demand for Government's intervention in the decision of International Olympic Committee to exclude Wrestling from the Olympic Games, 2020.
17.	-do-	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Demand to give strict guidelines to states for issuing identity cards to check attainment of citizenship by illegal migrants in the country.

0-04

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18.	01-03-2013	Shri Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala	Demand to take steps to reduce stress among the army personnel and to attract the youth to join the Indian Army.	}	0-03
19.	-do-	Shri Darshan Singh Yadav	Demand to take steps to check increasing levels of air pollution in the country.		
20.	-do-	Shri Avtar Singh Karimpuri	Discrimination against SC/ST people in Himachal Pradesh.		
*21.	-do-	Chaudhary Munabbar Saleem	Demand to take steps to check release of pollutants in the river Ganga and make strict laws to protect the sacred river.	}	0-01
22.	07-03-2013	Shri Baishnab Parida	Demand to give recognition to one-year M.A. Degree and Ph.D. of British Universities for purpose of employment in the country.		
23.	-do-	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Demand for construction of a bridge on the river Satluj at Ferozpur in Punjab.		

* Special Mention was Made.

24.	07-03-2013	Shri Parimal Nathwani	Demand for early completion of Jaitpur-Somnath Four-lane Road Project in Gujarat.	0-02
25.	-do-	Shrimati Maya Singh	Demand to formulate a concrete policy for welfare of homeless children in Delhi.	
26.	-do-	Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari	Demand to give financial assistance to the State of Uttarakhand recently hit by floods and landslides.	
27.	-do-	Chaudhary Munabbar Saleem	Demand to take steps for early release of innocent Muslims lodged in prisons in the country.	
28.	-do-	Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia	Demand to bring a comprehensive legislation to improve service regulations of media workers and to provide them social security.	0-04
*29.	08-03-2013	Shrimati Gundu Sudharani	Demand to set up CBI or Judicial Inquiry into the alleged irregularities in debt waiver scheme for farmers in the country.	
30.	-do-	Dr. Gyan Prakash Pilania	Concern over poor Government spending on health care.	
31.	-do-	Shri Ambeth Rajan	Demand to take strict and necessary steps to curb the menace of begging in the country.	

* Special Mention was Made.

*32.	08-03-2013	Shri Basawaraj Patil	Demand to re-frame rules to make medical education cheaper in the country.	}	0-05
*33.	-do-	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand to prepare a vision document for railway connectivity of the country to neighbouring countries.		
34.	11-03-2013	Shri Darshan Singh Yadav	Demand to take necessary steps for prohibition of smoking and use of liquor in the country.	}	0-01
35.	-do-	Shri Basawaraj Patil	Demand to review the existing policy on education in the country.		
36.	-do-	Shri Parimal Nathwani	Lack of basic amenities in schools in Jharkhand.	}	0-01
37.	13-03-2013	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand to strengthen solar power projects in border and rural areas and establish a National Solar Power Commission in the country.		
38.	-do-	Shri Sanjay Raut	Demand to amend the Right to Education Act.	}	

* Special Mention was Made.

39.	13-03-2013	Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya	Demand to deploy adequate number of security forces to ensure safety of Kamakhya Temple in Assam.	} 0-05
40.	-do-	Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap	Demand to take strict action against illegal acquisition of property and to protect the interests of Non-Resident-Indians in the country.	
41.	-do-	Shri Sanjiv Kumar	Demand to set up an AIIMS like institute in Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand.	
*42.	-do-	Chaudhary Munabbar Saleem	Demand to declare Vidisha a tourist place.	
43.	-do-	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Demand to set up a branch of National Disaster Management at Hazira Industrial Area of Surat District in Gujarat.	
44.	-do-	Shri Avtar Singh Karimpuri	Demand to take effective measures to check the spread of Swine Flu and to provide its treatment free of cost in the country.	
*45.	-do-	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Demand to stop the practice of wearing customary dress at the convocation ceremonies in Indian Universities and adopt the tradition of wearing clothes according to Indian culture.	

* Special Mention was Made.

46.	13-03-2013	Dr. Gyan Prakash Pilania	Concern over pitiable condition of a large work force employed in unorganized sector in the country.	0-02
47.	-do-	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar	Demand to take steps to protect the interests of the country in view of the construction of dams on River Brahmaputra by China.	
48.	-do-	Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra	Demand to start air travel services from Delhi to different parts of Uttarakhand for development of tourism in the State.	
49.	-do-	Dr. K.P. Ramalingam	Demand to enhance the ceiling of monthly salary of workers in textile mills for getting relief funds under the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme.	
50.	14-03-2013	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Demand to increase budgetary allocation for Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme in the country.	0-02
51.	-do-	Shrimati Renubala Pradhan	Demand to increase the number of centres for JEE main examination conducted by CBSE in Odisha.	
52.	-do-	Shrimati Gundu Sudharani	Demand to allocate adequate power to Andhra Pradesh.	
53.	-do-	Shri Kumar Deepak Das	Demand to take steps to make the River Bharalu pollution free in Guwahati, Assam.	

54.	14-03-2013	Shri K.N. Balagopal	Demand to provide special assistance for protection of ecosystem around the Ashtamudi Lake at Kollam in Kerala.	} 0-04
55.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to enhance telephone connectivity in villages for economic development of rural areas in the country.	
56.	-do-	Shrimati Maya Singh	Demand to take steps to maintain the quality and standard of life saving drugs in the country.	
57.	-do-	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Demand to impose import duty on the import of palm oil to protect the palm oil producers in Andhra Pradesh.	
*58.	-do-	Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel	Demand to withdraw the provision of making English Language a mandatory paper in Civil Services Examination held by UPSC.	
59.	-do-	Shri Husain Dalwai	Demand to take effective steps to resolve the problems being faced by fishermen in the country.	} 0-01
60.	15-03-2013	Dr. Prabha Thakur	Demand to make autonomous bodies responsible to the concerned ministries.	

* Special Mention was Made.

*61.	15-03-2013	Shri Ambeth Rajan	Demand to take steps for uniform use of National Emblem by various organizations of Central and State Governments.	}	0-03
62.	-do-	Shri Arvind Kumar Singh	Demand to regularize the workers employed on daily wage basis in the Government Opium and Alkaloid Factory at Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh.		
63.	-do-	Shri Y. S. Chowdary	Demand to improve passenger amenities at Hyderabad and Secunderabad Railway Stations.		
64.	29-04-2013	Dr. Gyan Prakash Pilania	Demand to take preventive steps to check increasing number of deaths in road accidents in the country.	}	0-02
65.	-do-	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Demand to abolish the law providing capital punishment in the country.		
66.	-do-	Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda	Demand to create public land banks to protect interests of poor and marginal farmers in the country.		
67.	-do-	Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra	Demand to withdraw the decision of shifting Army Recruitment Centre from Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand.		
68.	-do-	Shri Darshan Singh Yadav	Demand to provide employment and to amend labour laws to give amenities to agricultural labourers.		

* Special Mention was Made.

69.	30-04-2013	Shri Kumar Deepak Das	Demand to take steps for supply of arsenic free drinking water to people in Assam.	0-01
70.	-do-	Shri Sanjiv Kumar	Demand for construction of a railway over-bridge at Pradhankhanta in Dhanbad, Jharkhand.	
71.	-do-	Shri Ambeth Rajan	Demand to restore Pali Literature as an optional subject in Civil Services Mains Examination conducted by UPSC.	
72.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to restore the facility of 'Certificate of Posting' in Post Offices of the country.	
73.	03-05-2013	Shri Y.S. Chowdary	Demand to expedite the approval of proposals to develop road network along the inter-state border of Andhra Pradesh.	0-01
74.	-do-	Shri Basawaraj Patil	Demand to bring a Bill in the House for early creation of separate State of Telangana.	
75.	-do-	Shri N.K. Singh	Demand to address the issues pertaining to fiscal responsibility and budget management.	
76.	-do-	Shri S. Thangavelu	Demand to take immediate steps for early completion of Maduravoyal-Chennai Port Expressway project in Tamil Nadu.	
77.	-do-	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Demand to set up a regulatory mechanism to monitor engineering profession in the country.	

78.	06-05-2013	Dr. Gyan Prakash Paliania	Demand to take corrective measures to check release of sewage water into ground water bodies in the country.	}	0-01
79.	-do-	Shri Darshan Singh Yadav	Demand to make a policy to resolve the problems of Paddy farmers in the country and give them remunerative prices for their produce.		
80.	07-05-2013	Shri Basawaraj Patil	Demand to bring a Bill in the House to resolve the problems being faced by people infected with HIV/AIDS in the country.	}	0-02
81.	-do-	Shri Brajesh Pathak	Demand for construction of another pedestrian overbridge at Shivaji Bridge Railway Station in New Delhi.		
82.	-do-	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Demand to stop further dilution of Government's shareholding in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).		
83.	-do-	Shri A. Elavarasan	Demand to declare Tamil the official language of the Madras High Court.	}	—
84.	08-05-2013	Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya	Demand to take strict action to check honour killings in inter-caste marriages in the country, particularly in Haryana.		
85.	-do-	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand for a high level enquiry into violation of mapping laws by Google.		

86.	08-05-2013	Shri Prasanta Chatterjee	Demand to institute a court monitored CBI enquiry into the recent issue of Chit Fund.	}	0-01
87.	-do-	Shri D. Raja	Demand to protect the people of Sonbhadra District in Uttar Pradesh from pollution being spread by thermal power plant.		
88.	-do-	Shri K.N. Balagopal	Demand to restart the Department of Malayalam in Delhi University and include Malayalam in the Central Government Language Development Programme.		
89.	-do-	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Demand to increase frequency of trains between Bhavnagar and Surat.		
90.	-do-	Shri Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala	Demand to allow use of regional languages in proceedings of the High Courts of the States.		
				Total:	0-57

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Calling Attention Notices on the following subjects were admitted and the Statements in respect thereof were made in the House: —

Sl. No	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Ministry	Minister-in-Charge	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	27-02-2013	Dr. V. Maitreyan	Plight of Tamils in Sri Lanka	External Affairs	Shri Salman Khursheed	2-31
2.	15-03-2013	Shri Prakash Javadekar	Recent All India strike by Trade Unions and workers of organized and unorganized sector.	Labour and Employment	Shri Mallikarjun Kharge	1-09
Total :						<u>3-40</u>

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
1.	22-02-2013	Bomb blasts in Hyderabad on the 21 st February, 2013.	Shri Sushilkumar Shinde	2-03
2.	26-02-2013	* 'Suryanelli' case.	Shri Kamal Nath	0-08
3.	27-02-2013	Situation in Golpara District of Assam.	Shri Sushilkumar Shinde	0-25
4.	01-03-2013	Phone Tapping.	Shri Sushilkumar Shinde	} 1-23
5.	-do-	Bhandara Rape incident in Maharashtra.	-do-	
6.	04-03-2013	Revision of MGNREGA wage rates, for the period 2013-14.	Shri Jairam Ramesh	0-01
7.	13-03-2013	Refusal of Italian Government to send back two marines accused of killing Indian fishermen.	Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister	0-02
8.	14-03-2013	Terrorist Attack in Srinagar on 13 th March, 2013.	Shri Sushilkumar Shinde	0-43
9.	-do-	Apprehension of Indian Fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy.	Shri Salman Khursheed	0-18

* Made on the Direction of the Chairman.

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
10.	15-03-2013	* Stand of the Indian Government on the Resolution on Sri Lanka in the U.N. Human Rights Council in the light of the agitation by students in Tamil Nadu on the issue.	Shri Salman Khursheed	0-02
11.	21-03-2013	Concerns raised with regard to recent changes notified by the Union Public Service Commission for Civil Services Examination, 2013.	Shri V. Narayanasamy	0-01
12.	22-03-2013	Return of two Italian Marines to India accused in the killing of two Indian fishermen.	Shri Salman Khursheed	0-01
13.	25-04-2013	Incident of 'Bangalore Bomb Blast'	Shri R.P.N. Singh	0-01

* Made on the Direction of the Chairman.

(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	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
1.	27-02-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour.	Shri Mallikarjun Kharge	0-01
2.	07-03-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demand for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Shipping.	Shri Rajeev Shukla	0-01
3.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Telecommunications.	Shri Milind Deora	
4.	11-03-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology.	Shri S. Jaipal Reddy	—

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
5.	11-03-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.	Shri Manish Tewari	0-01
6.	14-03-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Seventieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on 'Modernization of Major Ports' pertaining to the Ministry of Shipping.	Shri Milind Deora	0-01
7.	15-03-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.	Dr. (Shrimati) Kruparani Killi	0-01
8.	19-03-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Finance.	Shri Namo Narain Meena	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
9.	20-03-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.	Shri Bharatsinh Solanki	0-01
10.	21-03-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Tourism.	Dr. K. Chiranjeevi	0-01
11.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Space.	Shri V. Narayanasamy	
12.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Atomic Energy.	-do-	

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
13.	22-03-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.	Shri Sachin Pilot	0-01
14.	22-04-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources on review of Central Soil and Material Research Station.	Shri Harish Rawat	0-01
15.	26-04-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fortieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture pertaining to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture.	Shri Srikant Jena	—
16.	06-05-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Detailed Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology.	Shri S. Jaipal Reddy	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
17.	07-05-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on study on the working of the Memorandum of Understanding system pertaining to the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.	Shri Praful Patel	0-01
18.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.	-do-	
19.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy on Demands for Grants (2012-13) pertaining to the Ministry of Power.	Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia	
20.	08-05-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Performance of Coast Guard Organisation'.	Shri Jitendra Singh	—

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
21.	08-05-2013	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Ninety-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on the Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Ninety-third Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2010-11).	Shrimati D. Purandeswari	} 0-01
22.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundredth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on Demands for Grants (2012-13).	-do-	
			Total:	<u>5-21</u>

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

Secretary-General reported to the Rajya Sabha, 18 messages received from the Lok Sabha and laid on the Table, 12 Government Bills, as passed by the Lok Sabha, during the Session.

(Time taken: 08 Mts.)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5 Meetings of the Business Advisory Committee were held during the Session to allocate time for Government Legislative and other Business. Recommendations of the Committee in respect of the four (4) meetings were reported to the House on the dates mentioned below: —

Sl. No.	Date of BAC Meeting	Date of announcement of the recommendations of BAC in the House	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	21-02-2013	22-02-2013	0-01
2.	07-03-2013	07-03-2013	0-03
3.	14-03-2013	14-03-2013	0-01
4.	22-04-2013	23-04-2013	0-01
Total:			0-06

STATEMENTS REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

5 Statements regarding Government Business were made/laid in the House on the following dates during the Session: —

Sl. No.	Date	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	01-03-2013	0-01
2.	08-03-2013	0-01
3.	15-03-2013	0-01
4.	26-04-2013	0-01
5.	03-05-2013	0-01
Total:		0-05

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dates of discussion	Member who moved the Motion	Member who seconded the Motion	No. of Amendments admitted	No. of Amendments actually moved	No. of Speakers	Minister who replied	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.	Remarks
06-03-2013	Shrimati	Shri Praveen	925	229	32	Dr. Manmohan Singh,	10-54	All Amendments moved were
07-03-2013	Renuka	Rashtrapal				Prime Minister		withdrawn by leave of the
08-03-2013	Chowdhury					and Leader of the House		House and the Motion was adopted.
Total :							<u>10-54</u>	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On the 15th March, 2013, the Deputy Chairman communicated to the House the following Message received from the President:—

“I have received the expression of Thanks by the Members of the Rajya Sabha for the Address which I delivered to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on 21st February, 2013.”

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSIONS (*Discussions under Rule 176*)

Sl. No.	Date(s)	Name of the Member who raised the discussion	Subject	No. of Speakers	Minister who replied	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
1.	27-02-2013	Shri Prakash Javadekar	Purchase of VVIP helicopters from Agusta Westland.	15	Shri A.K. Antony	3-21
2.	11-03-2013	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	Increasing pollution in various rivers in the country, particularly the Ganga and the Yamuna rivers.	18	Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan	4-04
3.	22-04-2013	Shrimati Maya Singh	[@] Situation arising out of atrocities on and social exploitation of women and girl child in the country resulting in growing sense of insecurity in the society	20	—	2-38
Total:						10-03

[@] Discussion remained inconclusive.

RESOLUTION

Date	Subject	Name of the Mover	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
15-03-2013	<p>“ This House totally rejects the Resolution passed by the National Assembly of Pakistan on March 14, 2013. The House notes that Pakistan has committed that it would not allow its territory to be used for terrorism against India and only fulfillment of this commitment can be the basis for peaceful relations with Pakistan. The House rejects interference in the internal affairs of India and calls upon the National Assembly of Pakistan to desist from such acts of support for extremist and terrorist elements.</p> <p>The House reiterates that the entire State of Jammu and Kashmir including the territory under illegal occupation of Pakistan is and shall always be an integral part of India. Any attempt from any quarter to interfere in the internal affairs of India will be met resolutely and with complete unity of our nation.”</p>	Shri Mohammad Hamid Ansari, Chairman, Rajya Sabha	0-03	Unanimously adopted by the House.
Total:			<u>0-03</u>	

STATUTORY RESOLUTIONS

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	26-02-2013	Shri Sushilkumar Shinde	“That this House approves the Proclamation issued by the President on the 18 th January, 2013 under article 356 (1) of the Constitution in relation to the State of Jharkhand.”	7	1-08	Adopted.
2.	21-03-2013	Shri D. Raja	“That this House disapproves the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 (No.3 of 2013) promulgated by the President on 3 rd February, 2013.”	22	0-11	Discussed together with the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2013. The Bill was passed and the Resolution was negatived. For other details, pl. see at Sl. No. 19 under the heading “GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS”.
Total:					<u>1-19</u>	

@ GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION

Date	Subject	Name of the Mover	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
12-03-2013	“That this House approves the recommendations contained in Paras 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81 and 82 of the Third Report of the Railway Convention Committee (2009), appointed to review the rate of dividend payable by the Railway Undertaking to General Revenues etc., which was laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on the 18 th May, 2012”.	Shri K. J. Surya	—	0-02	Adopted.
13-03-2013		Prakash Reddy			
14-03-2013					
15-03-2013					
				Total:	0-02

[@] Discussed alongwith Budget (Railways) 2013-14 and Appropriation Bills.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS — LAID ON THE TABLE

Sl. No	Date	Subject Matter	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	04-03-2013	Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) 2012-13	Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal	0-01
2.	08-03-2013	Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) 2012-13	Shri Namu Narain Meena	0-01
3.	14-03-2013	Supplementary Demands for Grants (Jharkhand) 2012-13	-do-	—
Total:				0-02

BUDGETS — LAID ON THE TABLE

Sl. No	Date	Particulars	Minister who laid on the Table	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	26-02-2013	The Budget (Railways), 2013-14	Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal	0-01
2.	*28-02-2013	The Budget (General), 2013-14	Shri P. Chidambaram	0-01
3.	06-03-2013	Correcting Statement in respect of Railway Budget Documents for 2013-14	Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal	0-01
4.	14-03-2013	The Budget (Jharkhand) 2013-14	Shri Namo Narain Meena	0-01
Total:				<u>0-04</u>

* Also laid Fiscal Policy statements along with the Budget. For further details, please see at Sl No. 7 under the heading "PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE".

BUDGETS — GENERAL DISCUSSION

Sl. No.	Date(s) of discussion	Budget Discussed	No. of Speakers	Minister who replied	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	12-03-2013 13-03-2013 14-03-2013 15-03-2013	*The Budget (Railways), 2013-14	44	Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal	10-03
2.	18-03-2013 21-03-2013	^The Budget (General), 2013-14	*35	Shri P. Chidambaram	0-33

* Discussed along with Government Resolution and Appropriation Bills. For details, pl. see item under the heading 'GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION' and items at Sl. No. 6 to 8 under the heading 'GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS'.

^ Taken up along with Appropriation Bills. For details, pl. see items at Sl. No. 14 to 16 under the heading 'GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS'.

* As the Budget (General) 2013-14 could not be discussed due to continued interruptions of the House on the Sri Lankan issue, it was announced by the Chair in the House on 21st March, 2013 that as decided in a meeting of the Chairman with the Leaders of various political parties in the Rajya Sabha held on 20th March, 2013 that in view of the limited time available, Members who had given their names for participation in the discussion on the General Budget and Appropriation Bills, 2013, would be permitted to lay their written speeches on the Table of the House. Accordingly, 31 Members out of the 40 Members whose names had been called out by the Chair had laid their written speeches on the Table of the House on 21st March, 2013. The written speeches submitted later on by 4 Members (S/Shri C.M. Ramesh, P. Kannan, Mahendra Singh Mahra and Palvai Govardhan Reddy), whose names had not been called out the Chair on 21st March, 2013 were also included in the Rajya Sabha Verbatim Debates for the day.

3.	21-03-2013	**The Budget (Jharkhand) 2013-14	^6	—	0-01
					Total:
					<u>10-37</u>

** Taken up along with Appropriation Bills. For details, pl. see items at Sl. No. 17 to 18 under the heading 'GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS'.

^ Members who had given their names for participation in the discussion on the Jharkhand Budget, 2013-14 and Appropriation Bills were permitted to lay their written speeches on the Table of the House. No discussion took place on the Jharkhand Budget and Appropriation Bills.

STATEMENTS REGARDING ORDINANCES — LAID ON THE TABLE

Sl. No	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	26-02-2013	Circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013.	Shri Namo Narain Meena	0-01
2.	-do-	Circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Ordinance, 2013.	Shri Ashwani Kumar	0-01
Total:				0-02

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 Securities and Exchange Board of India (Amendment) Bill, 2013	26-02-2013	11-03-2013	**Shri Namo Narain Meena / Shri P. Chidambaram	3	0-35	Introduced, considered and passed.
2.	The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bill, 2012	04-09-2012	26-02-2013	Shrimati Krishna Tirath	16	2-52	Passed, as amended.
3.	The North Eastern Council (Amendment) Bill, 2013	11-03-2013	—	Shri Rajeev Shukla	—	0-01	Introduced.

* Also see item at Sl No. 1 under the heading “STATEMENTS REGARDING ORDINANCES – LAID ON THE TABLE”.

** Shri Namo Narain Meena, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, had introduced the Bill in the House on the 26th February, 2013.

4.	The National Institute of Design Bill, 2013	11-03-2013	—	Shri Anand Sharma	—	0-01	Introduced.
5.	*The Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Bill, 2013	26-02-2013	14-03-2013	Shri Ashwani Kumar	—	0-09	Introduced. On a suggestion made by some Members and agreed to by the House and the Minister of Law and Justice, the Deputy Chairman informed the House that the Chairman, Rajya Sabha, would be requested to refer the Bill to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee.

* Also see item at Sl. No. 2 under the heading “STATEMENTS REGARDING ORDINANCES – LAID ON THE TABLE”.

#6.	The Appropriation (Railways) Vote on Account Bill, 2013	}	14-03-2013	15-03-2013	Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal	—	0-04	Discussed together with Government Resolution. The Resolution was adopted and the Bills were returned. For other details, see under the heading "GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION".
#7.	The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2013							
#8.	The Appropriation (Railways) No. 2 Bill, 2013							
9.	The Building and Other Construction Workers Related Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2013	18-03-2013	—	Shri Kodikunnil Suresh	—	0-01	Introduced.	
10.	The Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2013	18-03-2013	—	Shri Milind Deora	—	0-01	Introduced.	

Discussed together with the Budget (Railways), 2013-14. For details, pl. see item at Sl. No. 1 under the heading 'BUDGETS – GENERAL DISCUSSION'.

11.	The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2013	19-03-2013	—	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad	—	0-01	Introduced.	
12.	The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2005	21-03-2013	—	-do-	—	0-01	Withdrawn.	
#13.	The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2013	15-03-2013	18-03-2013	*Shri Namo Narain Meena / Shri P. Chidambaram	—	0-05	Returned.	
#14.	The Appropriation Bill, 2013							21-03-2013
#15.	The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2013							

Discussed together with the Budget (General), 2013-14. For details, pl. see item at Sl. No. 2 under the heading 'BUDGETS – GENERAL DISCUSSION'.

* Shri Namo Narain Meena, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, had moved the Motions for consideration of the Bills on the 18th March, 2013 and Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Finance, replied to the discussion on the 21st March, 2013.

#16.	The Jharkhand Appropriation Bill, 2013	18-03-2013	21-03-2013	Shri P. Chidambaram	—	0-05	Returned.
#17.	The Jharkhand Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2013						
18.	The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2013	20-03-2013	21-03-2013	Shri Sushilkumar Shinde	23	3-04	Discussed together with Statutory Resolution moved by Shri D. Raja. The Resolution was negatived and the Bill was passed. For other details, pl. see item at Sl. No. 2 under the heading “STATUTORY RESOLUTION”.

Discussed together with the Budget (Jharkhand), 2013-14. For details, pl. see item at Sl. No. 3 under the heading ‘BUDGETS – GENERAL DISCUSSION’.

19.	The National Waterway (Lakhipur-Banga Stretch of the Barak River) Bill, 2013	22-03-2013	—	Shri G.K. Vasan	—	0-01	Introduced.
20.	The Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Amendment Bill, 2013	22-04-2013	—	Shri Kodikunnil Suresh	—	0-01	Introduced.
#21.	The Appropriation (Railways) No. 3 Bill, 2013	02-05-2013	02-05-2013	Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal	17	1-55	Returned.
#22.	The Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2013			Shri P. Chidambaram			
#23.	The Finance Bill, 2013						
						Total:	8-57

Discussed together.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

I. Private Members' Bills

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	22-02-2013	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (amendment of section 309)	Shri Prakash Javadekar	—	—	0-02	Introduced.
2.	-do-	The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, 2012	Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia	Shri Kodikunnil Suresh	—	0-03	Negatived. (The Bill was moved for consideration on 7 th December, 2012)
3.	22-02-2013 08-03-2013	The Official Languages Bill, 2012	Shri Tiruchi Siva	—	9	2-25	Under Consideration.
4.	08-03-2013	The Youth (Development and Welfare) Bill, 2012	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	—	—	0-01	Introduced.

5.	08-03-2013	The Special Financial Assistance to the State of Andhra Pradesh Bill, 2012	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	—	—	}	Introduced.	
6.	-do-	The Financial Assistance to Girl Child Belonging to Parents Living Below Poverty Line Bill, 2012	-do-	—	—		0-01	-do-
7.	-do-	The Ban on Obscene Advertisements Bill, 2013	Shri Prabhat Jha	—	—		}	-do-
8.	-do-	The Prevention of Begging and Rehabilitation of Beggars Bill, 2013	-do-	—	—			0-01
9.	-do-	The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2013	Shri Vivek Gupta	—	—		0-01	-do-

10.	22-03-2013	The Compulsory Registration of Callers Using Public Telephone Booths Bill, 2013	Shri Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
11.	-do-	The National Authority for Rehabilitation and Welfare of Persons Living around Railway Tracks Bill, 2013	-do-	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
12.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (amendment of article 72)	-do-	—	—	0-01	Introduced.

Total: 2-37

II. Private Members' Resolutions

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	01-03-2013	Shri P. Rajeeve	<p>“Having regard to the fact that —</p> <p>(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, to organize and influence, to speak and be heard;</p> <p>(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</p>	Shri Kapil Sibal	—	0-49	<p>Withdrawn by leave of the House.</p> <p>(The discussion on the Resolution commenced on 14th December, 2012.)</p>

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 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 offense covered by Section 66A of the Act;

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

2.	01-03-2013 15-03-2013	Shri Prakash Javadekar	that—	“Having regard to the fact	Shri Kodikunnil Suresh	12	2-58	Withdrawn by leave of the House.
				(i) the working classes including workers and employees have been up in arms for nearly a decade as their real wages are going down on account of ever-rising prices and no increase in salary in proportion to the inflation consequently, their living standard is on the decline;				

- (ii) despite increase in the productivity and work load, the average worker is facing a lost battle, their working conditions are also deteriorating, resulting in a tremendous unrest among all sections of workers, whether organized or unorganized, formal or informal;
- (iii) the country has faced more than 10 national strikes on account of this unrest as the labour policies are not attuned to suit the realities and there has been no earnest attempt by the Government to implement the promises made

during the annual Labour Conference;

- (iv) there is a growing tendency towards engaging workers on contract as jobs, even those of a perennial nature, are being awarded on contract basis, outsourcing has become the norm and engaging labour through contract has become the order of the day;
- (v) nearly 40 per cent of the workforce in the manufacturing sector and more than 50 per cent workforce in the services sector are on contract whose working conditions are pre-dominantly exploitative;
- (vi) the Contract Labour

(Regulations and Abolition) Act, which was to eliminate the practice of contract labour has actually perpetuated the contract labour system as many of the contract workers do not get statutory social security cover due to loopholes in law;

- (vii) employment opportunities are shrinking in the present development model and the last decade has experienced jobless growth as the infrastructure growth, which generates employment and boosts overall development, has remained sluggish

after the slowdown of 2008 which has impacted textiles, garments, diamond and many other export oriented industries resulting in loss of jobs for millions;

- (viii) the Government has disbanded the Pension Scheme since 2004 and now even the Government employees have to contribute to private pension funds;
- (ix) the original plan of the government through PERDA was not to offer any sovereign guarantee of either minimum return or safety of the funds and the state of the Employees Pension Scheme 1995

is worse than the welfare pensions wherein more than 60 millions workers are contributing every month and out of four million pensioners of this Scheme, more than three million pensioners are getting a pension of less than Rs. 1,000 per month;

- (x) more than 50 per cent of contract workers, and Anganwadi and domestic workers do not get benefit of either Employees Provident Fund or Employees State Insurance and the suggestions given by Parliamentary Standing Committee and various other Committees to improve the social

security cover for the working classes need be implemented in letter and spirit;

- (xi) there is need for sync between dialogue and delivery as the Indian Labour Conference, which is like Labour Parliament takes place periodically wherein representatives of Central and State Governments as well as various labour organizations and industry representatives take part and deliberate upon issues related with labour;
- (xii) the plight of agricultural labour is pitiable and the Swaminathan Commission's

formula for calculating real remunerative prices must be considered seriously as the farmers are experiencing distress due to the Government's inability to pay the agricultural labour the right remuneration;

- (xiii) the plight of the domestic workers also continues to be pitiable as there is no system which can guarantee fair wages, social security or a grievance redressal mechanism to this class;
- (xiv) there are over 400 million unorganised workers who constitute the main

stay of the working class which is also exploited and needs justice immediately;

(xv) the Government's decision to allow FDI in multi-brand retail may adversely affect self employment as the Government has not offered any new incentives and may actually take away benefits available to the micro, small and medium industries;

(xvi) differently-able people and many weaker sections are also facing problems in getting jobs and getting the right remuneration,

this House urges upon the Government to

immediately address all these issues by taking necessary legal, administrative and financial decisions and create conducive atmosphere for the working classes who generate wealth for the nation."

3.	15-03-2013	Shri Y.S. Chowdary	"Having regard to the fact that - (a) in Indian democracy, media has a responsible role; (b) women are portrayed in poor light through obscene, vulgar pictures/scenes; (c) entertainment free from obscenity, vulgarity and violence, will be a sign for a	Shri Manish Tewari	2	1-11	Withdrawn by leave of the House.
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healthy society;

- (d) media is required to be accountable to the general public;
- (e) self regulation is not properly and appropriately followed by media;
- (f) the Press Council of India does not have enough teeth and authority to take action against abuse of independence by media; and
- (g) an independent regulatory authority for media is necessary to check unhealthy tendencies,

this House urges upon the Government to form an independent and empowered

regulatory authority
capable of taking
action against erring
media."

4.	15-03-2013	Shri Rangasayee Ramakrishna	"Having regard to the fact that - (i) from times immemorial, self governance by the institution of Panchayats was prevalent in the village-society; (ii) even the British respected this institution which catered to the basic needs of the society in which influential and wise men were nominated at the local level who had an affluent background;	—	—	0-01	Under Consideration
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- (iii) post independence, in the formative years of the Republic, the office bearers in these institutions were sought to be elected and the caste panchayats were replaced by elected panchayats;
- (iv) based on the Balwant Rai Mehta Committee report, Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru launched Panchayati Raj in Nagaur district in Rajasthan in 1959;
- (v) in the states such as Rajasthan, which adopted this model, the CD Block budgets comprising Public Works Department, public health, primary and

secondary education, agriculture, animal husbandry, irrigation, etc. were transferred to Panchayati Raj institutions for being administered not by government officials but by elected Panchayati Raj representatives and the budgets were themselves created out of felt demands for the people and administered by the elected representatives of Panchayati Raj bodies;

- (vi) had this system been allowed to take roots and continue for a longer time, the nation would have reaped the benefits of a truly

decentralized
democracy but
unfortunately this
experiment was short
lived;

- (vii) however, Panchayati Raj institutions could have been saved by taking one more logical step in their path of evolution, viz., integrating directly elected people's representative into the scheme of Panchayati Raj hierarchy itself and one more alternative which could have been seriously considered was to make the Panchayati Raj functionaries to elect MLAs;
- (viii) Panchayati Raj continued on paper

and Sarpanches got elected without any attendant charter of responsibilities and the financial powers that could have rendered their duties effective and meaningful;

- (ix) despite the detailed enumeration of allocable functions to Panchayats in Eleventh Schedule (article 243 G) of the Constitution, the non devolution of financial powers to make these enumerated functions meaningful and the non vacation of administrative space by concerned government departments, has resulted in rendering

the Panchayati Raj a boneless wonder;

- (x) in the entire chronology of the framing of the Indian Constitution, the segment that betrays a half hearted approach and the absence of consensus happens to be that concerning bicameral legislatures in the States;
- (xi) in the backdrop of diametrically opposed views on the need for a second chamber, more opposed and less favourably inclined, Dr. Ambedkar moved a compromise resolution proposing second chamber, purely as an experimental measure

and article 169 of the Constitution resulted, which confined the bicameral set up only to states which already had a second house in the Government of India Act, 1935;

- (xii) functional representation, originally an Irish model, is indeed the genesis of an idea, which if properly understood in the right perspective, provides for strengthening Panchayati Raj institutions by integrating them into the framework of the Upper House;
- (xiii) the practice of MLAs constituting an electoral college for

the Second House can be abandoned in favour of local bodies, both in rural and urban areas, viz., Panchayati Raj institutions and Municipalities to form an electoral college to send their representatives to the Upper House; and

- (xiv) simultaneously, the restriction of the facility of bicameral legislature only to Government of India Act, 1935 provinces can also be abandoned in favour of a uniform policy for all states to have a Legislative Council, not dependent on an enabling resolution of the concerned assemblies,

this House urges
upon the Government to -

- (a) initiate an amendment to article 169 of the Constitution such as to provide uniformly for an Upper House in all the States, to be composed of representatives to be elected by all Panchayati Raj institutions in rural areas and all municipalities and corporations in urban areas replacing the present system of substantial representation to the MLAs, and the teachers/graduate constituencies; and
- (b) amend Part IX of the Constitution such as to provide for transfer of

certain departments such as agriculture, animal husbandry, irrigation, public health, Public Works, primary and secondary education to appropriate echelons of Panchayati Raj along with the concurrent transfer of the concerned budgetary outlays and real transfer of such areas to the Panchayati Raj institutions which will be possible only if the corresponding space is vacated by the concerned government departments."

Total: 4-59

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

On the 8th May, 2013, the Chairman made valedictory remarks on the conclusion of the Session.

(Time taken: 02 Mts.)

NATIONAL SONG

On the 8th May, 2013, National Song (*Vande Mataram*) was played.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

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

Sl. No.	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
1.	National Anthem	0-01
2.	President's Address Laid on the Table	0-01
3.	Oath or Affirmation	0-05
4.	Obituary References	0-31
5.	References by the Chair	1-25
6.	Questions	8-02
7.	Short Notice Questions	0-30
8.	Motion under Rule 267 to suspend Question Hour	0-20
9.	Statements by Ministers Correcting Answers to Questions	0-03
10.	Papers Laid on the Table	0-35
11.	Reports/Statements of the Committees Presented/Laid on the Table	0-50
12.	Reports on Indian Parliamentary Participation at International Conference	0-02
13.	Petition praying for review of Meat Export Policy	0-01
14.	Petition praying to put a check on Cyber Pornography by amending the IT Act, 2000	0-01
15.	Proclamation under Article 356 of the Constitution	0-01
16.	Direction by the Chair	0-01
17.	Announcements by the Chair	0-05
18.	Farewell to the Retiring Members	0-48
19.	Resignation by Members	0-01
20.	Leave of Absence	0-09
21.	Motions for Elections/Appointments of Members to Various Committees/Bodies	0-04
22.	Motion for appointment of a Joint Committee	0-11
23.	Matters raised with permission	2-52

Sl. No.	Subject	Time taken Hrs. Mts.
24.	Special Mentions	0-57
25.	Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance	3-40
26.	Statements by Ministers	5-21
27.	Messages from the Lok Sabha-Reported/Government Bills Laid on the Table	0-08
28.	Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee	0-06
29.	Statements regarding Government Business	0-05
30.	Motion of Thanks on the President's Address	10-54
31.	President's Message	0-01
32.	Short Duration Discussions (<i>Discussion Under Rule 176</i>)	10-03
33.	Resolution	0-03
34.	Statutory Resolutions	1-19
35.	Government Resolution	0-02
36.	Supplementary Demands for Grants — Laid on the Table	0-02
37.	Budgets — Laid on the Table	0-04
38.	Budgets — General Discussion	10-37
39.	Statements regarding Ordinance – Laid on the Table	0-02
40.	Government Legislative Business	8-57
41.	Private Members' Business	
	I. Private Members' Bills	2-37
	II. Private Member's Resolutions	4-59
42.	Valedictory Remarks	0-02
43.	National Song	0-01
44.	Points Raised	6-19
	Total:	82-58

**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	
21-02-2013	0	23	0	00	—
22-02-2013	2	34	3	02	The House was adjourned and Question Hour could not take place due to uproar by Opposition Members on the issue of bomb blasts in Hyderabad on the 21 st of February, 2013 and by Members from Assam on the issue of poll violence in the State.
26-02-2013	6	12	0	00	—
27-02-2013	7	46	0	05	The House was adjourned for some time during the Question Hour due to uproar by Opposition Members on the issue of phone tapping of the Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha and also on the issue of poll violence in Goalpara district of Assam.
28-02-2013	0	01	0	00	—
01-03-2013	5	08	0	00	—
04-03-2013	0	28	4	56	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to protests by Opposition Members over the increase in prices of petrol and diesel and demand for roll back of the prices.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
05-03-2013	0	06	4	58	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by BSP Members on the issue of killing of a police officer in Uttar Pradesh and demand for imposition of President's rule in the State.
06-03-2013	6	52	0	10	The House was adjourned for some time during the Zero Hour due to protests by BJP Members on the issue of financial impropriety and misappropriation in Loan Waiver Scheme for farmers and demand for action from the Government in this regard.
07-03-2013	7	16	0	00	—
08-03-2013	4	28	0	00	—
11-03-2013	6	19	0	00	—
12-03-2013	0	06	4	54	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by BJP Members over the alleged land deals by kin of a leading politician and by AIADMK and DMK leaders over the plight of ethnic Tamils in Sri Lanka.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
13-03-2013	5	53	0	26	The House was adjourned for some time during the Zero Hour due to demand by BJP and CPI(M) Members for immediate action by the Government on the issue of refusal by Italy to send back two Italian marines accused of killing Indian fishermen and for a detailed discussion thereon.
14-03-2013	7	12	1	00	The House was adjourned and Question Hour could not be taken up due to protests by Opposition Members on the issue of Terrorist Attack on CRPF Camp in Srinagar on 13 th March, 2013 and demand for a statement by the Minister of Home Affairs on the matter immediately as well as by AIADMK and DMK Members on the plight of Tamil Nadu fishermen being harassed by Sri Lankan Navy.
15-03-2013	5	52	0	18	The House was adjourned for some time during the Question Hour due to protests by BJP Members on the issue of decreasing rate of production of Bt. Cotton.
18-03-2013	2	07	3	10	The House was adjourned and Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by Members belonging to Samajwadi Party on the remarks made by Minister of Steel against the Leader of the Samajwadi Party.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
19-03-2013	0	12	4	48	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by AIADMK and DMK Members on the Government of India's stand on the Resolution against Sri Lanka in the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva and demand for adoption of a Resolution against Sri Lanka in the Indian Parliament before the vote in Geneva.
20-03-2013	0	24	4	51	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by AIADMK and DMK Members on the Government of India's stand on the Resolution against Sri Lanka in the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva and demand for adoption of a Resolution against Sri Lanka in the Indian Parliament before the vote in Geneva and also due to uproar by Members of the Samajwadi Party demanding resignation of the Minister of Steel.
21-03-2013	4	02	2	00	The House was adjourned and Question Hour could not be taken up due to uproar by AIADMK and DMK Members on the Sri Lankan issue.
22-03-2013	0	32	4	28	The House was adjourned and Question Hour could not be taken up due to uproar by AIADMK and DMK Members on the Sri Lankan issue.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
22-04-2013	4	10	1	40	The House was adjourned and Question Hour could not be taken up due to demand by Opposition Members for discussion on the issues of reported vetting of CBI Report on Coalgate Scam by the Law Ministry; deliberate leakage of JPC draft Report on 2G Scam and Rape of a five-year old girl child in Delhi.
23-04-2013	0	08	4	52	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by Opposition Members on the reported vetting of the CBI Report on Coalgate Scam by the Law Ministry and their demand for resignation of the Prime Minister and sacking of the Law Minister.
25-04-2013	0	15	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 on the reported vetting of the CBI Report on Coalgate Scam by the Law Ministry and their demand for resignation of the Prime Minister and sacking of the Law Minister and also due to protests by AGP Members over the Land Boundary Agreement with Bangladesh.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
26-04-2013	0	08	4	56	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by Opposition Members on the reported vetting of the CBI Report on Coalgate Scam by the Law Ministry and their demand for resignation of the Prime Minister and sacking of the Law Minister.
29-04-2013	0	12	4	48	-do-
30-04-2013	0	09	4	51	-do-
02-05-2013	2	39	2	21	The House was adjourned and Question Hour could not be taken up due to uproar by Opposition Members on the reported vetting of the CBI Report on Coalgate Scam by the Law Ministry and their demand for resignation of the Prime Minister and sacking of the Law Minister.
03-05-2013	0	08	4	52	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to uproar by Opposition Members on the reported vetting of the CBI Report on Coalgate Scam by the Law Ministry and their demand for resignation of the Prime Minister and sacking of the Law Minister.
06-05-2013	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 Opposition Members on the

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
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					reported vetting of the CBI Report on Coalgate Scam by the Law Ministry and their demand for resignation of the Prime Minister and sacking of the Law Minister as well as demand for resignation of the Railway Minister to facilitate fair investigation in the case relating to the arrest of his nephew by the CBI for allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹ 90 lakhs for getting a senior railway officer appointed as member of the Railway Board.
07-05-2013	0	10	4	50	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to demand by Opposition Members for resignation of the Prime Minister and sacking of the Law Minister for their alleged involvement in the Coalgate Scam and for resignation of the Railway Minister for his alleged involvement in the cash-for-posting in the Railway Board as well as protests by AGP Members over the Land Boundary Agreement with Bangladesh.
08-05-2013	0	56	0	58	The House was adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Business could not be taken up due to demand by BSP Members for dismissal of the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
Total	82	58	82	55	

**Highlights of work transacted during the 228th Session –
At a Glance**

Sittings	
Date of issue of Summons	05-02-2013
Duration of the Session	21-02-2013 to 08-05-2013
Number of actual days of sitting	32
Actual Hours of sittings (<i>excluding recess intervals</i>)	82 Hrs. & 58 Mts.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	82 Hrs. & 55 Mts.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	12 Hrs. & 37 Mts.
Date of prorogation of Session	10-05-2013
Questions	
No. of Starred Questions listed	599
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	49
No. of Unstarred Questions answered	4650
Short Notice Questions	7
Half-an-Hour Discussions	-
Government Bills	
No. of Bills introduced	9
No. of Bills withdrawn	1
No. of Bills passed/returned	14
No. of Bills referred to Select Committee	-
No. of Bills deferred	1
Private Members' Business	
No. of Bills introduced	10
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	3

Oath/Affirmation	
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation	3
Statements by Ministers	
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers	13
No. of Statements laid regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees	22
Matters of public importance raised	
No. of Calling Attentions	2
No. of Short Duration Discussions	3
No. of Special Mentions	90
No. of Matters raised with permission	37
Submission by Members	-
Papers Laid on the Table	2041