

# **R E S U M E**

**OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED**

**BY THE**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**IN ITS**

**TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIFTH SESSION**

**(23<sup>rd</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2015)**

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## P R E F A C E

This publication contains a brief resume of the business transacted by the Rajya Sabha during its Two Hundred and Thirty Fifth Session.

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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  
THIRTY FIFTH SESSION  
(23-4-2015 to 13-5-2015)**

**SUMMONS**

Summons for the Two Hundred and Thirty Fifth Session of the Rajya Sabha was issued to the Members on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015.

**DURATION OF THE SESSION**

The Two Hundred and Thirty Fifth Session of the Rajya Sabha, commenced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2015 and adjourned *sine die* on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015, as scheduled. The House sat for 13 days and the actual hours of sittings were 72 hours and 18 minutes (excluding recess intervals). The House was prorogued by the President on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2015, National Anthem was played.

*(Time taken: 01 Minute)*

### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
1.	23-04-2015	Shri Abdul Wahab	}
2.	do-	Shri K. K. Ragesh	
3.	-do-	Shri Vayalar Ravi	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>0-04</b>

### OBITUARY REFERENCES

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

Sl. No	Date of Obituary Reference	Person in respect of whom Reference was made	Date of passing away	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	23-04-2015	Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, Former Prime Minister of Singapore	23-03-2015	0-11	The Chairman made references and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
2.	-do-	Shri Manubhai Patel ex-Member	27-03-2015		
3.	-do-	Shri Ghufran Azam ex-Member	02-04-2015		
4.	-do-	Shri Lalit Kishore Chaturvedi ex-Member	05-04-2015		
5.	-do-	Shri Jerlie E. Tariang ex-Member	09-04-2015		
6.	-do-	Shri Ghulam Rasool Kar ex-Member	10-04-2015		
<b>Total:</b>				<b>0-11</b>	

#### REFERENCES BY THE CHAIR

Sl. No	Date of Reference	Incident	Date of the Incident	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	23-04-2015	Terrorist attack on a University campus at Garissa in north-eastern Kenya.	02-04-2015	0-01	The Chairman made reference and 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.	-do-	Victims of floods and landslide in Jammu and Kashmir in the months of March and April, 2015.	March and April, 2015	0-01	-do-
3.	-do-	Series of attacks by Maoists on security forces in Sukma, Kanker and Dantewada districts of Chhattisgarh.	11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> of April, 2015	0-02	-do-



4.	24-04-2015	Victims of cyclonic hailstorm in Bihar.	21-04-2015	0-01	The Chairman made reference and 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.	27-04-2015	Victims of earthquake in Nepal and India.	25-04-2015	0-03	-do-
6.	13-05-2015	-do-	12-05-2015	0-02	-do-
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>0-10</b>

### FELICITATIONS BY THE CHAIR

Sl. No.	Date	Subject	Date of event	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
1.	23-04-2015	Felicitations to the Scientists and Engineers of ISRO for the successful launch of IRNSS-1D, the fourth Satellite in the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) by PSLV C-27.	28-03-2015	0-02
2.	-do-	Felicitations to Ms. Saina Nehwal and Ms. Sania Mirza on becoming the first Indian women players to attain the world number one ranking in Women's Badminton Singles and Woman's Tennis doubles, respectively.	—	0-01
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>0-03</b>

### PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

1315 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.	23-04-2015	The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 (Ordinance No.4 of 2015), promulgated by the President on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of April, 2015.
2.	24-04-2015	Two Hundred and Forty-ninth Report of the Law Commission of India on "Obsolete Laws: Warranting Immediate Repeal" - (Second Interim Report), as on October, 2014.
3.	-do-	Two Hundred and Fiftieth Report of the Law Commission of India on "Obsolete Laws: Warranting Immediate Repeal" - (Third Interim Report), as on October, 2014.
4.	-do-	Two Hundred and Fifty-first Report of the Law Commission of India on "Obsolete Laws: Warranting Immediate Repeal" - (Fourth Interim Report), as on November, 2014.
5.	-do-	Two Hundred and Fifty-second Report of the Law Commission of India on Right of the Hindu Wife to Maintenance: A relook at Section 18 of the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956, as on January, 2015.
6.	27-04-2015	Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI), New Delhi, for the year 2013-14.
7.	29-04-2015	Sixty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation, New Delhi, for the year 2013-14.

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
8.	29-04-2015	Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi, for the year 2013-14.
9.	30-04-2015	Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Vidyananaa, Bangalore, for the year 2012-13.
10.	-do-	Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the People's Action for Social Service, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, for the year 2013-14.
11.	-do-	Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), New Delhi, for the year 2013-14.
12.	-do-	Twenty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), New Delhi, for the year 2013-14.
13.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India - Report No.12 of 2015 regarding "Financing of Renewable Energy Projects by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited, for the year ended March 2013", under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution.
14.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India - Report No.10 of 2015 regarding "Capacity Expansion of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, for the year ended March 2014", under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution.
15.	07-05-2015	Annual Report and Accounts of the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK), New Delhi, for the year 2012-13.

16. 08-05-2015 Statement on Quarterly Review of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget, at the end of the third quarter of the financial year 2014-15.

17. 12-05-2015 Statement of Market Borrowings by the Central Government, during the year 2014-15.

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*(Total time taken: 23 Mts.)*

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

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

Date	Report/Statement/Corrigendum
<i>Committee on Human Resource Development</i>	
23-04-2015	265 <sup>th</sup> to 267 <sup>th</sup> Reports
28-04-2015	268 <sup>th</sup> and 269 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers</i>	
23-04-2015	5 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Labour</i>	
23-04-2015	5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Railways</i>	
23-04-2015	4 <sup>th</sup> Report
05-05-2015	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Rural Development</i>	
23-04-2015	5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> Reports
08-05-2015	9 <sup>th</sup> Report
<i>Committee on Home Affairs</i>	
23-04-2015	185 <sup>th</sup> and 186 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Health and Family Welfare</i>	
24-04-2015	82 <sup>nd</sup> to 84 <sup>th</sup> Reports
29-04-2015	85 <sup>th</sup> Report

Date	Report/Statement/Corrigendum
<i>Committee on Agriculture</i>	
24-04-2015	8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Reports
27-04-2015	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Reports
29-04-2015	12 <sup>th</sup> Report
06-05-2015	Action Taken Statements
<i>Committee on Coal and Steel</i>	
24-04-2015	7 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> Reports
06-05-2015	11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Finance</i>	
24-04-2015	10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Information Technology</i>	
24-04-2015	5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> Reports
29-04-2015	Action Taken Statements
<i>Committee on Industry</i>	
27-04-2015	264 <sup>th</sup> to 266 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests</i>	
27-04-2015	254 <sup>th</sup> Report
05-05-2015	255 <sup>th</sup> to 257 <sup>th</sup> Reports
07-05-2015	258 <sup>th</sup> to 260 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Defence</i>	
27-04-2015	6 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> Reports

Date	Report/Statement/Corrigendum
<i>Committee on Energy</i>	
27-04-2015	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Reports
06-05-2015	Action Taken Statements
07-05-2015	4 <sup>th</sup> Report
<i>Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distributions</i>	
27-04-2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Reports
28-04-2015	Final Action Taken Statements
<i>Committee on Urban Development</i>	
27-04-2015	4 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Water Resources</i>	
27-04-2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> Report and Action Taken Statement
13-05-2015	4 <sup>th</sup> Report
<i>Committee on Commerce</i>	
28-04-2015	117 <sup>th</sup> and 118 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice</i>	
28-04-2015	75 <sup>th</sup> and 76 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture</i>	
28-04-2015	218 <sup>th</sup> to 222 <sup>nd</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on External Affairs</i>	
28-04-2015	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Reports



Date	Report/Statement/Corrigendum
<i>Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas</i>	
28-04-2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Reports
07-05-2015	5 <sup>th</sup> Report
<i>Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment</i>	
28-04-2015	11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> Reports
07-05-2015	15 <sup>th</sup> Report and Action Taken Statements
<i>Committee on Public Accounts Committee</i>	
28-04-2015	14 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> Reports
29-04-2015	17 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> Reports and Corrigendum to the Eighth Report
13-05-2015	Corrigendum to the Eighth Report withdrawing the Corrigendum laid on 29.04.2015
<i>Committee on Public Undertakings</i>	
28-04-2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Reports
<i>Committee on Empowerment of Women</i>	
29-04-2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> Report
<i>Committee on the Welfare of Other Backward Classes</i>	
29-04-2015	Action Taken Statements
<i>Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes</i>	
30-04-2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Reports and Final Action Taken Statements
<i>Committee of Privileges</i>	
06-05-2015	61 <sup>st</sup> Report

Date	Report/Statement/Corrigendum
<i>Joint Committee on Offices of Profit</i>	
06-05-2015	1 <sup>st</sup> Report
<i>Committee on Papers Laid on the Table</i>	
07-05-2015	146 <sup>th</sup> and 147 <sup>th</sup> Reports

*(Total time taken: 37 Mts.)*

**MOTIONS FOR ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/BODIES**

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Committee/Body	<u>Time taken</u> <u>Hrs.Mts.</u>
1.	30-04-2015	Central Silk Board	0-01
2.	06-05-2015	Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha on the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2013	—
3.	12-05-2015	Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha on the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-second Amendment) Bill, 2014	—
4.	13-05-2015	Joint Committee of the Houses on the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015	—
<b>Total :</b>			<b><u>0-01</u></b>

**PANEL OF VICE-CHAIRMEN**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015, the Deputy Chairman announced that Shri T. K. Rangarajan has been nominated on the Panel of Vice-Chairmen *w.e.f.* the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015.

*(Time taken: 01 Minute)*

**QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of the Opposition raised a Question of breach of Privilege arising out of reports published in a newspaper and a magazine containing allegations against the functioning of the Rajya Sabha Television (RS TV).

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs and some Members also spoke.

*(Time taken: 17 Mts.)*

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015, Dr. Kanwar Deep Singh (West Bengal) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April to the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015, during the 235<sup>th</sup> Session of the Rajya Sabha.

*(Time taken: 01 Minute)*

**FAREWELL TO RETIRED MEMBERS**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2015, the Chairman bid farewell to Shri P. Rajeeve and Shri M. P. Achuthan, Members from the State of Kerala, who retired on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2015, on expiration of their term of office.

Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information and Broadcasting, and Leader of the House, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of the Opposition, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs, and some other Members spoke on the occasion.

*(Time taken: 36 Mts.)*

**RULING BY THE CHAIR**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015, the Deputy Chairman gave the following ruling:—

“Hon’ble Members may recall that on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 Shri Naresh Agrawal had raised a Point of Order with regard to certain recommendations of the Committee of Privileges as contained in its 61<sup>st</sup> Report. The said report dealt with a case of alleged breach of privilege arising out of accessing the Call Detail Records of the then Leader of Opposition, Shri Arun Jaitley by Delhi Police and some individuals. Dissenting with the recommendations of the Committee, Shri Agrawal had requested that the Committee of Privileges should re-examine the issue. Many other Members joined him and desired that the matter be re-committed to the Committee on Privileges. Speaking on the subject Shri Anand Sharma had desired that while re-examining the issue, the Committee should enlarge the scope of examination by including the matter of telephone tapping of sitting Members of Parliament. Some other Members also supported him.

I had then observed that there was no problem in revisiting the Committee Report for which there was unanimity in the House. As far as the issue of enlarging the scope of Committee’s examination, I had said that I would come back to the House after examining the matter.

I have gone through the rules relating to question of privileges as contained in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha. As per Rule 195, the mandate of the Committee is to examine every question referred to it and determine with reference to the facts of each case whether a breach of privilege is involved and, if so, the nature of the breach, the circumstances leading to it and make such recommendations as it may deem fit. It is thus clear that the Committee does not take any matter suo-moto and examines only those matters which are referred to it either by the House under Rule 191 or by the Chairman under Rule 203.

In view of the position, as explained by me, if Shri Anand Sharma or any other Member of the House wants that the issue of telephone tapping of the sitting members be also examined by the Committee of Privileges, he should either give a notice and after seeking the leave of the House move the motion for a decision of the House or alternatively he can give the notice to the Chairman, Rajya Sabha.

As regards the issue of revisiting the 61<sup>st</sup> Report of the Committee of Privileges, it stands recommitted to the Committee of Privileges for review since there was unanimity in the House on this matter when it was raised in the House on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.”

*(Time taken: 2 Mts.)*

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

Secretary-General reported to the Rajya Sabha, 14 messages received from the Lok Sabha and laid on the Table, 8 Government Bills, as passed by the Lok Sabha, during the Session.

*(Time taken: 12 Mts.)*

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

3 Meetings of the Business Advisory Committee were held during the Session to allocate time for Government Legislative and other Business. Recommendations of the Committee in respect of three (3) 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.	23-04-2015	23-04-2015	0-01
2.	30-04-2015	30-04-2015	0-01
3.	05-05-2015	05-05-2015	0-02
<b>Total:</b>			<b>0-04</b>

**STATEMENTS REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

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

Sl. No.	Date	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
1.	24-04-2015	0-01
2.	30-04-2015	0-01
<b>Total:</b>		<b>0-02</b>

**DISPENSING WITH THE REST OF THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY INCLUDING QUESTION HOUR UNDER RULE 267**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2015, the Chairman informed the House that he had received notices of Motion under Rule 267 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha from Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of the Opposition* and some other Members seeking suspension of the rest of the business of the day to discuss the grave matter of a farmer committing suicide in full public glare at a public meeting in New Delhi yesterday and the agrarian crisis in the country.

Thereafter, the Leader of the Opposition, Leaders of political parties and some Members made submissions on the matter.

As agreed to by Shri Arun Jaitley, *Minister of Finance, Minister of Corporate Affairs and Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Leader of the House* and also by the entire House, the Chair dispensed with the rest of the listed business of the day including Question Hour and decided to take up the discussion on the Agrarian crisis and suicides by farmers in various parts of the country.

*(Time taken: 1 Hr. & 24 Mts.)*

**SUBMISSION BY MEMBERS**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015, Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav made a submission on the devastating earthquake in Nepal and India on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015.

The following Members also spoke:—

1. Shri Derek O' Brien
2. Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of the Opposition*

3. Km. Mayawati
4. Shri Sitaram Yechury
5. Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
6. Shri K. C. Tyagi
7. Shrimati Kanimozhi
8. Shri Sanjay Raut
9. Shri Balwinder Singh Bhunder
10. Shri Prem Chand Gupta
11. Shri Praful Patel
12. Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey
13. Shri Ramdas Athawale

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, *Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs*, responded.

(Time taken: 43 Mts.)

#### **PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015, Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways and Shipping, made a personal explanation, in regard to certain allegations against him made by some Members in the context of a CAG Report laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015.

(Time taken: 5 Mts.)

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#### **For Reference and Record**

*The Minister of Road Transport and Highways and Shipping made a personal explanation on 11.05.2015 in reference to certain allegations made against him in the context of CAG Report. As per well established procedure, no discussion/clarifications are permitted on the personal explanation made by a Member/Minister. However, Members demanded discussion/clarification on the personal explanation made by the Minister. As agreed to by the House, personal explanation made on 11.05.2015 was again made by the Minister as 'STATEMENT' on 12.05.2015. Thereafter, Members sought clarifications.*

**MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION**

I. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015:—

(1) Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu raised a matter regarding purchase of Rafale Air Craft.

II. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015:—

(2) Shri Anand Sharma raised a matter regarding non-referring of the Bills to Standing Committees by the Government.

Shri Naresh Agrawal and Shri Sharad Yadav also spoke

(3) Shrimati Gundu Sudharani raised a matter regarding need to bring all medicines under National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority.

(4) Shri Pramod Tiwari raised a matter regarding continued attacks by naxalites on para military forces in Chhattisgarh.

(5) Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding need to release family pension and other benefits to the widow of Late Masood Umar Khan, an eminent educationist.

Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information and Broadcasting, responded.

(6) Shri A.U. Singh Deo raised a matter regarding need to confer *Bharat Ratna* on Shri Biju Patnaik.

(7) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding frequent deaths due to cancer in Jharia in Dhanbad District.

(8) Shri S. Muthukaruppan raised a matter regarding proposed construction of dam by Karnataka Government across Cauvery river against the award given by the Cauvery Tribunal.

(9) Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding proposal to remove Net-neutrality by TRAI allegedly in connivance with Telecom Companies.

(10) Shri K.T.S. Tulsi raised a matter regarding Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT) or Tax Terrorism.

(11) Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap raised a matter regarding need to provide relief to family of Havildar Sanjeev Kumar of Dhindhar village of Ghaziabad martyred in Naxalite attack.



(12) Shri Madhusudan Mistry raised a matter regarding election of the office bearers of Basketball Federation of India.

(13) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding reported allegations of a former Governor on the Central Government.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

III. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015:—

(14) Shrimati Kanak Lata Singh raised a matter regarding loss of life and property due to thunderstorm in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

(15) Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding strike by Road Transport Workers to protest against the proposed Motor Transport and Safety related Bill.

(16) Shrimati Viplove Thakur raised a matter regarding facility of refuelling of Aeroplanes at Gaggal Airport in Himachal Pradesh.

(17) Shri K.C. Tyagi raised a matter regarding payment of arrears to sugarcane farmers.

(18) Shri Vijay Goel raised a matter regarding problems due to new Income Tax return forms issued by the Government.

(19) Shri P. L. Punia raised a matter regarding alleged ban on *dalits* to enter temples in certain villages of Gujarat.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(20) Shrimati Jaya Bachchan raised a matter regarding alleged atrocities on a 23 year old woman by her in-laws and husband.

IV. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015:—

(21) Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of the Opposition raised a matter regarding contradictory statements on the location of Dawood Ibrahim.

Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(22) Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding taking over of the management of the Lalit Kala Academy by the Government.

Shri Sharad Yadav, Shri Sitaram Yechury, Shri Anand Sharma and Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav also spoke.

(23) Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya raised a matter regarding need to take measures for maintaining national unity and integration.

(24) Shri Tarun Vijay raised a matter regarding need to recognize women farmers as equal wage earners and organize them at national level.

(25) Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding suicide by Potato farmers in West Bengal.

(26) Shri A. Navaneethkrishnan raised a matter regarding need to reimburse the money to the Tamil Nadu Government on account of admission of students of weaker section in private schools.

(27) Shri Madhusudan Mistry raised a matter regarding demolition of the houses of families of minorities and dalits in Vadodara, Gujarat and non-allotment of new houses to them.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(28) Shri Rajeev Shukla raised a matter regarding imitation of Indian products by China.

(29) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding pathetic condition of the National Highways in the country.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(30) Shri B.K. Hariprasad raised a matter regarding rape case in Odisha.

(31) Shrimati Kanak Lata Singh raised a matter regarding Indian workmen kept in confinement by a company in Saudi Arabia.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(32) Shri K.N. Balagopal raised a matter regarding steep increase in petrol-diesel prices.

V. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015:—

(33) Shri Pramod Tiwari raised a matter regarding need to protect fundamental rights of citizens granted in the Constitution.

(34) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding revival of the Fertilizer Corporation of India at Sindri, Dhanbad.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

(35) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding need to create Special Category of Arjuna Awards for differently-abled athletes.

(36) Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey raised a matter regarding disinvestment of NALCO.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

(37) Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar raised a matter regarding need to review all projects coming up on lake beds in Bengaluru.

(38) Shrimati Viplove Thakur raised a matter regarding removal of subsidy on woollen yarn affecting weavers.

Shri Anand Sharma also spoke.

(39) Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding recent notice by the Government for retired family pensions against women dependant.

(40) Dr. Sanjay Sinh raised a matter regarding need to implement agricultural diversification scheme in the country.

(41) Shri Ramdas Athawale raised a matter regarding closure of colleges under AICTE.

(42) Shrimati Sasikala Pushpa raised a matter regarding missing vessel and crew of MSV 'Our Lady Vellankanny'.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(43) Shri Motilal Vora raised a matter regarding concern over decreasing lung capacity of children.

(44) Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem raised a matter regarding difficulties faced by Haj Pilgrims.

(45) Shri Sanjay Raut raised a matter regarding need to provide fool proof security arrangements and adequate infrastructure facilities to pilgrims of Amarnath Shrine in J&K.

VI. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015:—

(46) Shri Salim Ansari raised a matter regarding situation arising out of acquittal of accused persons in the Hashimpura mass killing case in Uttar Pradesh.

(47) Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy raised a matter regarding request to withdraw the Home Ministry's Order dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2014 restricting the jurisdiction of Anti - Corruption Bureau.

(48) Shri Shantaram Naik raised a matter regarding irregularities found by C & AG in the audit report of Puri Sakhar Karkhana Ltd.

Shri Anand Sharma also spoke.

VII. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015:—

(49) Prof. Jogen Chowdhury raised a matter regarding curtailing of funds in most of the Arts and Cultural Institutions.

*(Total time taken: 2 Hrs. & 32 Mts.)*

## **QUESTIONS**

**195** Starred Questions were put down in the List of Questions for oral answers, out of which **48** Questions were orally answered and answers to the remaining ones were laid on the Table of the House.

*(Total Time taken: 7 Hrs. & 54 Mts.)*

**2024** Unstarred Questions were put down in the List of Questions and written answers in respect thereof were laid on the Table of the House.

### STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS CORRECTING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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

Sl. No.	Date	Subject	Ministry/ Department	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	05-05-2015	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 1873 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 2012 regarding 'Dreamliner service from Trivandrum'.	Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Dr. Mahesh Sharma	0-01
2.	12-05-2015	Correcting Annexure-I to answer to Unstarred Question 403 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015 regarding 'Publication of research Journals'.	Science & Technology and Earth Sciences	Shri Y. S. Chowdary	0-01
3.	13-05-2015	Correcting Annexure-I to answer to Unstarred Question 3403 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 regarding 'Protection of Sanskrit Language.'	Human Resource Development	Prof. (Dr.) Ram Shankar Katheria	0-01
4.	-do-	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 334 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015 regarding 'Review of working of UGC.'	-do-	-do-	
<b>Total :</b>					<b>0-03</b>



### STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	27-04-2015	"Recent developments in the Republic of Yemen and efforts made for safe evacuation of Indian Nationals".	Shrimati Sushma Swaraj	0-04
2.	12-05-2015	Certain allegations against him made by some Members in the context of a CAG Report laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on the 30 <sup>th</sup> of April, 2015.	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	1-24
3.	13-05-2015	Attempt to commit suicide by four girl trainees of Sports Authority of India's Special Area Games Water Sports Centre at Alappuzha, Kerala.	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	0-03

(II) The following Statements were laid, on the Table, by Ministers in pursuance of the Direction of the Chairman, Rajya Sabha, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> 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.	24-04-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the First Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (16 <sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.	Shri Ramvilas Paswan	0-01
2.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers (2013-14) on 'Pricing of Fertilizers' pertaining to the Department of Fertilizers.	Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir	
3.	27-04-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources.	Sushri Uma Bharati	0-01
4.	28-04-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Ministry of Planning.	Rao Inderjit Singh	—



Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
5.	28-04-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Ninety-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations of the Committee contained in its Ninetieth Report on "Development of Airport Sector with Special Emphasis on new Modern Airports".	Dr. Mahesh Sharma	0-01
6.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations of the Committee contained in its One Hundred and Thirty-first Report on "Closure of Bangalore and Hyderabad Airports", One Hundred and Forty-first Report on "Modernisation of Airports" and One Hundred and Forty-second Report on "Functioning of Private Airports".	-do-	
7.	29-04-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twelfth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on the "Development of Tourism in North-Eastern Region".	Dr. Mahesh Sharma	0-01

8.	29-04-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Ministry of Steel.	Shri Vishnu Deo Sai	—
9.	30-04-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.	Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore	0-01
10.	08-05-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Department of Consumer Affairs.	Shri Ramvilas Paswan	0-01
11.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture.	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan	
12.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour (16th Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Ministry of Textiles.	Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar	

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
13.	08-05-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Ministry of Food Processing Industries	Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti	—
14.	11-05-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on the Demands for Grants 2014-15 pertaining to the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation	Shri Ram Kripal Yadav	0-01
15.	12-05-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twentieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence on Demands for Grants (2013-14)	Shri Manohar Parrikar	} 0-01
16.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence on the subject "Threat Perception and preparedness of the Forces including incursion on borders, coordination mechanism with the Central Armed Police Forces and Border connectivity through Road, Air and Rail"	-do-	

17.	13-05-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eighty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on the action taken by the Government on the Sixth Report of the Committee on "Inflation and Price Rise" pertaining to the Ministry of Finance.	Shri Arun Jaitley	} 0-01
18.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Forty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on the subject "Working of Ashram Schools in Tribal Areas" pertaining to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.	Shri Jual Oram	
			<b>Total:</b>	<u>1-40</u>

### 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.	23-04-2015	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Need to ensure payment of compensation by the Power Grid Corporation and other transmission companies to farmers affected due to acquisition of their lands.	0-02
*2.	-do-	Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda	Need to set up five textile parks for development of cotton growers of Vidarbha in Maharashtra.	0-03
*3.	-do-	Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu	Need to accord the martial art Taekwondo the status of sports and include it as an eligibility for employment under sports quota in Government jobs.	0-02
*4.	24-04-2015	Shri Husain Dalwai	Need to address the threat posed to domestic Agarbatti industry by import of Agarbattis from China and Vietnam.	0-03

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\* Special Mention was Made.

*5.	24-04-2015	Shri Shantaram Naik	Need to make distinct laws pertaining to the limit of expenditure by political parties during elections in the country.	0-02
*6.	-do-	Shri S. Thangavelu	Need to take immediate steps to repair Shenbagavalli Dam in Tamil Nadu-Kerala border.	0-01
*7.	-do-	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Need to formulate a comprehensive plan for cleaning and beautification of the river Betwa in Vidisha.	0-03
*8.	-do-	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey	Need to include the left wing extremism affected districts in the Pradhanmantri Jan Dhan Yojna.	0-02
*9.	-do-	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth	Need to appoint a Committee to address the issues pertaining to wage revision and other service conditions of Gramin Dak Sevaks in the country.	0-02
*10.	-do-	Shrimati Sasikala Pushpa	Need for early constitution of the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee.	0-03
*11.	-do-	Shri Majeed Memon	Need to take concrete steps to check the trespassing by foreign vessels in the Indian Ocean, particularly off the coast of Porbandar in Gujarat.	0-02

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\* Special Mention was Made.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
*12.	24-04-2015	Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar	Need to take steps to bring reforms in Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country.	0-04
*13.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Need to declare the Ganga-Sagar Island a National Heritage Site.	0-01
14.	27-04-2015	Shrimati Sudharani	Gundu Demand to set up CBI enquiry into the irregularities in purchase of cotton in Warangal and other parts of the country.	0-01
15.	-do-	Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda	Concern over reduction in the Central Plan Outlay for state police forces in the Budget, 2015-16.	
16.	-do-	Shri Bhupinder Singh	Demand to allocate five Padmashree awards for farmers in the country.	
17.	-do-	Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar	Need to discuss the issues pertaining to NPT.	
18.	-do-	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Demand to restore the parcel services at Phagwara Railway Station in Punjab.	

\* Special Mention was Made.

19.	28-04-2015	Shri Devender Goud T.	Demand to appoint a Commission to address various issues pertaining to reservation for OBCs in the country.
20.	do-	Shri A.K. Selvaraj	Demand to allocate more funds for widening of National Highways passing through Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu.
21.	-do-	Shrimati Kanak Lata Singh	Demand to take necessary steps for construction of an International Airport in Kushinagar District.
22.	-do-	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey	Concern over cancellation of large number of claims under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
23.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to take immediate steps to recharge drinking water resources in the country.
24.	-do-	Shri Praveen Rashtrapal	Demand to fill up the vacancies of SCs/STs and ensure reservation in promotions in various central Government institutions in the country.
25.	-do-	Shri Paul Manoj Pandian	Demand for upgradation of the Tuticorin Airport in Tamil Nadu.

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Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
26.	28-04-2015	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand to take steps to protect citizens' right to net neutrality in the country.	—
27.	do-	Shri Ram Nath Thakur	Demand to take necessary steps for doubling of railway track from Hajipur to Muzaffarpur and from Samastipur to Darbhanga in Bihar.	
28.	29-04-2015	Shrimati Wansuk Syiem	Demand to maintain the mandated character of Regional Rural Banks so as to protect the interests of small and marginal farmers, artisans, etc.	0-02
29.	-do-	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Demand to revive the scheme providing highly subsidized sanitary napkins to girls throughout the country.	
30.	-do-	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth	Demand to stop fishing by deep sea fishing vessels in the Indian Ocean to protect the livelihood of traditional fishermen.	
31.	-do-	Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap	Demand to take steps for thorough cleaning of the river Hindon so as to make its water fit for drinking.	
32.	-do-	Shrimati Sasikala Pushpa	Demand for interlinking of rivers and nationalization of the inter-state rivers in the country.	

*33.	30-04-2015	Shri Shantaram Naik	Need to encourage research to find prevention and cure of Kyasanur Forest Disease (Monkey Disease) in the country.	0-02
*34.	-do-	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Need to take strict action against anti-secular forces suggesting to take away fundamental right of voting from minority community.	0-02
*35.	-do-	Shri Ahmed Patel	Need to take steps to resolve the problems being faced by workers of Shipbreaking Yard in Alang.	0-03
36.	06-05-2015	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Demand for development of certain places of cultural and tourist importance in Punjab.	}
37.	-do-	Prof. M. V. Rajeev Gowda	Demand to take steps to strengthen NDRF for efficient disaster management.	
38.	-do-	Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya	Demand to bring a legislation to include 'Rajasthani' language into the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.	
39.	-do-	Shri Paul Manoj Pandian	Demand for early construction of railway bridges at Maharaja Nagar and Kulavanigapuram.	
40.	-do-	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to institute Guru Balmiki Award to honour sports coaches in the country.	

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\* Special Mention was Made.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
41.	06-05-2015	Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya	Demand to address the issues pertaining to neglect of healthcare needs in rural areas of the country.	0-02
42.	-do-	Shri K. N. Balagopal	Demand to promote rain water harvesting in the country.	
43.	-do-	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth	Demand to withhold the implementation of the recommendations of Meenakumari Commission Report regarding deep sea fishing policy.	
44.	-do-	Shrimati Gundu Sudharani	Demand for adequate supply of cotton to textile mills in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.	
45.	-do-	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Demand to uphold the principles of secularism and socialism as enshrined in the Constitution and add the words 'secular' and 'socialist' in all the publications of the Government.	
46.	-do-	Shri Derek O' Brien	Demand to implement sanitation programmes throughout the country on the line of 'Sobar Souchagar' (Toilets for all) scheme in Nadia District of West Bengal.	

47.	07-05-2015	Shri Arvind Kumar Singh	Need to release funds under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for Uttar Pradesh.	0-01
*48.	-do-	Shri Ahmed Patel	Need to formulate a concrete policy to maintain ground water level in the country.	0-02
*49.	-do-	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Need to bring an amendment to repeal the Section 90(3) of the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act.	0-02
50.	-do-	Shri T. Rathinavel	Need to consult states before making changes in the Interest Subvention Scheme for short-term crop loans to farmers.	—
*51.	-do-	Shri D. Raja	Need to take steps to check construction activities in violation of the Monuments Act, 1958, around Humayun's Tomb in Delhi.	0-03
*52.	-do-	Shri S. Muthukaruppan	Need to review the price fixation policy for petroleum products to check increase in prices of petrol and diesel.	0-02
53.	-do-	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey	Need to give medical benefits under CGHS to all the players representing the country in Olympic games.	—
*54.	-do-	Shri Bhupinder Singh	Need to take steps to ensure health insurance and provide free medicines for critical diseases to all citizens in the country.	0-03

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\* Special Mention was Made.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
*55.	07-05-2015	Shri Ram Nath Thakur	Need to bring reforms in school and higher education to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor.	0-01
56.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Need to take adequate measures to ensure healthcare for all in the country.	—
*57.	-do-	Shri Md. Nadimul Haque	Need to take measures to resolve the problems being faced by Urdu medium schools due to vacant posts of SC/ST teachers.	0-02
*58.	-do-	Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda	Need to take steps for making a law to prohibit portrayal of Gods and Goddesses on various packagings and consumer products.	0-03
59.	08-05-2015	Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap	Demand to take steps to ensure implementation of 27 percent reservation for OBCs throughout the country.	0-02
60.	-do-	Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra	Demand to give justice to the family of one youth of Uttarakhand killed in a road accident in Sarojini Nagar, Delhi on 30.11.2014.	
61.	-do-	Shri S. Thangavelu	Demand to take necessary steps to introduce and pass the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation in Posts and Services) Bill.	
62.	-do-	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand to give due respect to soldiers and martyrs in the country.	

\* Special Mention was Made.

63.	08-05-2015	Shri Motilal Vora	Demand to take immediate steps to ensure deposit of deducted funds of workers employed in Bhilai Steel Plant into their provident fund accounts in Chhattisgarh.	}	—
64.	-do-	Dr. Sanjay Sinh	Demand to take effective measures to encourage organic farming in the country.		
65.	-do-	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan	Demand to provide adequate railway rakes to ensure uninterrupted coal supply to power plants in Tamil Nadu.		
66.	12-05-2015	Shri D. Raja	Demand for rehabilitation of people affected due to Polavaram Dam in accordance with the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Act, 2013.	}	0-03
67.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Concern over Government's move to relax child labour norms in the country.		
68.	-do-	Shri K.R. Arjunan	Demand to extend Shatabdi Express Trains up to Mettupalayam.		
69.	-do-	Shri Veer Singh	Demand to take steps to address the problem of malnutrition among children in the country.		
70.	-do-	Shri Anil Desai	Demand to take punitive measures to check defacement of metro rail pillars in Delhi.		
71.	-do-	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Demand to give justice to the victims of Hashimpura riots in Uttar Pradesh.		

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
72.	12-05-2015	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to make correction in the caste 'Madhav', wrongly typed in the Central OBC list of Maharashtra.	—
73.	-do-	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth	Demand to allocate adequate funds for schemes approved by Niti Aayog for Tamil Nadu.	
74.	-do-	Shri K. Rahman Khan	Demand to increase customs duty on the import of raw silk.	
75.	13-05-2015	Shrimati Gundu Sudharani	Demand for more allocation of Urea to Telangana in the Kharif season.	—
76.	-do-	Shri Abdul Wahab	Demand to take steps for rehabilitation of nurses evacuated from Yemen, Libya and other Gulf countries.	
77.	-do-	Shri K. K. Ragesh	Concern over inactivity of the AICTE in ensuring quality of technical education.	
78.	-do-	Shri Derek O Brien	Need to adopt e-payment system in all State Treasuries on the line of the State of West Bengal.	
79.	-do-	Shri Bhupinder Singh	Demand to withdraw the decision to abolish the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) scheme for the KBK region of Odisha.	

80.	13-05-2015	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand to include Tamil as essential qualification for the post of Director General of Museums and set up an enquiry into the missing of a burial urn of great significance of Tamil heritage.
81.	-do-	Shrimati Viplove Thakur	Demand to take immediate steps to pass Women's Reservation Bill in the Lok Sabha.
82.	-do-	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy	Demand to remove disparity in charging license fee from various service providers of TV channels.
83.	-do-	Shri Husain Dalwai	Need to discontinue the practice of charging for qurbani by the Haj Committee from Hajjis.
84.	-do-	Shri Motilal Vora	Demand to review the decision to stop central assistance to states affected from Maoist terror.
85.	-do-	Shri Ravi Prakash Verma	Demand to establish National Health Service Cadre in the country.
86.	-do-	Dr. Sanjay Sinh	Demand to include one crop of small and marginal farmers under MGNREGA.
87.	-do-	Shri Shantaram Naik	Concern over increasing number of Chinese products being certified by the Bureau of Indian Standards.
88.	-do-	Shri Ali Anwar Ansari	Demand to give the status of Scheduled Tribes to Van Gujjars migrated from Jammu & Kashmir in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

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Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
89.	13-05-2015	Dr. Anil Kumar Sahani	Demand to address the problems of chemists in Bihar and review Section-42 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948, the Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940 and rules made thereunder.	—
90.	-do-	Dr. K.P. Ramalingam	Demand to take steps for early payment of the dues of sugarcane farmers in the country.	
91.	-do-	Dr. Ashok S. Ganguly	Demand to take effective measures to address the challenges before the economy of the country.	
92.	-do-	Shrimati Kanimozhi	Demand to take action in the matter of alleged sexual harassment of a woman worker in Parliament premises.	
93.	-do-	Shri Pramod Tiwari	Demand to fill up the vacant posts of Constitutional bodies.	
94.	-do-	Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra	Demand to allocate adequate quota of Kerosene Oil to Uttarakhand.	
<b>Total</b>				<b>1-10</b>

### 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.	28-04-2015	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, <i>Leader of the Opposition</i>	Reported move of the Election Commission to facilitate voting by Non-resident Indians (NRIs) in the future elections in the country through either proxy voting or e-postal ballot and the risks involved therein.	Law and Justice	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	1-21
2.	30-04-2015	Shri D. Raja	Situation arising out of the killing of twenty wood cutters from Tamil Nadu in Andhra Pradesh forests by Andhra Pradesh police	Home Affairs	Shri Rajnath Singh	1-11
3.	05-05-2015	Shri Derek O' Brien	Issue of safeguarding net neutrality in the country.	Communications and Information Technology	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	1-13

Sl. No	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Ministry	Minister-in-Charge	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
4.	07-05-2015	Shri Naresh Agrawal	Situation arising out of huge disparity in the air fares of Airlines to various destinations in the country and the response of the Government thereto	Civil Aviation	Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati	1-18
<b>Total :</b>						<b>5-03</b>

**DISCUSSION ON THE AGRARIAN CRISIS AND SUICIDES BY FARMERS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY**

Sl. No.	Date(s)	Name of the Member who raised the discussion	Subject	No. of Speakers	Minister who replied	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	23-04-2015 24-04-2015 27-04-2015	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, <i>Leader of the Opposition</i>	Agrarian crisis and suicides by farmers in various parts of the country.	34	Shri Radha Mohan Singh, <i>Minister of Agriculture.</i>	7-43
<b>Total:</b>						<b>7-43</b>

**STATEMENT REGARDING ORDINANCE — LAID ON THE TABLE**

Sl. No	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	23-04-2015	Circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by promulgation of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015.	Shri Sudarshan Bhagat	0-01
<b>Total:</b>				<b>0-01</b>

### DISCUSSION ON THE WORKING OF MINISTRIES

Sl. No.	Date	Ministry Discussed	Discussion Initiated by	No. of Speakers	Minister(s) who replied	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
1.	29-04-2015 30-04-2015	Law and Justice	Dr. E. M. Sudarsana Natchiappan	18	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	4-51
2.	05-05-2015	#Social Justice and Empowerment	Shri Derek O' Brien	7	—	1-46
<b>Total:</b>						<b>6-37</b>

# The Discussion remained inconclusive.

**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	Time allotted Hrs. Mts.	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
*1.	The Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Bill, 2014, as passed by Lok Sabh	15-12-2014	27-04-2015	Shri Piyush Goyal	—	—	0-02	The Motion for withdrawal of the Bill was adopted.
2.	The Appropriation (Railways) No. 2 Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	23-04-2015	27-04-2015	Shri Suresh Prabhu	5	1-00	0-39	Returned.

\* Also see at Sl. No.18

@3.	The Payment and Settlement Systems (Amendment) Bill, 2014, as passed by Lok Sabha and as reported by the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha	09-12-2014	27-04-2015	Shri Arun Jaitley	6	1-00	0-33	Passed, as amended.
4.	The Warehousing Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	18-03-2015	28-04-2015	Shri Ramvilas Paswan	14	2-00	1-56	Passed.

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@ The Bill, as passed by Lok Sabha was referred to the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2014 and the Committee presented its Report on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, 2015.



Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	Time allotted Hrs. Mts.	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
5.	The Regional Rural Banks (Amendment) Bill, 2014, as passed by Lok Sabha	23-12-2014	28-04-2015	Shri Jayant Sinha	16	2-00	1-58	Passed, as amended.
6.	The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Bill, 2015	29-04-2015	—	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	—	—	0-01	Introduced.

*7	The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2013	14-08-2013	29-04-2015	Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu	—	2-00	0-26	As suggested by the Minister and agreed to by the House, consideration of the Bill was deferred.
8.	The Motor Vehicles (Amendment Bill, 2014, as passed by Lok Sabha	19-12-2014	30-04-2015	Shri Radha- krishnan P.	—	—	0-02	The Motion for withdrawal of the Bill was adopted.

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\* Also see at Sl. No.12

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	Time allotted Hrs. Mts.	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
9.	#The Repealing and Amending Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	18-03-2015						Passed.
@10.	#The Repealing and Amending Bill, 2014, as passed by Lok Sabha and as reported by the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha	08-12-2014	05-05-2015	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	8	2-00	0-47	Passed, as amended.

# Discussed together.

@The Bill, as passed by Lok Sabha was referred to the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2014 and the Committee presented its Report on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 2015.

11.	The Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2015		06-05-2015	—	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
@12.	The Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2013	Real	14-08-2013	06-05-2015	Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu	—	2-00	0-06	The motion moved by the Minister for reference of the Bill to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha consisting of twenty-one Members with instructions to report by the last day of the first week of the next Session, was adopted. The consideration of the Bill was deferred on the 29 <sup>th</sup> of April, 2015.

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@Also see at Sl. No.2 under the heading "MOTIONS FOR ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/BODIES".

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	Time allotted Hrs. Mts.	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
*13	The Constitution (One Hundred and Nineteenth Amendment) Bill, 2013	18-12-2013	06-05-2015	Shrimati Sushma Swaraj	20	2-30	2-40	Passed, as amended. Also see item at Sl. No. 1 under the heading "DIVISIONS".
14.	The Delhi High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2014	17-02-2014	06-05-2015	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	14	2-00	1-20	Passed, as amended.

\* Also see at Sl. No.17

15.	The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	29-04-2015	} 07-05-2015	Shri Jayant Sinha	23	3-00	4-38	The Bills were discussed together and returned.
16.	The Finance Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	05-05-2015						
*17	The Constitution (One Hundred and Nineteenth Amendment) Bill, 2013, as amended by Lok Sabha	07-05-2015	11-05-2015	Shrimati Sushma Swaraj	—	—	0-14	The amendments made by the Lok Sabha were agreed to, and the Bill, as amended, was passed. The Bill was earlier passed on 6 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015. Also see item at Sl. No. 2 under the heading "DIVISIONS".

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\* Also see at Sl. No.13

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	Time allotted Hrs. Mts.	Time taken Hrs.Mts.	Remarks
*18.	The Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Bill, 2014, as passed by Lok Sabha	15-12-2014	11-05-2015	Shri Piyush Goyal	—	—	0-01	Withdrawn.
@19.	The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-second Amendment) Bill, 2014	07-05-2015	12-05-2015	Shri Arun Jaitley	—	4-00	0-03	The motion moved by the Minister for reference of the Bill to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha consisting of twenty-one Members with instructions to report by the last day of the first week of the next Session, was adopted.

\* Also see at Sl. No.1

@Also see at Sl. No.3 under the heading "MOTIONS FOR ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/BODIES".

20.	The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2014, as passed by Lok Sabha	18-12-2014	12-05-2015 13-05-2015	Shri Arun Jaitley	14	2-00	1-23	Passed, as amended.
@21.	The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015	—	13-05-2015	Shri Birender Singh	—	—	0-03	The motion moved by the Minister nominating ten Members of Rajya Sabha to serve on the Joint Committee of the Houses was adopted.

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@Also see at Sl. No.4 under the heading "MOTIONS FOR ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/BODIES".



Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	Time allotted Hrs. Mts.	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
22.	The Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	12-05-2015	13-05-2015	Shri Arun Jaitley	17	#2-00	3-01	Returned.
<b>Total:</b>							<b>19-54</b>	

# The Chair, after taking sense of the House, allotted time for discussion.

## DIVISIONS

The following Divisions were held:—

Sl. No.	Subject	Date of division	Brief Question on which Division was sought	Result as declared, subject to correction	Final Corrected Result	Remarks
1.	The Constitution (One Hundred and Nineteenth Amendment) Bill, 2013, as passed by Lok Sabha	06-05-2015	(i) Motion for consideration of the Bill	Ayes —180 Noes—NIL	Ayes — <sup>§</sup> 182 Noes— <sup>§</sup> NIL	The motion was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.

<sup>§</sup> The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 54220 dated the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

Sl. No.	Subject	Date of division	Brief Question on which Division was sought	Result as declared, subject to correction	Final Corrected Result	Remarks
			(ii) Adoption of Clause 2 of the Bill	Ayes —178 Noes— NIL	Ayes — <sup>\$</sup> 182 Noes— <sup>\$</sup> NIL	Clause 2 was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.
			(iii) Adoption of Clause 3 of the Bill	Ayes —178 Noes—NIL	Ayes — <sup>\$</sup> 182 Noes— <sup>\$</sup> NIL	Clause 3 was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.

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<sup>\$</sup> The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 54220 dated the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

(iv) Adoption of the First Schedule of the Bill	Ayes —176 Noes—NIL	Ayes — <sup>\$</sup> 182 Noes— <sup>\$</sup> NIL	The First Schedule was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.
(v) Adoption of the Second Schedule of the Bill	Ayes —179 Noes—NIL	Ayes — <sup>\$</sup> 182 Noes— <sup>\$</sup> NIL	The Second Schedule was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.

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<sup>\$</sup> The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 54220 dated the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

Sl. No.	Subject	Date of division	Brief Question on which Division was sought	Result as declared, subject to correction	Final Corrected Result	Remarks
			(vi) Adoption of the Third Schedule of the Bill	Ayes —180 Noes—NIL	Ayes — <sup>\$</sup> 182 Noes— <sup>\$</sup> NIL	The Third Schedule, as amended, was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.
			(vii) Adoption of Clause 1 of the Bill	Ayes —180 Noes—NIL	Ayes — <sup>\$</sup> 182 Noes— <sup>\$</sup> NIL	Clause 1, as amended, was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.

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<sup>\$</sup> The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 54220 dated the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

(viii) Adoption of the Enacting Formula of the Bill	Ayes —178 Noes—NIL	Ayes — <sup>\$</sup> 182 Noes— <sup>\$</sup> NIL	The Enacting Formula, as amended, was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.
(ix) Adoption of the Long Title of the Bill	Ayes —178 Noes—NIL	Ayes — <sup>\$</sup> 182 Noes— <sup>\$</sup> NIL	The Long Title was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.

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<sup>\$</sup> The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 54220 dated the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

Sl. No.	Subject	Date of division	Brief Question on which Division was sought	Result as declared, subject to correction	Final Corrected Result	Remarks
			(x) Motion for passing of the Bill	Ayes —181 Noes—NIL	Ayes — <sup>\$</sup> 182 Noes— <sup>\$</sup> NIL	The Motion, as amended, was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.  For more details, pl. see item at Sl. No.13 under the heading "GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS".

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<sup>\$</sup> The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 54220 dated the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

2. The Constitution (One Hundred and Nineteenth Amendment) Bill, 2013, as amended by Lok Sabha	11-05-2015	(i) Motion for consideration of the amendments made by the Lok Sabha in the Bill.	Ayes—181 Noes—1	Ayes— <sup>§</sup> 183 Noes— <sup>§</sup> NIL	The motion was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.
		(ii) Motion for adoption of the amendments made by the Lok Sabha in Clause 3 of the Bill.	Ayes—181 Noes—1	Ayes— <sup>§</sup> 183 Noes— <sup>§</sup> NIL	The Amendments made by the Lok Sabha in Clause 3 of the Bill were adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.

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<sup>§</sup> The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 54245 dated the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.



Sl. No.	Subject	Date of division	Brief Question on which Division was sought	Result as declared, subject to correction	Final Corrected Result	Remarks
			(iii) Motion that the Bill, as amended by the amendments agreed to, be passed.	Ayes—181 Noes—NIL	Ayes— <sup>§</sup> 183 Noes— <sup>§</sup> NIL	The Motion was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting. The Bill, as amended, by the amendments agreed to, was passed, by the required majority. For more details, pl. see item at Sl. No.17 under the heading “GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS”.

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<sup>§</sup> The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 54245 dated the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.



**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.	24-04-2015	The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Compulsory Notification and filling up of Reserved Vacancies) Bill, 2015	Shri P. L. Punia	—	—	} 0-02	Introduced.
2.	-do-	The Children belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Reservation and Compulsory Display of Seats by Educational Institutions) Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—		-do-
3.	-do-	The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Sub Plans (Budgetary Allocation and Special Schemes) Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—		-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
4.	24-04-2015	The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	—	—	} 0-02	Introduced.
5.	-do-	The Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—		-do-
6.	-do-	The Farmers and Agricultural Workers Social Security Bill, 2015	Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury	—	—	0-01	-do-
7.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (amendment of Eighth Schedule)	Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar	—	—	0-01	-do-
8.	-do-	The Electro Homoeopathy System of Medicine (Recognition) Bill, 2015	Dr. E. M. Sudarsana Natchiappan	—	—	0-01	-do-
9.	-do-	The Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Shri Shantaram Naik	—	—	0-01	-do-

10.	24-04-2015	The Rights of Transgender Persons Bill, 2014	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	—	0-28	The motion moved Shri Tiruchi Siva that the Bill, as amended, be passed was adopted.  (The Motion for consideration of the Bill was moved on the 27 <sup>th</sup> of February, 2015)
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**For Reference and Record**

*The Message of the passing of the Rights of Transgender Persons Bill, 2014 was reported in the Lok Sabh on 29.04.2015.*

*After a gap of 36 years, a Private Member's Bill was passed during the Session. In 1979, the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Bill, 1977 by Shri Triloki Singh was passed on 2.3.1979. The Message was reported in Lok Sabha on 9.3.1979. However, the Bill lapsed on dissolution of the 6<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha on 22.8.1979.*

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
11.	24-04-2015	The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	2	0-25	On a motion moved by the Mover under Rule 117 of the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in the Council of States and adopted by the House, the debate on the Bill was adjourned.
12.	-do-	The Orphans (Reservation of Posts in Government Establishment) Bill, 2012	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Dr. Jitendra Singh	1	0-37	Withdrawn by leave of the House.

13.	24-04-2015	The Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Shri Avinash Pande	—	3	0-28	Under Considera- tion.
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>2-06</b>	

**II. Private Members' Resolutions**

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	30-04-2015	Shri Bhupinder Singh	<p>“Having regard to the fact that:—</p> <p>(i) even after 67 years of independence, many districts of the country have not yet been connected with railway lines;</p> <p>(ii) seven districts of Odisha have no railway line;</p> <p>(iii) the works relating to extension of new railway line from Kesinga to Bhawanipatna, Sambalpur to Berhampur via Boudh and Kandhamal, Kantabanji to Nabarangpur via Khariar, Sinapali and Dharmagarh, Lanjigarh Junagarh to be extended to</p>	Shri Manoj Sinha	7	2-08	Withdrawn by leave of the House.



Jeypore, Nabaragpur and Malkangiri, Badampahar to Keonjhar, Gunupur-Theruvai-Rayagada, Bhadrachalam Road (Andhra Pradesh)-Malkangiri-Jeypore-Junagarh-Lanjigarh Road-Talcher-Bimlagarh, Bargarh-Nuapada-via-Padampur, Talcher-Gopalpur, Puri-Konark, Rupsa-Bangriposi to Gorumahisani, Brahmapur to Phulbani, Rajthgarh-Tapang by-passing Bhubaneswar, Rayagada-Gopalpur-via-Gunupur-Bhishmagiri and Digapahandi are still pending;

- (iv) about 10% of the total revenue of the railways has been contributed by the State of Odisha during the financial year 2013-14;

- (v) the progress of work on Khurda road-Balangir railway line has not yet been completed and is pending for the last about 20 years;
- (vi) the surveys on Paradip Port- Dhamra Port; Jajpur-Keonjhar Road- Dhamra Port via Jajpur, Aradi have not been completed;
- (vii) the extension of a dedicated freight corridor from Dankuni to Brahmapur via Haridaspur and the work of extension of new Rail line from Baripada to Jajpur-Keonjhar Road have not commenced;
- (viii) the Koraput, Balangir and Kalahandi (KBK) zone being one of the backward areas in the country, many

proposals have been given for the survey of rail line from Khariar Road-Nabarangpur via Sinapali-Chandahandi-Umarkot and many other proposals given by State Government are pending with Railways;

- (ix) it is high time that the East Coast Railways be reorganized with a new DRM Office within the KBK zone of Odisha; and
- (x) the works relating to Wagon Factory at Sitalapalli, Berhampur, Wagon Maintenance Workshop at Narala in Kalahandi, Skill Development Centre at Koraput and establishment of Concrete Sleeper Plant at Kantabanji are still pending;

this House expresses its deep concern over the long pending projects of Railways in the country, particularly in the State of Odisha and urges upon the Government to take urgent measures to immediately complete all the pending projects in the country, particularly in the Odisha on war footing and within a specific time frame.”

2. 30-04-2015 Prof. M. V. Rajeev Gowda

“Having regard to the fact that:-

- (i) elections in India cost an exorbitant amount and election expenditure limits have proved to be unrealistic and counterproductive as they result in driving campaign spending underground;
- (ii) low limits ignore the numerous legitimate expenses associated with campaigning, which, by ensuring the

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Under consideration.

After taking the sense of the House, the Vice-Chairman (Dr. E. M. Sudarsana Natchiappan) announced that further

competition of ideas and the sharing of information, enables voters to cast their votes knowledgeably and effectively, thereby strengthening democracy and potentially enhancing accountability;

(iii) low limits force underground election expenditure and thus favour candidates with illegal money and the networks to spend illegal money thereby tilting the electoral field in favour of potentially criminal candidates who are better placed to win under the warped conditions induced by impractically low limits;

(iv) the Government undertakes to prepare and update the electoral rolls and manage the conduct of the elections, but, apart from indirect subsidies, like free time on the state-owned electronic media since

discussion on the Resolution would be taken up as the first item on the first day allotted to Private Members' Resolutions in the next Session.

1996 and tax deductions for donations to parties since 2003, there are no direct subsidies afforded to political parties or candidates;

- (v) currently, our laws allow individuals, corporations and electoral trusts to contribute to registered political parties by cheque and to get their taxable incomes reduced by that amount, however, this facility does not apply to donations to individual candidates which skews the funding process toward parties and inhibits the viability of individual candidates, centralises the control of party funds and weakens the connection between citizen and candidate;
- (vi) the Indrajit Gupta Committee instituted to study electoral reforms had, in principle,

supported the idea of partial state funding and the Law Commission as well as the Second Administrative Reforms Commission have also mooted the idea of partial and conditional state funding; and

- (vii) best practices adopted in several European and Scandinavian economies have sought to hybridize the campaign finance process by enabling political parties to accumulate funds via donations, membership fees, and state funding (all of which are ascribed shares of the total funds), which are then disclosed publicly;

this House urges upon the Government:—

- (a) to amend the Representation of People Act, 1951 to

eliminate the ceiling on election expenditure limits;

- (b) to allocate Rs 100 per vote that is polled, to a political party from the Central Government's budget to be kept in a Bank account of that political party at the constituency level and independent candidates, with more than 2% of the votes polled should be eligible for similar state support, the details of which can be further worked out;
- (c) to additionally institute public funding of parties in proportion to the amounts raised openly from small-sum private donors;
- (d) notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, to allow all candidates to accept all kinds of donations and



contributions from the general public, corporations and electoral trusts provided that such donations, exceeding Rupees ten thousand shall be accepted through cheque or draft and the names of the contributors shall have to be disclosed by the political parties or individual candidates on their websites;

- (e) to establish public notice and display areas in every constituency which are freely allotted to candidates to put up publicity material once an election is notified by the Election Commission;
- (f) to provide candidates with online platforms where candidates may share details about their agendas, records along with fully tabulated financial disclosures on the Election Commission website; and

(g) to undertake any other proactive and practical measures that make it easier for candidates to contest elections, campaign, communicate their agendas and track records, thus ensuring the continued vibrancy of our electoral process and removing the impediments to healthy, open, transparent democratic contestation.”

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**Total: 2-30**

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**VALEDICTORY REMARKS**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015, the Chairman made valedictory remarks on the conclusion of the Session.

*(Time taken: 4 Mts.)*

**NATIONAL SONG**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015, National Song (*Vande Mataram*) was played.

*(Time taken: 01 Minute)*

**STATEMENT SHOWING 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.	Oath or Affirmation	0-04
3.	Obituary References	0-11
4.	References by the Chair	0-10
5.	Felicitations by the Chair	0-03
6.	Papers Laid on the Table	0-23
7.	Reports/ Statements/ Corrigendum of the Committees Presented/Laid on the Table	0-37
8.	Motions for Election/Appointment of Members to various Committees/Bodies	0-01
9.	Panel of Vice-Chairmen	0-01
10.	Question of Privilege	0-17
11.	Leave of Absence	0-01
12.	Farewell to Retired Members	0-36
13.	Ruling by the Chair	0-02
14.	Messages from the Lok Sabha-Reported/Government Bills Laid on the Table	0-12
15.	Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee	0-04
16.	Statements regarding Government Business	0-02
17.	Dispensing with the rest of the business of the day including Question Hour under Rule 267	1-24
18.	Submission by Members	0-43
19.	Personal Explanation	0-05
20.	Matters raised with permission	2-32
21.	Questions	7-54

Sl. No.	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
22.	Statements by Ministers Correcting Answers to Questions	0-03
23.	Statements by Ministers	1-40
24.	Special Mentions	1-10
25.	Calling Attention to Matter of Urgent Public Importance	5-03
26.	Discussion on the agrarian crisis and suicides by farmers in various parts of the country	7-43
27.	Statement regarding Ordinance — Laid on the Table	0-01
28.	Discussion on the Working of Ministries	6-37
29.	Government Legislative Business	19-54
30.	Private Members' Business	
	I. Private Member's Bills	2-06
	II. Private Member's Resolutions	2-30
31.	Valedictory Remarks	0-04
32.	National Song	0-01
33.	Points Raised	10-03
	<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>72-18</u></b>

**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	
23-04-2015	5	57	0	34	The House was adjourned for some time due to protests by Opposition Members belonging to INC, SP, JD(U) and AITC by entering the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans over the issue of re-promulgation of the Land Acquisition Ordinance.
24-04-2015	4	53	0	25	The House was disrupted for some time due to some derogatory remarks against a Member belonging to JD(U) during his speech by a Member of the ruling party and procedural formalities during the consideration of a Private Member Bill of Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad.
27-04-2015	7	55	0	21	The House was disrupted for some time due to protest by a Member belonging to SP on a statement made by a Member belonging to BJP that the Rajya Sabha should be dissolved as they are creating hurdles in the functioning of the Government, amounting to breach of privilege of the House and due to expression of dissatisfaction by the Leader of the Opposition on the reply given by the Minister of Agriculture on the discussion on agrarian crisis and suicides by farmers in various parts of the country and also due to objection by a Member belonging to CPI(M)

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
					on the decision of the Chair to take up further business beyond 7-00 p.m.
28-04-2015	6	33	1	56	The House was adjourned repeatedly due to protests by Opposition Members over certain statements made by the Prime Minister during his visits to Germany and Canada.
29-04-2015	7	02	00	00	—
30-04-2015	6	37	00	30	The House was disrupted for some time due to uproar by Members over the Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev's much publicised infertility medicine guaranteeing a male child and also on the issue of non-grant of any relief measures/package to farmers despite promise from the Government for speedy action in this regard.
05-05-2015	5	46	1	05	The House was adjourned twice due to protests by Opposition Members over the death of a 13 year old girl, who was allegedly molested in Moga district of Punjab and demand by a Member belonging to SP for suspension of business of the day to discuss a US Congress established panel's report stating that Indian minorities were being subjected to violent attacks and forced conversions since Modi Government came to power and protests by BJP Members against the allegations. The House was also disrupted for some time due to protests by Opposition Members

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
					against the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2013.
06-05-2015	6	18	0	07	The House was disrupted for some time due to protests by some Members from Andhra Pradesh over the non-establishment of a separate High Court for Telangana and demand for speedy implementation of the recommendations of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act.
07-05-2015	9	03	0	52	The House was disrupted for some time due to demand by Opposition Members to revisit the Report of the Committee of Privileges on the unauthorised accessing of call detail records of the then Leader of Opposition (Shri Arun Jaitley); for widening the scope of probe to encompass alleged phone tapping of politicians, judges and civil servants and for treating the matter of accessing call detail records of MPs as a breach of privilege. The House was also disrupted for some time due to protests by a Member belonging to CPI(M) to some provisions of the Finance Bill, 2015.
08-05-2015	1	17	5	05	The House was disrupted for some time due to uproar by Opposition Members over the death of a young athlete and attempted suicide by three other girls at the hostel of the Sports Authority of India's water-training centre at Alappuzha in Kerala and demand for an enquiry



Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
					<p>into the functioning of the Sports Authority of India and statement by the Sports Minister on the action taken in the matter.</p> <p>The House was repeatedly adjourned and Government Legislative and other business could not be taken up over the demand for the resignation of Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways and Minister of Shipping in the wake of a CAG Report that alleged irregularities involving loan extended to his family-linked Purti group.</p>
11-05-2015	1	05	5	28	<p>The House was repeatedly adjourned and Government Legislative and other business could not be taken up over the demand for the resignation of Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways and Minister of Shipping in the wake of a CAG Report that alleged irregularities involving loan extended to his family-linked Purti group.</p>
12-05-2015	3	10	4	12	<p>The House was repeatedly adjourned and Government Legislative and other business could not be taken up over the demand for the resignation of/ Statement from Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways and Minister of Shipping in the wake of</p>

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
					a CAG Report that alleged irregularities involving loan extended to his family-linked Purti group.
13-05-2015	6	42	0	49	The House was disrupted for some time on the issue of treating the Black Money Bill as Money Bill and over the absence of Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in whose name a statement was listed in the agenda for the day.
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	

**Highlights of work transacted during the 235<sup>th</sup> Session –  
At a glance**

<b>Sittings</b>	
Date of issue of Summons	08-04-2015
Duration of the Session	23-04-2015 to 13-05-2015
Number of actual days of sitting	13
Actual Hours of sittings ( <i>excluding recess intervals</i> )	72 Hrs. & 18 Mts.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	21 Hrs. & 24 Mts.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	9 Hrs. & 39 Mts.
Date of prorogation of Session	14-05-2015
<b>Questions</b>	
No. of Starred Questions listed	195
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	48
No. of Unstarred Questions answered	2024
Short Notice Questions	-
Half-an-Hour Discussions	-
<b>Government Bills</b>	
No. of Bills introduced	2
No. of Bills withdrawn	1
No. of Bills passed/returned	12
No. of Bills referred to Joint/Select Committee	3
No. of Bills deferred	1
<b>Private Members' Business</b>	
No. of Bills introduced	9
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	1
No. of Bills withdrawn/negatived	1
No. of Bills passed	1
No. of Bills on which debate adjourned	1
No. of Resolution part discussed	1
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negatived	1

<b>Oath/Affirmation</b>	
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation	3
<b>Statements by Ministers</b>	
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers	3
No. of Statements laid regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees	18
<b>Matters of public importance raised</b>	
No. of Calling Attentions	4
No. of Short Duration Discussions	-
No. of Special Mentions	94
No. of Matters raised with permission	49
Submission by Members	1
<b>Papers Laid on the Table</b>	1315

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