

R E S U M E

**OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED
BY THE
RAJYA SABHA
IN ITS**

**TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY SEVENTH SESSION
(26th November to 23rd December, 2015)**

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

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**BRIEF RESUME' OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED
BY THE RAJYA SABHA DURING ITS TWO HUNDRED AND
THIRTY SEVENTH SESSION
(26-11-2015 to 23-12-2015)**

SUMMONS

Summons for the Two Hundred and Thirty Seventh Session of the Rajya Sabha was issued to the Members on the 11th of November, 2015.

DURATION OF THE SESSION

The Two Hundred and Thirty Seventh Session of the Rajya Sabha, commenced on the 26th of November, 2015 and adjourned *sine die* on the 23rd of December, 2015, as scheduled. The House sat for 20 days and the actual hours of sittings were 60 hours and 08 minutes (excluding recess intervals). The House was prorogued by the President on the 6th of January, 2016.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

On the 26th of November, 2015, National Anthem was played.

(Time taken: 02 Minutes)

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	State	Time Taken
1.	27-11-2015	Shri N. Gokulakrishnan	Puducherry	0-02
2.	14-12-2015	Shri Narendra Kumar Swain	Odisha	0-02
			Total:	0-04

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.	26-11-2015	Prof. Ram Kapse, ex-Member	29-09-2015	0-08	The Chairman made references and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed. As a mark of respect to the memory of Shri Khekiho Zhimomi, a sitting Member, the House adjourned for the day.
2.	-do-	Dr. Rudra Pratap Singh, ex-Member	08-10-2015		
3.	-do-	Shri N. Rajendran, ex-Member	11-11-2012		
3.	-do-	Shri Khekiho Zhimomi, sitting Member	26-11-2015		
4.	04-12-2015	Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, ex-Member	02-12-2015	0-03	The Chairman made reference and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

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
5.	14-12-2015	Shri Sharad Anantrao Joshi, ex-Member	12-12-2015	0-04	The Chairman made reference and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
6.	23-12-2015	Shri Bir Bhadra Pratap Singh, ex-Member	19-12-2015	0-03	-do-
				Total:	0-18

REFERENCES BY THE CHAIR

Sl. No	Date of Reference	Incident	Date of the Incident	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	02-12-2015	Victims of torrential rains in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and other adjoining regions of the southern parts of the country.	November-December, 2015	0-04	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 these tragic incidents.
2.	-do-	Victims of terrorist attacks in several countries and crash of a Russian plane over Egypt.	August-November, 2015 31-10-2015		
3.	03-12-2015	Anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy.	02-12-1984 & 03-12-1984	0-03	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those, who lost their lives in the tragedy.
4.	10-12-2015	Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights being celebrated the world over as 'Human Rights Day'.	10-12-1948	0-03	—

Sl. No	Date of Reference	Incident	Date of the Incident	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
@5.	11-12-2015	Fourteenth Anniversary of the terrorist attack on the Parliament Building.	13-12-2001	0-03	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those, who lost their lives in the tragedy.
6.	23-12-2015	Crash of an aircraft carrying BSF personnel, near the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi	22-12-2015	0-02	-do-
				Total:	0-15

@ As there was no sitting of the House on 12th and 13th December, 2015, being Saturday and Sunday, the reference was made on 11th December, 2015.

FELICITATIONS BY THE CHAIR

Sl. No.	Date	Subject	Date of event	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
1.	02-12-2015	Felicitations to the Scientists, Engineers and Technicians of ISRO for the successful launch of Astrosat, GSAT-6 and GSAT-15	28-09-2015 27-08-2015 11-11-2015	0-01
2.	17-12-2015	Felicitations to the Scientists, Engineers and Technicians of ISRO for the successful launch of six earth-observation satellites in space through the launch Vehicle PSLV C-29	16-12-2015	0-01
			Total:	0-02

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

1691 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.	02-12-2015	The Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Second Ordinance, 2015 (No.7 of 2015), promulgated by the President on the 22 nd of September, 2015.
2.	-do-	The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Ordinance, 2015 (No.8 of 2015), promulgated by the President on the 23 rd of October, 2015.
3.	-do-	The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 (No.9 of 2015), promulgated by the President on the 23 rd of October, 2015.
4.	04-12-2015	Two Hundred and Fifty-third Report of the Law Commission of India on the Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts and Commercial Courts Bill, 2015 (January 2015).
5.	-do-	Two Hundred and Fifty-fourth Report of the Law Commission of India on the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (February 2015).
6.	08-12-2015	Fifty-first Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities, New Delhi, for the period from July, 2013 to June, 2014, along with Explanatory Note.
7.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India - Report No.31 of 2015 on 'Procurement and Milling of Paddy for the Central Pool', for the year ended March, 2014.

8. 08-12-2015 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2014 - Union Government (Railways), (Report No.24 of 2015), (Audit Report Volume - I & Volume II).
9. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2015 - Levy and Collection of Service Tax on Works Contract - Union Government - Department of Revenue -Indirect Taxes - Service Tax, (Report No. 26 of 2015).
10. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Land Management in Major Ports - Union Government - Ministry of Shipping, (Report No. 27 of 2015), (Performance Audit).
11. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Performance Audit of Total Sanitation Campaign/Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan for the year ended March 2014 - Union Government (Civil) - Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, (Report No. 28 of 2015), (Performance Audit).
12. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2014 on Fire Accident in Passenger Coaches in Indian Railways and Distribution and Utilisation of Safety Items in Indian Railways - Union Government (Railways) - (Report No. 29 of 2015).
13. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2014 - Union Government, Scientific and Environmental Ministries/Department, (Report No. 30 of 2015) (Compliance Audit).
14. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2014 - Union Government (Civil), Union Territories without Legislatures, Compliance Audit Observations, (Report No.32 of 2015).

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
15.	08-12-2015	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India - Union Government (Civil), Performance Audit of Tribal Sub-Plan, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of AYUSH, (Report No.33 of 2015), (Performance Audit).
16.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Renewable Energy Sector in India for the year ended March 2014 - Union Government (Commercial), Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, (Report No.34 of 2015), (Performance Audit).
17.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2014 - Union Government (Defence Services), Navy and Coast Guard (Report No. 37 of 2015).
18.	09-12-2015	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Utilization of Rigs in Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited - Union Government (Commercial) - Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas - Report No.39 of 2015 (Performance Audit).
19.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Hydrocarbon Exploration Efforts of Oil India Limited for the year ended March 2014 - Union Government (Commercial) - Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas - Report No.42 of 2015 (Performance Audit).
20.	10-12-2015	Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), New Delhi, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts along with Action Taken Memorandum.
21.	11-12-2015	Eleventh Annual Statement on Pending Law Commission Reports (December, 2015).

22. 16-12-2015 Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. 46/2015-Central Excise, dated the 16th December 2015, seeking to amend Notification No. 12/2012-Central Excise, dated the 17th March, 2012, so as to increase the Basic Excise Duty (BED) on Unbranded petrol from ₹7.06 per litre to ₹7.36 per litre, Branded petrol from ₹8.24 per litre to ₹8.54 per litre, Unbranded diesel from ₹4.66 per litre to ₹5.83 per litre, and Branded diesel from ₹7.02 per litre to ₹8.19 per litre, along with Explanatory Memorandum.
23. 18-12-2015 Statement on Quarterly Review of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget, at the end of the first quarter of the financial year 2015-16.
24. -do- Mid-Year Economic Analysis 2015-16.
25. -do- Twenty-fifth Progress Report on the Action Taken Pursuant to the Recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Stock Market Scam and matters relating thereto (December, 2015).
26. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2014 - Performance Audit of Construction Activities in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) - Union Government (Civil), Ministry of Home Affairs, Report No 35 of 2015, (Performance Audit).
27. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2014 - Performance Audit of Mid Day Meal Scheme (2009-10 to 2013-14) - Ministry of Human Resource Development, Union Government (Civil) - Report No.36 of 2015, (Performance Audit).
28. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2014 - Union Government (Defence Services), Air Force, Report No.38 of 2015.

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
29.	18-12-2015	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2015 - Union Government (Civil), Autonomous Bodies - Special Audit of Medical Education Projects of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (Ministry of Labour and Employment), Report No.40 of 2015, (Special Audit).
30.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Ratna and RSeries Hydrocarbon Fields for the period ended March, 2015 - Union Government, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Report No.43 of 2015, (Compliance Audit).
31.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2014 - Union Government (Defence Services), Army, Ordnance Factories and Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Report No.44 of 2015.
32.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on National Skill Development Fund and National Skill Development Corporation for the year ended March, 2014 - Union Government, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Report No.45 of 2015, (Compliance Audit).
33.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2015 - Working of Automation of Central Excise and Service Tax - Union Government, Department of Revenue, Indirect Taxes - Central Excise and Service Tax, Report No.46 of 2015.
34.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Information Technology Audit of Crew Management System in Indian Railways for the year ended March, 2015 - Union Government (Railways), Report No.47 of 2015 (Information Technology Audit).

35. 18-12-2015 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India - Status of ongoing Projects in Indian Railways for the year ended March, 2014 - Union Government (Railways), Report No.48 of 2015.
36. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Public Private Partnership Projects in Major Ports for the year ended March, 2014 - Union Government, Ministry of Shipping, Report No. 49 of 2015 (Performance Audit).
37. 21-12-2015 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India - No.41 of 2015 on "Capacity Utilisation, Electricity Generation, Sale and Collection of Revenue including Disaster Management by Hydro Power CPSEs (NHPC, SJVN, THDC and NHDC)", under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution.
38. 22-12-2015 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2015 of Union Government - (i) Union Government Finance Accounts, (ii) Appropriation Accounts (Civil), (iii) Appropriation Accounts (Postal Services) & (iv) Appropriation Accounts (Defence Services), Report No.50 of 2015.
39. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Implementation of Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme for the year ended March, 2015 - Union Government (Defence Service-Army), Report No.51 of 2015 (Performance Audit).
40. 23-12-2015 Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding rejection of the Awards given by the Board of Arbitration (BoA) under the scheme for Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) and Compulsory Arbitration for the Central Government Employees.

(Total time taken: 32 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 Transport, Tourism and Culture</i>	
02-12-2015	224 th to 229 th Reports
21-12-2015	230 th Report
<i>Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers</i>	
02-12-2015	13 th to 16 th Reports
22-12-2015	Action Taken Statements
<i>Committee on External Affairs</i>	
02-12-2015	7 th to 9 th Reports
23-12-2015	10 th Report
<i>Committee on Finance</i>	
03-12-2015	19 th to 26 th Reports
<i>Committee on Public Undertakings</i>	
04-12-2015	8 th Report
08-12-2015	9 th and 10 th Reports
<i>Committee on Home Affairs</i>	
07-12-2015	189 th and 192 nd Reports
22-12-2015	193 rd to 195 th Reports

Date	Report/Statement
<i>Committee on Industry</i>	
07-12-2015	269 th and 270 th Reports
22-12-2015	271 st Report
<i>Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice</i>	
07-12-2015	77 th Report and Evidence
10-12-2015	78 th Report and Evidence
17-12-2015	79 th Report
<i>Committee on Railways</i>	
08-12-2015	8 th Report and Action Taken Statement
<i>Committee on Energy</i>	
10-12-2015	9 th to 11 th Reports
14-12-2015	12 th Report
22-12-2015	Action Taken Statement
<i>Public Accounts Committee</i>	
10-12-2015	25 th and 26 th Reports
16-12-2015	27 th to 29 th Reports
21-12-2015	30 th and 31 st Reports
23-12-2015	32 nd to 35 th Reports
<i>Committee on Agriculture</i>	
16-12-2015	17 th to 21 st Reports
21-12-2015	Action Taken Statements
<i>Committee on Coal and Steel</i>	
16-12-2015	15 th and 16 th Reports
22-12-2015	17 th Report
<i>Committee on Defence</i>	
16-12-2015	12 th and 13 th Reports

Date	Report/Statement
	<i>Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas</i>
16-12-2015	8 th and 9 th Reports
	<i>Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment</i>
16-12-2015	Action Taken Statements
22-12-2015	21 st to 25 th Reports
	<i>Committee on Subordinate Legislation</i>
17-12-2015	224 th and 225 th Reports
	<i>Committee on Government Assurances</i>
17-12-2015	69 th Report
	<i>Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes</i>
18-12-2015	5 th Report
	<i>Committee on the Papers Laid on the Table</i>
21-12-2015	148 th Report
	<i>Committee on Commerce</i>
21-12-2015	120 th to 122 nd Reports
	<i>Committee on Information Technology</i>
21-12-2015	17 th to 22 nd Reports
	<i>Committee on Urban Development</i>
21-12-2015	9 th Report

Date	Report/Statement
	<i>Committee on Health and Family Welfare</i>
22-12-2015	89 th to 91 st Reports
	<i>Committee on Human Resource Development</i>
22-12-2015	271 st to 273 rd Reports
	<i>Committee on Empowerment of Women</i>
22-12-2015	5 th Report
	<i>Committee on Labour</i>
22-12-2015	11 th to 13 th Reports and Action Taken Statements
	<i>Committee on Railway Convention Committee</i>
22-12-2015	1 st and 2 nd Reports
	<i>Committee on Rural Development</i>
22-12-2015	16 th to 20 th Reports
	<i>Committee on Water Resources</i>
22-12-2015	5 th to 7 th Reports
	<i>Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests</i>
23-12-2015	269 th and 270 th Reports
	<i>Committee on the Welfare of Other Backward Classes</i>
23-12-2015	4 th Report

(Total time taken: 30 Mts.)

REPORT ON INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On the 18th of December, 2015, 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 131st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 12-16 October, 2014.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

PETITION PRAYING TO DEVELOP REAL TIME FORECASTING OF FLOODS SO AS TO ISSUE TIMELY WARNING TO THE AFFECTED PEOPLE

On the 2nd of December, 2015, Secretary-General reported to the House, the receipt of a petition signed by Prof. Raj Kachroo, a resident of Gurgaon, praying to develop real time forecasting of floods so as to issue timely warning to the affected people.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

PETITION PRAYING TO EVOLVE AN EFFICIENT MECHANISM TO CHECK THE EXORBITANT PRICES OF CARDIAC STENTS AND OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES IN THE COUNTRY

On the 2nd of December, 2015, Shri Avinash Rai Khanna presented to the House, a petition signed by Ms. Sulagna Chattopadhyay, a resident of New Delhi, praying to evolve an efficient mechanism to check the exorbitant prices of cardiac stents and other medical devices in the country.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

PETITION PRAYING FOR IMPROVEMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF NON-LAPSABLE CENTRAL POOL OF RESOURCES (NLCPR) SCHEMES IN THE NORTH-EASTERN REGION

On the 9th of December, 2015, Shrimati Wansuk Syiem presented to the House, a petition signed by Shri Akshay Rajkhowa, a resident of Guwahati, Assam, praying for improvement and strengthening of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Schemes in the North-Eastern Region.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

PETITION PRAYING FOR SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF MARRIAGE OF INDIAN WOMEN WITH NON-RESIDENT INDIANS (NRIS)

On the 11th of December, 2015, Shri Avinash Rai Khanna presented to the House, a petition signed by Ms. Sulagna Chattopadhyay, a resident of New Delhi, praying for solution of the problems arising out of marriage of Indian women with Non-Resident Indians (NRIs).

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

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.	07-12-2015	National Tiger Conservation Authority	0-02
2.	08-12-2015	Jawaharlal Institute of Post-Graduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry	0-01
3.	15-12-2015	Court of the Aligarh Muslim University	—
4.	16-12-2015	Central Advisory Committee (CAC) constituted under Section 3 of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996	0-01
Total :			0-04

**MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF
RAJYA SABHA ON PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2013**

On the 22nd of December, 2015, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, moved the following Motion:—

“That Shri Tiruchi Siva, Member, Rajya Sabha, be appointed to the Select Committee on the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Shrimati Kanimozhi from the membership of the Select Committee.”

The Motion was adopted.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(i) On the 2nd of December, 2015, Haji Abdul Salam (Manipur) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 30th of November to the 14th of December, 2015, during the 237th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(ii) On the 7th of December, 2015, Shri Ishwarlal Shankarlal Jain (Maharashtra) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 26th of November to the 23rd of December, 2015, during the 237th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(iii) On the 10th of December, 2015, Shri Kunal Kumar Ghosh (West Bengal) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 26th of November to the 23rd of December, 2015, during the 237th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(Total Time taken: 03 Minutes)

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

Secretary-General reported to the Rajya Sabha, 16 messages received from the Lok Sabha and laid on the Table, 13 Government Bills, as passed by the Lok Sabha, during the Session.

(Total Time taken:14 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.	26-11-2015	27-11-2015	0-02
2.	10-12-2015	10-12-2015	0-05
3.	17-12-2015	17-12-2015	0-01
Total:			0-08

For Reference and Record

1. As the motion requesting grant of extension of time for presentation of the Report of the Joint Committee on the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Amendment) Second Bill, 2015 could not be moved by the Chairperson of the Committee on account of the sitting of the Lok Sabha on 27.11.2015 being dedicated exclusively for discussion on Commitment to India's Constitution, the Speaker made an announcement in the Lok Sabha that she has granted, on behalf of the House, extension of time up to the last day of the Winter Session, 2015. A message from Lok Sabha in this regard was reported by the Secretary-General to the House on 30th November, 2015.

2. The observation made by the Chairman, Rajya Sabha during the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) held on 10th December, 2015 expressing his anguish at the improper language and behaviour of some Members in the House and the continuous disruption of the proceedings of the House, was published in Bulletin Part-II (Para No.54840) dated 11th December, 2015.

STATEMENTS REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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

Sl. No.	Date	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	30-11-2015	0-02
2.	04-12-2015	—
3.	11-12-2015	0-02
4.	18-12-2015	0-02
Total:		0-06

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

I. On the 3rd of December, 2015:—

(1) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding non-payment of arrears to the ISP employees by SAIL.

(2) Shri Tarun Vijay raised a matter regarding killing of nine youths in police firing in Manipur.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

(3) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding proposed six-laning of NH - 2 in Nirsa, Dhanbad (Jharkhand) on unstable land.

(4) Shri K. K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding steep fall in Rubber prices.

Shri Joy Abraham also spoke.

II. On the 4th of December, 2015:—

(5) Shri Ashwani Kumar raised a matter regarding rising communal tension in Punjab and its impact on National Communal harmony.

III. On the 7th of December, 2015:—

(6) Ms. Dola Sen raised a matter regarding funding of Swach Bharat campaign and imposing of Swach Bharat Cess.

(7) Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding ongoing 'occupy UGC' agitation by students and teachers in Delhi.

Shri Sharad Yadav also spoke.

(8) Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu raised a matter regarding exorbitant rise in prices of pulses (*Tur Dal*) due to excessive procurement and hoarding.

(9) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding concern over problems of 'Call drop' being faced by mobile phone users.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, responded.

(10) Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda raised a matter regarding concern over increasing incidents of thefts of idols of *Jain Teerthankars*.

(11) Shri Pramod Tiwari raised a matter regarding recent decision of the Delhi Government allowing plying of vehicles on the basis of odd and even registration numbers.

Dr. Karan Singh also spoke.

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

(12) Shri Tarun Vijay raised a matter regarding paying of homage and observance of protocol on the death of a soldier martyred in Kishtwar recently.

(13) Shri Shantaram Naik raised a matter regarding opposition to the proposed Defence Expo 2016 in Goa.

(14) Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding request to postpone the UPSC exams due to the plight of students of Tamil Nadu.

Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan also spoke.

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

IV. On the 9th of December, 2015:—

(15) Shri Biswajit Daimary raised a matter regarding extension of provisions of Sixth Schedule to the tribal/hilly areas of Manipur.

V. On the 16th of December, 2015:—

(16) Shri Anubhav Mohanty raised a matter regarding rampant corruption in the Bureau of Police Research and Development.

VI. On the 17th of December, 2015:—

(17) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding delay in appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner.

(18) Shri K.C. Tyagi raised a matter regarding concern over Noodles making companies not conforming to guidelines.

(19) Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding concern over discrimination and atrocities against women in the country.

(20) Dr. T. N. Seema raised a matter regarding illegal and unethical online sale of Medicines.

(21) Shrimati Vijila Satyananth raised a matter regarding need to allow Jallikattu (Bull fighting) sports in Madurai, Tamilnadu.

Shri Tiruchi Siva also spoke.

(22) Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding concern over the recent decision of the Supreme Court on the amendment to the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act.

(23) Shri K.N. Balagopal raised a matter regarding concern over poor data/broadband service by BSNL/MTNL.

Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, responded.

(24) Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding repercussions on the domestic education sector due to India signing the GATT Agreement in WTO.

VII. On the 18th of December, 2015:—

(25) Shri A.U. Singh Deo raised a matter regarding concern over growing disparity between civil services and armed forces.

(26) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding pathetic condition of people in and around Jharia, in Dhanbad District.

(27) Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to ensure admissions to socially/economically backward students in professional colleges.

(28) Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya raised a matter regarding need to take special efforts in sports for effective representation of India in Olympics, 2016.

(29) Shri Tarun Vijay raised a matter regarding depiction of Indian territory as part of Pakistan and China by Microsoft and other US companies.

(30) Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad raised a matter regarding severe drought condition in Bundelkhand resulting in suicide by farmers.

(31) Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding delay in justice due to lack of forensic infrastructure.

VIII. On the 21st of December, 2015:—

(32) Shri A. V. Swamy raised a matter regarding gaps in consultation and participation of stakeholders in formulation of New Education Policy.

IX. On the 22nd of December, 2015:—

(33) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding concern over reported leakage from the Jharkhand's Jadugoda Uranium Mines.

X. On the 23rd of December, 2015:—

(34) Shri K.C. Tyagi raised a matter regarding reported move by VHP for construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

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

(35) Shri K. K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding delay in investigation of the murder of Dr. Dabholkar.

(36) Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey raised a matter regarding alleged irregularities in the recruitment from sports quota.

(37) Shri Bhupinder Singh raised a matter regarding concern over pollution caused at Toll Plazas on National Highways.

(38) Shrimati Kahkashan Perween raised a matter regarding exploitation of *dalit* in AIIMS.

(39) Shri Tarun Vijay raised a matter regarding demand to ensure safety from cyber attacks on the country.

(40) Shri K.N. Balagopal raised a matter regarding tragic death of an Air India engineer in Mumbai due to lack of security precautions.

(41) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding lack of specialised coaches for training Paralympic athletes.

(Total time taken: 2 hrs & 12 Mts.)

QUESTIONS

269 Starred Questions were put down in the List of Questions for oral answers, out of which 27 Questions were orally answered and answers to the remaining ones were laid on the Table of the House.

(Total time taken: 1 hour & 57 Mts.)

2879 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 laid on the Table of the House, during the Session: —

Sl. No.	Date	Subject	Ministry/ Department	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	04-12-2015	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 2547 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18 th February, 2014 regarding 'National Institute status for NEIGRIHMS, Shillong'.	Health and Family Welfare	Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	0-01
2.	22-12-2015	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 360 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23 rd July, 2015 regarding 'Air Pollution from Particulate Matter'.	Environment, Forests and Climate Change	Shri Prakash Javadekar	} 0-01
3.	-do-	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 1942 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6 th August, 2015 regarding 'Respiratory Diseases due to Air Pollution'	-do-	-do-	
				Total :	

DISCUSSION ON COMMITMENT TO INDIA'S CONSTITUTION AS PART OF THE 125TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR

Date(s)	Subject	Name of Mover	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs.Mts.	Remarks
27-11-2015 30-11-2015 01-12-2015	Commitment to India's Constitution	Shri Arun Jaitley, <i>Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting and Leader of the House</i>	50	17-23	A Resolution was also adopted unanimously after conclusion of the discussion. For details, pl. see pages 29-30.
				17-23	

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For Reference and Record

- In view of the Government's decision that 26th November each year be dedicated and celebrated as 'Constitution Day', the Rajya Sabha, in a tribute to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, had the discussion, as part of his 125th Birth Anniversary. The discussion commenced with the observation of the Hon'ble Chairman and was initiated by the Leader of the House. The Leader of the Opposition, Leaders of various parties/groups, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Prime Minister and several other Members/Ministers, participated in the discussion.*
- The discussion on Constitution in the Lok Sabha was held on the 26th and 27th November, 2015 which lasted around fourteen hours. The discussion commenced with the address by the Speaker, Lok Sabha and was initiated by Shri Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs. At the end of the discussion, a valedictory reference was made by the Speaker and a Resolution was also adopted unanimously.*
- An Exhibition on 'Making of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly' was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 26th November, 2015 in the VIP Foyer of Parliament Library Building. The exhibition was held till the 30th of November, 2015.*

RESOLUTION

Date	Subject	Name of the Mover	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
01-12-2015	“We, the Members of Rajya Sabha, in the sittings of the Rajya Sabha held on the 27 th and 30 th of November and 1 st of December, 2015, for celebrating the ‘Constitution Day’ as part of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Birth Anniversary celebration of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar:- Having remembered with gratitude, the commitment of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, the pioneering and monumental role played by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and other founding fathers of our Constitution and their contribution in enabling us to adopt, enact and give to ourselves the Constitution on the 26 th November, 1949, which commenced on the 26 th January, 1950; and	Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Chairman, Rajya Sabha	—	0-03	Unanimously adopted by the House.

Date	Subject	Name of the Mover	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
	<p>Having recalled with appreciation, the invaluable services rendered by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly and all its members in the framing of the Constitution of India;</p> <p>Do hereby solemnly re-affirm our commitment to the principles and ideals of the Constitution, and resolve to continue to -</p> <p>(a) uphold and maintain the sanctity and supremacy of the Constitution;</p> <p>(b) respect the constitutional institutions, their freedom and authority;</p> <p>(c) protect the sovereignty, unity, plurality and integrity of our country and its democratic, socialist and secular character;</p> <p>(d) maintain transparency, probity and accountability in public life; and</p> <p>(e) dedicate ourselves to equality and social justice and contribute to the task of building a strong Republic.</p>				
				Total:	<u>0-03</u>

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.	14-12-2015	Visit of Minister of External Affairs and Overseas Indian Affairs to Islamabad and recent developments relating to ties between India and Pakistan.	Shrimati Sushma Swaraj	0-10
2.	16-12-2015	Important decisions arrived at in the Conference of Parties (CoP-21) held from 30 th November to 12 th December, 2015 at Paris (France) under the United Nations Framework Conventions on Climate Change.	Shri Prakash Javadekar	0-13
3.	23-12-2015	India's stand in the WTO.	Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman	0-57

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

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	08-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on the Demands for Grants (2014-15), pertaining to the Ministry of Minority Affairs.	Dr. Najma A. Heptulla	—
2.	09-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on the Demands for Grants (2015-16), pertaining to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore	0-01
3.	10-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Sixtieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) Scheme, pertaining to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.	Shri Kalraj Mishra	—

4.	10-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Sixty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry regarding Implementation of Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme, pertaining to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Shri Kalraj Mishra	}	0-01
5.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Fifty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment and Forests on the Demands for Grants (2015-16) of Department of Space	Dr. Jitendra Singh		
6.	11-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Seventy-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on "Economic impact of revision of Natural Gas price" pertaining to the Ministry of Finance	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	}	0-02
7.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Department of Posts	-do-		
8.	11-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on the Action Taken by the Government on the Second Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan		

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
9.	15-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs	Shri Arun Jaitley	0-01
10.	16-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on the observations/recommendations contained in its Two Hundredth Report on the "Development of Tourism, National Highways and Water Transport in Kerala and Cochin Shipyard Limited"	Dr. Mahesh Sharma	0-01
11.	17-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the First Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	—

12.	17-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.	Gen (Retd.) V. K. Singh	}	0-01
13.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology.	Shri Y. S. Chowdary		
14.	18-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2014-15) pertaining to the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	}	0-01
15.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance relating to "Tax Assessment/ Exemptions related matter concerning IPL/BCCI".	-do-		
16.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Department of Consumer Affairs.	Shri Ramvilas Paswan		

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
17.	18-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	—
18.	21-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources on the Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	Shri Prakash Javadekar	0-01
19.	22-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Minority Affairs	Dr. Najma A. Heptulla	} 0-01
20.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation	Shri Ram Kripal Yadav	

21.	22-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Railways	Shri Manoj Sinha	—
22.	23-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the First and Sixth Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on Demands for Grants (2014-15) and (2015-16) pertaining to the Department of Rural Development	Shri Birender Singh	} 0-01
23.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Nineteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Culture	Dr. Mahesh Sharma	
24.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Eighty-first Report on the recommendations/ observations contained in the One Hundred and Eightieth Report on Administration of UTs (Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Chandigarh) of the Ministry of Home Affairs	Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary	

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
25.	23-12-2015	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Home Affairs	Shri Kiren Rijiju	0-02
26.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Urban Development	Shri Babul Supriyo	
27.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation	-do-	
			Total:	1-33

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.	02-12-2015	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Need to take concrete steps for rehabilitation of mentally retarded persons in the country.	0-03
*2.	-do-	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Need to take effective measures to make the river Betwa in Vidisha pollution free.	0-02
3.	-do-	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Need to constitute a Committee to identify the families of victims of 1984 riots and resolve their problems.	—
4.	-do-	Shri C.M. Ramesh		
*5.	-do-	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth	Need to give financial assistance for relief and restoration works in Tamil Nadu severely affected by recent floods.	0-04
6.	-do-	Dr. K. V. P. Ramachandra Rao	Need for central intervention to give remunerative prices for palm oil to the farmers in Andhra Pradesh.	—

* Special Mention was Made.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
7.	02-12-2015	Shri Paul Manoj Pandian	Need for special allocation of funds for cement lining and desilting of channels and tanks in Tirunelveli District in Tamil Nadu.	—
*8.	-do-	Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra	Need to give early sanction for construction of a dam at Chamgar in Uttarakhand.	0-01
*9.	-do-	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Need to bring a legislation for inclusion of the Narikoravan tribe of Tamil Nadu into the Scheduled Tribes category.	0-03
10.	-do-	Dr. V. Maitreyan	Need to withhold introduction of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to the Undergraduate and Post Graduate medical courses.	—
11.	-do-	Shri N. Gokulakrishnan	Need to give interim financial assistance to Puducherry affected by recent floods.	
12.	-do-	Shrimati Wansuk Syiem	Need to revisit the process of choosing the advanced technology for upgradation of telecom projects in North-East.	
*13.	-do-	Shri Tarun Vijay	Need for creation of a Commission for prevention of atrocities against <i>dalits</i> .	0-02

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* Special Mention was Made.

14.	02-12-2015	Shri Vivek Gupta	Concern over the practice of rampant defecation in the open in the country.	—
15.	03-12-2015	Dr. R. Lakshmanan	Demand to extend the Chennai-Beach-Tambaram Unit Train services upto Villupuram.	} 0-01
16.	-do-	Shri S. Thangavelu	Demand to grant sanction for doubling of Madurai-Kanyakumari railway project and expedite completion of other pending projects in Tamil Nadu.	
*17.	-do-	Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda	Demand to take effective measures to promote research in Universities in the country.	
18.	do-	Shri Md. Nadimul Haque	Demand to take steps for payment of arrears to the employees of IISCO Steel Plant from the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL).	} —
19.	-do-	Shri T. Rathinavel	Demand to restore supply of allocated food grains under various schemes to Tamil Nadu.	
*20.	-do-	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to give adequate compensation to farmers affected by drought in the country.	
21.	-do-	Shri Ambeth Rajan	Demand to take necessary measures to strictly implement the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 to regulate road side eateries in the country.	0-01

* Special Mention was Made.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
22.	03-12-2015	Shri K.N. Balagopal	Demand to take urgent steps to strengthen the Indian Rare Earths Ltd. at Kollam in Kerala.	—
*23.	-do-	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Request for immediate appointment of Vice-Chancellors in Universities in the country, particularly in Telangana.	0-02
*24.	-do-	Shri Bhupinder Singh	Demand to release special financial assistance out of funds allotted to NITI Ayog for various programmes in the State of Odisha.	0-02
*25.	-do-	Shri Shadi Lal Batra	Demand to set up an enquiry into the alleged scam into the procurement of paddy crop in Haryana.	0-02
*26.	-do-	Shri Husain Dalwai	Demand to take urgent steps to decontaminate the site of Bhopal Gas tragedy and rehabilitate the victims.	0-02
*27.	07-12-2015	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Need to take effective measures to check cyber crime in the country.	0-01
*28.	-do-	Shri Husain Dalwai	Need to ban the sale of Agarbattis imported from China and Vietnam containing harmful substances.	0-03

* Special Mention was Made.

*29.	07-12-2015	Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda	Need to re-start the archaeological excavation at Chabeli Tila in Fatehpur Sikri in Uttar Pradesh and take steps for preservation of the artifacts belonging to Jain Religion in a Museum.	0-02
*30.	-do-	Ms. Dola Sen	Need to restore the central funds allocated for various schemes in West Bengal.	0-03
*31.	-do-	Shri Md. Nadimul Haque	Need to take immediate steps to fill up the vacancies of teaching staff in Universities in the country.	0-02
32.	-do-	Shrimati Wansuk Syiem	Need to provide reservation in employment for SCs, STs and OBCs in private sector.	0-01
33.	-do-	Dr. T.N. Seema	Need to take strict measures to stop online sex rackets and trafficking.	
34.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Need to take steps to check the high dropout rate of girl students from schools.	
35.	10-12-2015	Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap	Demand for completion of the Delhi-Meerut Expressway and widening of NH-24 upto Dasna in Uttar Pradesh in a time-bound manner.	—
36.	-do-	Shri A.K. Selvaraj	Demand to give adequate compensation to farmers for damage to their crops caused by the elephants in the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu.	

* Special Mention was Made.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
37.	10-12-2015	Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda	Demand to improve pay and other working conditions of ASHA workers in the country.	0-01
38.	-do-	Shri Basawaraj Patil	Demand to re-start the admissions in MBBS and other courses at ESI hospital Kalaburagi in Karnataka.	
39.	-do-	Shrimati Sasikala Pushpa	Demand to withhold the proposed change in the ratio of share of State and Central Governments in the funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.	
40.	-do-	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand to increase the salary of Safai Karamcharis working in rural areas in the country.	
41.	-do-	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Demand to take steps to find the missing children and give them compensation.	
42.	-do-	Shri Santiuse Kujur	Demand for doubling of the railway tracks of the North East Frontier Railways in Assam.	
43.	-do-	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Demand to implement small irrigation projects to provide relief to farmers of Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh.	
44.	-do-	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey	Demand to give special financial package to the State of Odisha affected by severe drought.	
45.	-do-	Shri T. Rathinavel	Demand to give special financial package for diversification of fisheries in Tamil Nadu.	

46.	10-12-2015	Shri K. R. Arjunan	Demand to fix Minimum Support Price for tea for welfare of tea growers and the other plantation workers.	} 0-01
47.	-do-	Shri S. Thangavelu	Demand to withhold the decision of merger of Government of India Printing Press at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu with any other Press.	
48.	-do-	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth	Demand to constitute Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee.	
49.	-do-	Dr. R. Lakshmanan	Demand to expedite the setting up of AIIMS like Hospital in Tamil Nadu.	
50.	11-12-2015	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy	Demand to set up an enquiry into a case of blatant misuse of 'Protection' power by the police causing harassment to a senior journalist in Delhi.	} 0-01
51.	-do-	Shri Tapan Kumar Sen	Demand to take effective measures to open the closed tea gardens in West Bengal.	
52.	-do-	Shri K. K. Ragesh	Demand to give special financial assistance to the State of Kerala to assist rubber growers and constitute the Rubber Board.	
53.	-do-	Shri Bhupinder Singh	Demand to address the problems being faced by farmers in Odisha.	

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
54.	11-12-2015	Shri C. P. Narayanan	Demand to restart publication of the Journal, IJMS and resolve other issues pertaining to CSIR-NISCAIR.	—
55.	-do-	Shri Ambeth Rajan	Demand to take steps to prevent air pollution in the country, particularly in and around Delhi, Agra, Kanpur, Lucknow and Varanasi.	0-01
56.	-do-	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to release the remaining funds for early completion of the pending projects in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh.	
57.	-do-	Shrimati Kanak Lata Singh	Demand for production of ethanol from sugarcane to resolve the problems of sugarcane farmers in the country.	
58.	-do-	Dr. Sanjay Sinh	Demand to take effective measures for career progression of Agricultural Scientists working in Krishak Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country.	
59.	-do-	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Demand to impose 3 percent agriculture cess to improve the condition of farming in the country.	
60.	14-12-2015	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Demand for live telecast of the proceedings of the Supreme Court and the High Courts in the country.	—
61.	-do-	Dr. V. Maitreyan	Demand to restore the centrally sponsored scheme to release funds for modernization of police forces in Tamil Nadu.	

62.	14-12-2015	Shri T. Rathinavel	Demand for adequate funding of specific projects of Tamil Nadu from the funds allocated to NITI Ayog.
63.	-do-	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Demand to bring a legislation to acquire property of criminals involved in anti-national activities by the State.
64.	-do-	Shrimati Wansuk Syiem	Urgent need to curb juvenile delinquency by lowering the legal age of adulthood.
65.	-do-	Ms. Dola Sen	Concern over neglecting the plight of agricultural labourers in the country.
66.	-do-	Shri D. Bandyopadhyay	Demand to include Cooch Behar and other districts of the country with more than 50 percent SC/ST population under Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) scheme.
67.	-do-	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to give reservation to fishermen in employment in central and the provincial police forces in the country.
68.	-do-	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Demand for early sanctioning of funds for cleaning the river Ganga in Uttar Pradesh.
69.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to link the Centrally Sponsored Schemes with the National E-Governance Plan.
70.	-do-	Shri Anil Desai	Demand to take strict measures for cleaning railway platforms and tracks.

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Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
71.	15-12-2015	Shri T.K. Rangarajan	Demand to take steps to prevent torture of Tamils in Sri Lanka suspected to have links with the LTTE.	0-02
72.	-do-	Shri Lal Sinh Vadodia	Demand for construction of a platform at Saima Railway Station on the Anand-Khambhat railway line in Gujarat.	
73.	-do-	Shri Paul Manoj Pandian	Demand for allocation of funds for modernization of the Palayamkottai Railway Station in Tirunelveli District in Tamil Nadu.	
74.	-do-	Shri K. C. Tyagi	Demand for creation of a separate 'Ganga Pradesh' in Western Uttar Pradesh by division of the State of Uttar Pradesh.	
75.	-do-	Shri Derek O' Brien	Demand for early release of funds for rehabilitation in flood affected districts in West Bengal.	
76.	17-12-2015	Dr. K. P. Ramalingam	Demand to bring an ordinance to remove encroachment from all water ways in the country.	—
77.	-do-	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth	Demand to address the problems being faced by staff of the National Child Labour Project.	
78.	-do-	Shri Anubhav Mohanty	Demand to take necessary steps to stop the game of organizing Dog fights gaining popularity in Punjab.	
79.	-do-	Shri S. Muthukaruppan	Demand to restart production of power at Unit I & II of the Kudangulam Nuclear Power Plant.	

80.	17-12-2015	Shri A.K. Selvaraj	Demand to give financial assistance for construction of houses in flood affected districts of Tamil Nadu.
81.	-do-	Shri Bhupinder Singh	Demand to take effective steps to remove the problems being faced in the agricultural sector of the country.
82.	-do-	Shri K.N. Balagopal	Demand to make operational the ESI Medical College and Hospital, Paripally in Kollam District in Kerala.
83.	-do-	Dr. K. Keshava Rao	Demand to expedite the take over of the Hindustan Cables Ltd. and pay attention to the distress among the employees.
84.	-do-	Shri Md. Nadimul Haque	Demand for enquiry into the matter of demolition of <i>Jhuggies</i> at Shakur- Basti in Delhi and take strict action against the guilty Railway officials.
85.	-do-	Shri K. R. Arjunan	Demand for complete waiver of the loans taken by Green House farmers and make proper provisions for insurance from damages caused by strong winds.
86.	-do-	Shri Sanjay Raut	Demand to take effective steps to check increasing incidents of accidents in the Mumbai Suburban trains.

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Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
87.	17-12-2015	Shri C.P. Narayanan	Demand to pay the pension of a minimum of ₹ 3000/- per month to every retired employee under the Employees Pension Scheme.	} 0-01
88.	-do-	Shri S. Thangavelu	Demand to take necessary steps to repair the Shenbagavalli Dam in Tamil Nadu.	
89.	21-12-2015	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Demand to explore possibility of getting full details of sender's address in ordinary posts to enable the police in identifying the culprits sending fake letters.	} 50
90.	-do-	Shri T. Rathinavel	Demand for speedy completion of the inter-regional power transmission lines in Tamil Nadu.	
91.	-do-	Dr. V. Maitreyan	Demand to grant approval for the extension of the Phase I of the Chennai Metro Rail project.	
92.	-do-	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Demand to identify the cases of resistant tuberculosis and initiate research to develop affordable cure for it.	
93.	-do-	Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury	Demand to take immediate steps to protect the women from exploitation by unscrupulous money lenders in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.	
94.	-do-	Shri Paul Manoj Pandian	Demand to re-open the railway stations at Kavalkinaru and Mela Kallur in Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu.	

95.	21-12-2015	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Demand to launch "Bachpan Sudharo Abhiyan" and open Child Reform Homes in every district of the country.
96.	-do-	Shri Anil Desai	Demand to take effective measures to ensure security of women passengers in local trains in Mumbai.
97.	-do-	Shri Husain Dalwai	Demand to give financial assistance to protect the debt ridden farmers from exploitation by money lenders in Maharashtra.
98.	-do-	Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar	Concern over forcible separation of Indian or children of Indian origin from their parents by the Child Protection Services in foreign countries, particularly in Norway.
99.	-do-	Shrimati Kahkashan Perween	Demand for widening of Vikramshila bridge in Bhagalpur to provide connectivity to NH-80 under the Smart City Project.
100.	-do-	Shri Ram Nath Thakur	Demand to withhold the increased charges for cancellation of railway tickets.
101.	-do-	Shri K.C. Tyagi	Demand to honour Chaudhary Charan Singh, former Prime Minister by conferring on him the Bharat Ratna.
102.	-do-	Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya	Demand for a speedy enquiry into the case of gang rape of a minor girl from West Bengal and take necessary measures to rehabilitate her from Nirbhaya fund.

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Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
103.	23-12-2015	Shri N. Gokulakrishnan	Demand to enhance the grants for Non-plan expenditure for Puducherry.	—
104.	-do-	Shri Md. Nadimul Haque	Demand to give clarification on the need to ensure privacy of Adhaar Card holders.	
105.	-do-	Shri D. Bandyopadhyay	Demand to implement the Skill Development programme in collaboration with the State Governments.	
106.	-do-	Shri S. Muthukaruppan	Demand to give adequate funds under the post-matric scholarship scheme for the State of Tamil Nadu.	
107.	-do-	Shri Ambeth Rajan	Demand to take immediate steps to fill the vacancies of the posts of Commissioners in the Central Board of Excise and Customs.	
108.	-do-	Dr. Sanjay Sinh	Demand to make mandatory accreditation and evaluation for all Universities and Colleges to maintain quality of higher education.	
109.	-do-	Shri S. Thangavelu	Demand to take necessary measures to remove the problems being faced by textile sector, particularly the ordinary power loom sector in the country.	

110.	23-12-2015	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Demand to take immediate measures for smooth functioning of the Central Institute for Classical Tamil (CICT) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
111.	-do-	Prof. M. V. Rajeev Gowda	Demand to prepare a Vision 2020 Roadmap aimed at reducing percentage of children with stunted growth in the country.
112.	-do-	Dr. K. P. Ramalingam	Demand to give insurance coverage to the vehicles affected by floods in the country.
113.	-do-	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to waive off the loans taken from nationalized banks by the farmers affected by natural calamities, particularly in Bundelkhand in U.P.
114.	-do-	Shri K. R. Arjunan	Demand to issue Pattas to all the owners of ancestral lands affected by the Zamindari Abolition Act, 1969 in the country and provide them basic amenities.
115.	-do-	Shri K. K. Ragesh	Demand to constitute an expert Committee to study the alarming increase in the cases of cancer in Kerala and give special financial assistance to strengthen the Malabar Cancer Centre in the State.
116.	-do-	Shri Lal Sinh Vadodia	Demand to start two trains from Delhi passing through certain stations to connect Dakor in Gujarat with other States of the country.
117.	-do-	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand to issue a postal stamp in the honour of spiritual Guru Swaminarayan on his 95 th birthday.

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Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
118.	23-12-2015	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth	Demand to sanction necessary funds for construction of a flood carrier canal from Kannadian Channel to drought prone area in Tamil Nadu.	—
119.	-do-	Shri Avinash Pande	Demand for repair and maintenance work on the National Highway-44 in Assam.	
120.	-do-	Shri Shantaram Naik	Demand to include the Kunchitiga Caste in the Central List of OBCs.	
121.	-do-	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy	Demand to install a Geothermal power plant in Barren Islands in Andaman Sea to utilize the volcanic energy and avoid natural calamities.	
122.	-do-	Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda	Demand to improve school and college education and impose ban on the coaching institutes causing distress among students in the country.	
123.	-do-	Shri A.K. Selvaraj	Demand for additional supply of kerosene oil to Tamil Nadu at PDS rate to meet the need of the families affected by recent floods.	
124.	-do-	Ms. Dola Sen	Demand to revamp the National Crop Insurance Scheme to benefit all the farmers equally in the country.	
125.	-do-	Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra	Demand to take essential measures for repair of the National Highways in Uttarakhand, particularly the Rampur-Rudrapur Section.	

126.	23-12-2015	Shri Anubhav Mohanty	Demand to institute a high level enquiry into the lapse regarding missing viscera samples committed in Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Hyderabad.	0-01
127.	-do-	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	Demand to take steps for effective implementation of Swachch Bharat Abhiyan.	
128.	-do-	Shri K. N. Balagopal	Demand to give special package to resolve the problems being faced by Cashew Industry in Kerala.	
129.	-do-	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey	Demand for laying down a railway track between Jharsuguda and Allahabad connecting certain tribal regions in Odisha.	0-01
130.	-do-	Shri P. L. Punia	Demand to bring the legislation for reservation in promotions to employees belonging to SCs/STs category.	
131.	-do-	Shri Ahamed Hassan	Demand to clarify the criteria for considering the special package for States.	
132.	-do-	Shri Bhupinder Singh	Demand to take urgent measures to check air pollution at Toll Plazas on National Highways and Municipal Toll booths in the country.	
Total				1-02

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS — LAID ON THE TABLE

Date	Particulars	Laid on the Table by	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
11-12-2015	Supplementary Demands for Grants (General), 2015-16	Shri Arun Jaitley	0-01
Total:			0-01

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.	02-12-2015	Circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by promulgation of the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Second Ordinance, 2015.	Shri Arun Jaitley	} 0-01
2.	-do-	Circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by promulgation of the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Ordinance, 2015	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	
Total:				0-01

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Calling Attention Notice on the following subject was admitted and the Statement in respect thereof was *laid on the Table of the House: —

Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Ministry	Minister-in-Charge	Time taken Hrs.Mts.	Remarks
03-12-2015	Shri Pavan Kumar Varma	*Situation in Nepal and the state of Indo-Nepal relations.	External Affairs and Overseas Indian Affairs	Shrimati Sushma Swaraj	0-09	On a suggestion made by some Members and as agreed to by the House and the Minister, the Deputy Chairman announced that the Calling Attention has been converted into a Short Duration Discussion to be taken up on Monday, the 7 th December, 2015
Total :					<u>0-09</u>	

* The Deputy Chairman announced that the Statement may be treated as read.

* Also see item at SI No. 2 under the heading "SHORT DURATION DISCUSSIONS (Discussions under Rule 176)".

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	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	02-12-2015 03-12-2015	Shrimati Kanimozhi	Damage caused due to North-East monsoon rain and floods in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.	23	Shri Rajnath Singh, <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i>	3-52
2.	07-12-2015	Shri Pavan Kumar Varma	*Situation in Nepal and the state of indo-Nepal relations	14	Shrimati Sushma Swaraj, <i>Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs</i>	2-57
3.	21-12-2015	Shri K. C. Tyagi	#Serious situation arising due to floods and drought in the country	22	—	3-20
Total:						10-09

* Also see item under the heading “CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE”.

Though the Discussion was concluded and the reply thereto was listed in the Revised List of Business for 22/12/2015, the same could not be made.

STATUTORY RESOLUTIONS

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	23-12-2015	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	"That this House disapproves the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Ordinance, 2015 (No.8 of 2015) promulgated by the President of India on 23 rd October, 2015."	—	—	Discussed together with the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Bill, 2015. The Resolution was withdrawn by leave of the House and the Bill was passed. For other details, pl. see item at Sl. No. 12 under the heading "GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS".

2. 23-12-2015	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	"That this House disapproves the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 (No.9 of 2015) promulgated by the President of India on 23 rd October, 2015."	—	—	Discussed together with the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2015. The Resolution was withdrawn by leave of the House and the Bill was passed. For other details, pl. see item at Sl. No. 13 under the heading "GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS".
			Total:	<hr/> 0-00 <hr/>	

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.	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	The Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013	19-08-2013	03-12-2015 07-12-2015 11-12-2015	Dr. Jitendra Singh	5	3-00	1-16	The motion moved by the Minister on 11/12/2015 for reference of the Bill to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha consisting of twenty-three Members with instructions to report by the last day of the first week of the next Session, was adopted.

2.	#The Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	07-08-2015	07-12-2015	Shri Jayant Sinha	—	2-00	0-03	Passed, as amended.
3.	The Whistle Blowers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	21-07-2015	07-12-2015	Dr. Jitendra Singh	7	2-00	1-16	Under Consideration.

For Reference and Record

On 7th December, 2015, when the Whistle Blowers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha was taken up for consideration, Shri Husain Dalwai, Member moved an amendment for reference of the Bill to a Select Committee consisting of 10 Members and discussion took place on the Motion for consideration of the Bill and the said amendment moved thereto.

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

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
4.	The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Bill, 2015	29-04-2015	11-12-2015	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	—	—	0-01	Withdrawn.
5.	The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	05-08-2015	14-12-2015 17-12-2015 21-12-2015	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	1	4-00	0-14	Passed.

6.	The Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 1992	25-11-1992	16-12-2015	Dr. Jitendra Singh	—	—	0-02	Withdrawn.
7.	The Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	16-12-2015	21-12-2015	Shri Jayant Sinha	—	1-00	0-07	The Bills were discussed together and Returned.
8.	The Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha							
9.	The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	07-05-2015	22-12-2015	Shrimati Maneka Sanjay Gandhi	27	4-00	4-52	Passed.

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	Time allotted Hrs. Mts.	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
10.	The Indian Forest (Amendment) Bill, 2012	26-03-2012	23-12-2015	Shri Prakash Javadekar	—	—	0-01	Withdrawn.
11.	The Rajendra Central Agricultural University Bill, 2015	—	23-12-2015	Shri Radha Mohan Singh	—	—	0-01	Introduced.

12.	*The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	17-12-2015	23-12-2015	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	—	2-00	0-06	Discussed together with the Statutory Resolution moved by Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy. The Resolution was withdrawn by leave of the House and the Bill was passed. For other details, pl. see item at Sl. No. 1 under the heading “STATUTORY RESOLUTIONS”.
13.	The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	18-12-2015	23-12-2015	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	—	2-00	0-03	Discussed together with the Statutory Resolution moved by Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy. The Resolution was withdrawn by leave of the House and the Bill was passed. For other details, pl. see item at Sl. No. 2 under the heading “STATUTORY RESOLUTIONS”.

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

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
14	The Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	15-12-2015	23-12-2015	Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu ♦Dr. Jitendra Singh	1	1-00	0-04	Passed.

♦ *Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs had moved motion for consideration of the Bill. However, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space moved the motion for passing of the Bill. Shri Jairam Ramesh, Member sought clarification from the Minister at the passing stage of the Bill.*

15.	The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2015	23-12-2015	23-12-2015	Shri Arun Jaitley	—	—	0-03	The motion moved by the Minister nominating ten Members of Rajya Sabha to serve on the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Bill was adopted.
16.	The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	22-12-2015	23-12-2015	Shri Bandaru Dattatreya	—	—	0-06	Passed.
							Total:	8-15

For Reference and Record

The motion referring the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2015 to the Joint Committee of the Houses consisting of 20 Members from Lok Sabha and 10 Members from Rajya Sabha was adopted by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on 23rd December, 2015.

The Speaker, Lok Sabha appointed Shri Bhupender Yadav, Member, Rajya Sabha as the Chairman of the Committee.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

I. Private Members' Bills

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	04-12-2015	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (amendment of article 348)	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
2.	-do-	The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
3.	-do-	The Prohibition of Using Telecommunication System for Hoax Calls Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
4.	-do-	The Electronic Waste (Handling and Disposal) Bill, 2015	Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda	—	—	0-01	-do-
5.	-do-	The Consumer Goods Price Fixation Board Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-

6.	04-12-2015	The Gymnasiums and Fitness Centres (Regulation) Bill, 2015	Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
7.	-do-	The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment)) Bill, 2015	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	—	—	0-01	-do-
8.	-do-	The Supreme Court (Establishment of a Permanent Bench at Visakhapatnam) Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—	} 0-01	-do-
9.	-do-	The Financial Assistance to Girl Child Belonging to Parents Living Below Poverty Line Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—		-do-
10.	-do-	The Prevention of Addiction of Technological Gadgets Bill, 2015	Shri Vivek Gupta	—	—	0-01	-do-
11.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (amendment of Eighth Schedule)	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
12.	04-12-2015	The Prohibition of Lotteries Bill, 2015	Shri Vijay Goel	—	—	0-02	Introduced.
13.	-do-	The Slums and Jhuggi-Jhopri Areas (Basic Amenities and Clearance) Bill, 2015	Shri B. K. Hariprasad	—	—	0-01	-do-
14.	-do-	The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Amendment Bill, 2015	Shri Avinash Pande	—	—	0-01	-do-
15.	-do-	The Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Shri Avinash Pande	Shri Kiren Rijiju	1	0-31	Withdrawn by leave of the House. (The Bill was moved for consideration on the 24 th of April, 2015).

16.	04-12-2015	The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	3	0-56	Under consideration (The Bill was moved for consideration on the 24 th of April, 2015)
17.	18-12-2015	The Child Development Programmes Coordination Agency Bill, 2015	Shri Prabhat Jha	—	—	} 0-01	Introduced.
18.	-do-	The Prohibition of Publication and Dissemination of Objectionable Material on Religion Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—		-do-
19.	-do-	The Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill, 2015	Shrimati Kanimozhi	—	—		0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
20.	18-12-2015	The Self-Financing Professional Educational Institutions (Control and Regulation) Bill, 2015	Shri K. K. Ragesh	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
21.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (amendment of article 324)	Shri Tiruchi Siva	—	—	} 0-01	-do-
22.	-do-	The Compulsory Basic Facilities for Neglected Senior Citizens, Widows and Orphans Bill, 2015	Shri Vivek Gupta	—	—		-do-
23.	-do-	The Women (Equal Participation in Decision Making) Bill, 2015	Shri Anubhav Mohanty	—	—	0-01	-do-
24.	-do-	The Abolition of Begging and Rehabilitation of Beggars Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-

25.	18-12-2015	The Prevention of Deaths due to Heat and Cold Waves Bill, 2015	Shri Rajkumar Dhoot	—	—	}	Introduced.	
26.	-do-	The Missing Children (Faster Tracking and Reuniting) Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—		0-01	-do-
27.	-do-	The Victims of Acid Attack, Sexually Abused and Trafficked Girls and Women (Compensation and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2015	-do-	—	—		0-01	-do-

Total: 1-49

II. Private Members' Resolutions

On the 11th of December, 2015, on the suggestion of some Members and as agreed to by the House, the Deputy Chairman announced that all the Resolutions Listed in the Revised List of Business for Friday, the 11th of December, 2015 would be taken up on a day allotted for Private Members' Business (Resolutions) in the next Session.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

On the 23rd of December, 2015, the Chairman made valedictory remarks on the conclusion of the Session.

(Time taken: 04 Minutes)

NATIONAL SONG

On the 23rd of December, 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**

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6.	Papers Laid on the Table	0-32
7.	Reports/ Statements of the Committees Presented/Laid on the Table	0-30
8.	Report on Indian Parliamentary Participation at International Conference	0-01
9.	Petition Praying to Develop Real Time Forecasting of Floods so as to issue Timely Warning to the Affected People	0-01
10.	Petition Praying to Evolve an Efficient Mechanism to Check the Exorbitant Prices of Cardiac Stents and Other Medical Devices in the Country	0-01
11.	Petition Praying for Improvement And Strengthening of Non-Lapsable Central Pool Of Resources (NLCPR) Schemes in the North-Eastern Region	0-01
12.	Petition Praying for Solution of the Problems Arising Out of Marriage of Indian Women With Non-Resident Indians (NRIS)	0-01
13.	Motions for Election/Appointment of Members to various Committees/Bodies	0-04
14.	Motion for Appointment to the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha on Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013	0-01
15.	Leave of Absence	0-03

Sl. No.	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
16.	Messages from the Lok Sabha-Reported/Government Bills Laid on the Table	0-14
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22.	Discussion on Commitment to India's Constitution as part of the 125 th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar	17-23
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24.	Statements by Ministers	1-33
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26.	Supplementary Demands for Grants — Laid on the Table	0-01
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28.	Calling Attention to Matter of Urgent Public Importance	0-09
29.	Short Duration Discussions (<i>Discussion Under Rule 176</i>)	10-09
30.	Statutory Resolutions	0-00
31.	Government Legislative Business	8-15
32.	Private Members' Business	
	I. Private Member's Bills	1-49
	II. Private Member's Resolutions	0-01
33.	Valedictory Remarks	0-04
34.	National Song	0-01
35.	Points Raised	13-02
	Total:	<u>60-08</u>

STATEMENT SHOWING THE TIME TAKEN AND TIME LOST DUE TO ADJOURNMENTS OF THE HOUSE FOLLOWING INTERRUPTIONS DURING THE SESSION

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost due to adjournments following interruptions		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
26-11-2015	0	10	0	00	The House was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Shri Khekiho Zhimomi, a sitting Member.
27-11-2015	5	34	0	00	—
30-11-2015	7	00	0	00	—
01-12-2015	6	07	0	00	—
02-12-2015	4	12	2	32	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour could not be taken up due to protests by Members belonging to INC party rushing into the 'Well' of the House shouting slogans over the remarks of Shri Arun Jaitley, Leader of the House and Union Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal disputing the statement made by Kumari Selja, Member and former Union Minister that she was asked about her caste in a temple in Gujarat while participating in the discussion on commitment to India's Constitution on 30 th November, 2015.

03-12-2015	3	59	1	45	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC party rushing into the 'Well' of the House shouting slogans in protest against the remarks of Shri Arun Jaitley, Leader of the House and Union Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal disputing the statement made by Kumari Selja, Member and former Union Minister that she was asked about her caste in a temple in Gujarat while participating in the discussion on commitment to India's Constitution on 30 th November, 2015 and by Members belonging to BSP rushing into 'Well' of the House shouting slogans objecting to the presence of Gen. (Retd.) V. K. Singh, Union Minister in the House and demanded him to leave the House for his alleged insensitive remarks against <i>Dalits</i> .
04-12-2015	2	15	1	31	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour could not be taken up due to Members belonging to BSP, SP, JD(U) and INC parties rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans in protest against the alleged insensitive remarks of Union Minister, Gen. (Retd.) V. K. Singh against <i>Dalits</i> and demanding condemnation of his remarks and his expulsion from the Union Cabinet as well as against the statement of RSS Chief regarding expeditious construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

For Reference and Record

On 4th December, 2015, the House was adjourned due to want of Quorum.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost due to adjournments following interruptions		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
07-12-2015	6	52	0	00	—
08-12-2015	0	34	5	26	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Legislative and other Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House raising slogans against the alleged 'vendetta politics' of the Government over the issue of summons by the Delhi High Court to senior Members of their party for a personal appearance in the National Herald case.
09-12-2015	0	38	5	22	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Legislative and other Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House raising slogans against the alleged 'vendetta politics' of the Government over the issue of summons by the Delhi High Court to senior Members of their party for a personal appearance in the National Herald case and also due to protests by BJD Members rushing into the 'Well' of the House, displaying placards and shouting slogans opposing the multi-purpose Polavaram irrigation project.

10-12-2015	0	32	5	28	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Legislative and other Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House raising slogans against the alleged 'vendetta politics' of the Government over the issue of summons by the Delhi High Court to senior Members of their party for a personal appearance in the National Herald case.
11-12-2015	1	06	2	10	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour and any other Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House raising slogans against the alleged 'vendetta politics' of the Government over the issue of summons by the Delhi High Court to senior Members of their party for a personal appearance in the National Herald case.
14-12-2015	1	01	4	59	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Legislative and other Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to BSP and INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House shouting slogans and displaying newspaper reports on the alleged atrocities on <i>dalits</i> in Punjab and demanding dismissal of the State Government for their inability to maintain law and order in the State.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost due to adjournments following interruptions		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
15-12-2015	1	09	4	51	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Legislative and other Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC and AITC rushing into the 'Well' of the House shouting slogans against the issue of interference of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh in the functioning of the State Government and the reported CBI raid on the Delhi Chief Minister's office respectively.
16-12-2015	1	54	4	06	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Legislative and other Business was disrupted due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans against the deteriorating law and order situation in the State of Punjab and the interference of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh in the functioning of the State Government.

17-12-2015	1	50	4	10	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Legislative and other Business was disrupted due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans over the constitutional crisis in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.
18-12-2015	1	04	1	07	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour as well as Government Legislative and other Business was disrupted due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans over the constitutional crisis in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and demanded a discussion on the situation in the State of Arunachal Pradesh as well as recall of the Governor.

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For Reference and Record

On 18th December, 2015, the House was adjourned due to want of Quorum.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost due to adjournments following interruptions		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
21-12-2015	5	28	1	51	The House was adjourned repeatedly and Question Hour was disrupted due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans over the alleged irregularities in the functioning of Delhi District Cricket Association (DDCA) and demanding discussion on the subject as well as resignation of the Union Finance Minister over his alleged involvement. The House was also adjourned for some time due to protests by Opposition Members over the listing of certain Government Bills in the Revised and Supplementary List of Business.
22-12-2015	5	43	1	33	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour was disrupted due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans over the alleged irregularities in the functioning of Delhi District Cricket Association (DDCA) and demanding discussion on the subject as well as resignation of the Union Finance Minister over his alleged involvement.

23-12-2015	3	00	1	07	The House was adjourned for some time during the Zero Hour and Question Hour due to Members belonging to INC and SP rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans over the reported move by VHP for constructions of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.
Total	60	08	47	58	

- Time taken includes the actual time spent for transaction of business and the time spent on points raised.
- Time lost due to adjournments of the House following interruptions also includes the Time between the final adjournment of the House due to continued interruptions on some issue and the Scheduled Time of adjournment of the House, *i.e.*, 6-00 p.m. (excluding time of lunch-break/recess for 1 hour from Monday to Thursday and 1 hour and 30 minutes on Friday).

**Highlights of work transacted during the 237th Session –
At a glance**

Sittings	
Date of issue of Summons	11-11-2015
Duration of the Session	26-11-2015 to 23-12-2015
Number of actual days of sitting	20
Actual Hours of sittings (<i>excluding recess intervals</i>)	60 Hrs. & 8 Mts.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	47 Hrs. & 58 Mts.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	5 Hrs. & 15 Mts.
Date of prorogation of Session	06-01-2016
Questions	
No. of Starred Questions listed	269
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	27
No. of Unstarred Questions answered	2879
Short Notice Questions	-
Half-an-Hour Discussions	-
Government Bills	
No. of Bills introduced	1
No. of Bills withdrawn	3
No. of Bills passed/returned	9
No. of Bills referred to Joint/Select Committee	2
No. of Bills deferred	-
Private Members' Business	
No. of Bills introduced	25
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	1
No. of Bills withdrawn/negatived	1
No. of Bills passed	-
No. of Bills on which debate adjourned	-
No. of Resolution part discussed	-
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negatived	-

Oath/Affirmation	
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation	2
Statements by Ministers	
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	27
Matters of public importance raised	
No. of Calling Attentions	-
No. of Short Duration Discussions	3
No. of Special Mentions	132
No. of Matters raised with permission Submission by Members	41
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Papers Laid on the Table	1691

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