

# **R E S U M E**

**OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED**

**BY THE**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**IN ITS**

**TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINTH SESSION**

**(25<sup>th</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016)**

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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 Ninth 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 NINTH SESSION  
(25-04-2016 to 13-05-2016)**

**SUMMONS**

Summons for the Two Hundred and Thirty Ninth Session of the Rajya Sabha was issued to the Members on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016.

**DURATION OF THE SESSION**

The Two Hundred and Thirty Ninth Session of the Rajya Sabha, commenced on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016 and adjourned *sine die* on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, as scheduled. The House sat for 15 days and the actual hours of sittings were 69 hours and 36 minutes (excluding recess intervals). The House was prorogued by the President on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016, National Anthem was played.

*(Time taken: 01 Minute)*

### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	State	Time Taken
1.	25-04-2014	Shri Ripun Bora	Assam	0-08
2.	-do-	Shrimati Ranee Narah	-do-	
3.	-do-	Shri Anand Sharma	Himachal Pradesh	
4.	-do-	Shri K. Somaprasad	Kerala	
5.	-do-	Shri Partap Singh Bajwa	Punjab	
6.	-do-	Shri Shamsheer Singh Dullo	-do-	
7.	-do-	Shri Naresh Gujral	-do-	
8.	-do-	Shri Shwait Malik	-do-	
9.	-do-	Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya	Tripura	

10.	26-04-2016	Sardar Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa	Punjab	}	0-05
11.	-do-	Shri Swapan Dasgupta	Nominated		
12.	-do-	Dr. Narendra Jadhav	-do-		
13.	-do-	Shrimati M. C. Mary Kom	-do-		
14.	-do-	Dr. Subramanian Swamy	-do-		
15.	28-04-2016	Shri Navjot Singh Sidhu	-do-		0-01
16.	29-04-2016	Shri Suresh Gopi	-do-		0-02
			<b>Total:</b>		<u>0-16</u>

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, the Chairman welcomed the newly elected and re-elected Members.

*(Time taken: 01 Minute)*

### OBITUARY REFERENCES

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

Sl. No	Date of Obituary Reference	Person in respect of whom Reference was made	Date of passing away	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	25-04-2016	Shri Rumandla Raamachandrayya, ex-Member	16-03-2016	} 0-10	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 Jhumuk Lal Bhendia, ex-Member	18-03-2015		
3.	-do-	Dr. C. Silvera, ex-Member	09-04-2016		
4.	-do-	Shrimati Urmilaben Chimanbhai Patel, ex-Member	21-04-2016		



5.	12-05-2016	Shri Praveen Rashtrapal, sitting Member	12-05-2016	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. As a mark of respect to the memory of Shri Praveen Rashtrapal, a sitting Member, the House adjourned for the day.
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<b>Total:</b>	<u>0-14</u>
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**REFERENCES BY THE CHAIR**

Sl. No	Date of Reference	Incident	Date of the Incident	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	25-04-2016	Terrorist attacks in Brussels, Belgium.	22-03-2016	0-05	The Chairman made references 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-	Earthquakes in Ecuador and Japan.	16-04-2016		
3.	-do-	Landmine blast triggered by Maoists in Dantewada District of Chhattisgarh.	30-03-2016		
4.	-do-	Collapse of an under-construction flyover near Girish Park in Kolkata.	31-03-2016		
5.	-do-	Fire and explosions during a fireworks display at Puttingal Temple in Paravoor in Kollam District of Kerala.	10-04-2016		
6.	-do-	Bus accident in Deogarh district of Odisha.	17-04-2016		

7. 25-04-2016 Massive landslide in Tawang district of 22-04-2016  
Arunachal Pradesh

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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 this tragic incident.

**Total:** 0-05

**FELICITATIONS BY THE CHAIR**

Date	Subject	Date of event	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
29-04-2016	To the Scientists, Engineers and Technicians of ISRO for the successful launch of IRNSS-1G	28-04-2016	0-01
<b>Total:</b>			<b>0-01</b>

### **PROCLAMATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 356 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016, Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary, Minister of State in Ministry of Home Affairs, laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers: —

- (i) (a) Proclamation [G.S.R. No. 341(E)], issued by the President, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016, under article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the State of Uttarakhand, under clause (3) of the said article.
- (b) Order [G.S.R. No. 342(E)], dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016, made by the President, under sub-clause (i) of clause (c) of the above Proclamation.
- (c) Report of the Governor of Uttarakhand, dated the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016 to the President.
- (ii) Record of proceedings of the Supreme Court of India arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2016 in WP No.795/2016 passed by the High Court of Uttarakhand at Nainital. (in English only)

*(Time taken: 01 Minute)*

### PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

717 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.	28-04-2016	Annual Report on the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, for the year 2014.
2.	-do-	Annual Report on the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, for the year 2014.
3.	29-04-2016	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2015 -Union Government (Railways) - Railway Finances (Report No. 53 of 2015), Appropriation Accounts [Part I - Review, Part II - Detailed Appropriation Accounts and Detailed Appropriation Accounts (Annexure -G)].
4.	-do-	Audit on the Preparedness for the Implementation of National Food Security Act, 2013 for the year ended March, 2015 (Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution) - Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India - Union Government (Civil), Report No. 54 of 2015.
5.	-do-	Report No. 6 of 2016 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2015, Performance Audit on Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof, imitation jewellery, coins (Chapter 71 of CTH) - Union Government, Department of Revenue, Indirect taxes – Customs.

6. 29-04-2016 Report No. 7 of 2016 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2015, Performance Audit on Implementation of Passport Seva Project - Union Government (Civil)
7. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Audit of Scheme Rules, 2011 (Social Audit Rules) - Report No. 8 of 2016 [Union Government (Civil)]
8. 03-05-2016 Fifty-second Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities, New Delhi, for the period from July, 2014 to June, 2015.
9. 09-05-2016 Report on the alleged rape and murder of a Scheduled Caste girl in Rayamangalam, Ernakulam, Kerala, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016.

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*(Total time taken: 18 Mts.)*

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

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

Date	Name of the Committee	Report/Statement
25-04-2016	Railways	9 <sup>th</sup> Report
11-05-2016	-do-	Action Taken Statement
25-04-2016	Urban Development	10 <sup>th</sup> Report
02-05-2016	-do-	11 <sup>th</sup> Report
26-04-2016	Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice	84 <sup>th</sup> and 85 <sup>th</sup> Reports
-do-	Public Accounts Committee	36 <sup>th</sup> to 42 <sup>nd</sup> Reports
28-04-2016	-do-	43 <sup>rd</sup> to 50 <sup>th</sup> Reports
26-04-2016	Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution	9 <sup>th</sup> Report
03-05-2016	-do-	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Reports
26-04-2016	Labour	16 <sup>th</sup> Report
03-05-2016	-do-	17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> Reports
27-04-2016	Health and Family Welfare	93 <sup>rd</sup> and 94 <sup>th</sup> Report



Date	Name of the Committee	Report/Statement
29-04-2016	Health and Family Welfare	95 <sup>th</sup> Report
27-04-2016	Home Affairs	196 <sup>th</sup> Report
03-05-2016	-do-	197 <sup>th</sup> Report
27-04-2016	Human Resource Development	276 <sup>th</sup> to 280 <sup>th</sup> Reports
-do-	Agriculture	22 <sup>nd</sup> Report
02-05-2016	-do-	23 <sup>rd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> Reports
05-05-2016	-do-	Action Taken Statements
27-04-2016	Energy	14 <sup>th</sup> Report
02-05-2016	-do-	15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> Reports
06-05-2016	-do-	17 <sup>th</sup> Report
10-05-2016	-do-	18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> Reports
27-04-2016	Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	6 <sup>th</sup> Report
28-04-2016	Joint Committee on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2015	Report and Evidence
-do-	Chemicals and Fertilizers	20 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Reports
-do-	Finance	28 <sup>th</sup> to 33 <sup>rd</sup> Reports

Date	Name of the Committee	Report/Statement
28-04-2016	Social Justice and Empowerment	27 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Reports
29-04-2016	Transport, Tourism and Culture	231 <sup>st</sup> and 232 <sup>nd</sup> Reports
04-05-2016	-do-	233 <sup>rd</sup> and 234 <sup>th</sup> Reports
06-05-2016	-do-	235 <sup>th</sup> Report
02-05-2016	Coal and Steel	18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> Reports
03-05-2016	-do-	20 <sup>th</sup> Report
02-05-2016	External Affairs	11 <sup>th</sup> Report
-do-	Rural Development	21 <sup>st</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> Reports and Action Taken Statements
-do-	Water Resources	8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Reports
03-05-2016	Commerce	123 <sup>rd</sup> to 126 <sup>th</sup> Reports
-do-	Industry	272 <sup>nd</sup> to 275 <sup>th</sup> Reports
-do-	Empowerment of Women	6 <sup>th</sup> Report
-do-	Welfare of Other Backward Classes	5 <sup>th</sup> Report
-do-	Defence	18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> Reports

Date	Name of the Committee	Report/Statement
03-05-2016	Information Technology	23 <sup>rd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> Reports
-do-	Petroleum and Natural Gas	12 <sup>th</sup> Report
06-05-2016	-do-	13 <sup>th</sup> Report
04-05-2016	Ethics	10 <sup>th</sup> Report
09-05-2016	Science and Technology, Environment and Forests	278 <sup>th</sup> to 284 <sup>th</sup> Reports
10-05-2016	-do-	285 <sup>th</sup> Report
11-05-2016	Railway Convention Committee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Report

*(Total time taken: 29 Mts.)*

**REPORT ON INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2016, 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 132<sup>nd</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Hanoi, Vietnam from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015.

*(Time taken: 01 Minute)*

**REPORT AND EVIDENCE OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE RAJYA SABHA ON THE ENEMY PROPERTY (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL, 2016**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, Shri Bhupender Yadav presented the Report (in English and Hindi) of the Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha on the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2016.

*(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.	29-04-2016	Central Advisory Committee for the National Cadet Corps	0-01
2.	02-05-2016	Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)	0-01
<b>Total :</b>			<b>0-02</b>

**MOTIONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PRESENTATION OF  
THE REPORTS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEES OF THE RAJYA  
SABHA**

Sl. No.	Date	Text of the Motion adopted	Mover	<u>Time taken</u> <u>Hrs.Mts.</u>
1.	28-04-2016	"That the time appointed for presentation of the Report of the Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha on the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2016 be extended up to the 06 <sup>th</sup> May, 2016".	Shri Bhupender Yadav	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Text of the Motion adopted	Mover	<u>Time taken</u> <u>Hrs.Mts.</u>
2.	29-04-2016	"That the time appointed for presentation of the Report of the Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha on the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013, be extended upto the last day of the first week of the next session".	Shri Bhupender Yadav	0-01
<b>Total :</b>				<b>0-02</b>

**MOTIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEES OF THE RAJYA SABHA**

Sl. No.	Date	Text of the Motion adopted	Mover	<u>Time taken</u> <u>Hrs.Mts.</u>
1.	25-04-2016	"That Shri Naresh Gujral, Member, Rajya Sabha, be appointed to the Select Committee on the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2016, to fill the vacancy caused by his retirement from the membership of Rajya Sabha on 9 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016."	Shri Kiren Rijju, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs	—

Sl. No.	Date	Text of the Motion adopted	Mover	<u>Time taken</u> <u>Hrs.Mts.</u>
2.	27-04-2016	“That this House do appoint Shri Avinash Pande, Shri C.P. Narayanan and Shri Naresh Gujral to the Select Committee to examine the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013 in the vacancies caused by the retirements of Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, Shri K. N. Balagopal and Shri Naresh Gujral.”	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs	0-01
<b>Total :</b>				<b>0-01</b>

**AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION FOR REFERENCE OF THE ENEMY PROPERTY (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL, 2016 TO A SELECT COMMITTEE**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016, Shri Bhupender Yadav, moved the following Motion:—

“That in the motion, adopted in the Rajya Sabha on March 15, 2016, referring the Bill further to amend the Enemy Property Act, 1968 and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, as passed by Lok Sabha, to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha, for the words 'second part of the current session' the words 'next session' be substituted.”

The Motion was adopted.

*(Time taken: 01 Minute)*

**MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY CODE, 2015**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016, Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information and Broadcasting, moved the following Motion:—

“That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do appoint three Members to the Joint Committee on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2015 in the vacancies caused by the retirements of Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar and Shri Naresh Gujral and resignation of Shri Anand Sharma respectively from the Rajya Sabha and communicate to Lok Sabha the names of the Members so appointed by the Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee and resolves that Shri Anand Sharma; Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita and Shri Naresh Gujral be appointed to the said Joint Committee to fill the vacancies.”

The Motion was adopted.

(Time taken: 02 Mts.)

**RESIGNATION BY MEMBERS**

(1) On the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, the Deputy Chairman made the following announcement in the House:—

“I have to inform Members that the Hon’ble Chairman has received a letter dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2016 from Dr. Vijay Mallya, Member, representing the State of Karnataka, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. He has accepted his resignation with effect from the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016.”

(2) On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, the Chairman made the following announcement in the House:—

“I have to inform Members that I have received a letter dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016 from Dr. Pranav Pandya, Nominated Member, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. I have accepted his resignation with effect from the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016.”

(Total time taken: 02 Mts.)

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***For Reference and Record***

*The notification nominating Dr. Pranav Pandya to the Rajya Sabha, was issued by Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Law and Justice on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016. **But without taking Oath/Affirmation**, the Member resigned his seat in the Rajya Sabha and his resignation was accepted by the Chairman, Rajya Sabha w.e.f. the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016.*

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

(i) On the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016:—

(a) Shri Mithun Chakraborty (West Bengal) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 25<sup>th</sup> of April to the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, during the current (239<sup>th</sup>) Session.

(b) Shri Kunal Kumar Ghosh (West Bengal) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 25<sup>th</sup> of April to the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, during the current (239<sup>th</sup>) Session.

(ii) On the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016, Shri M. P. Veerendra Kumar (Kerala) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 26<sup>th</sup> of April to the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, during the current (239<sup>th</sup>) Session.

(iii) On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2016, Shrimati Kanimozhi (Tamil Nadu) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 25<sup>th</sup> of April to the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, during the current (239<sup>th</sup>) Session.

(iv) On the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, Shri Narendra Kumar Kashyap (Uttar Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 25<sup>th</sup> of April to the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, during the current (239<sup>th</sup>) Session.

*(Total Time taken :06 Mts.)*

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIR**

On 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, the Chairman made the following announcement:—

“Hon’ble Members, as per the understanding arrived at in the Leaders Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, the House will today bid Farewell to its 53 Members who will be retiring in the coming months of June and July. No other business will be transacted today.”

*(Time taken: 01 Minute)*

**WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBER**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2016, the Chairman, under Rule 255 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha), directed Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy to withdraw immediately from the House.

Thereafter, the Member withdrew from the House.

*(Time taken: 03 Mts.)*



**RULING BY THE CHAIR**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, the Deputy Chairman gave the following ruling:—

“Hon’ble Members, this morning, Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, Member, Rajya Sabha raised a Point of Order asking the Chair to invoke rule 255 against some Members who were persistently not allowing the House to transact its business. I had then clarified to him that as per rule 255, the Chairman may direct any Member whose conduct in his opinion is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the Council and as such this rule cannot be applied to a group of Members. Quoting an instance of 2010, Shri Roy then contested that in 2010, rule 255 was invoked against a group of ten Members of the House and asked the Chair to follow the precedent. I told Shri Roy that I would examine the matter and give a ruling.

This is what happened when I was present. Subsequently, the Hon’ble Chairman came to the House for the Question Hour. Again, the matter was raised. Then, Hon’ble Chairman said that the ruling would be given by the Deputy Chairman on the subject raised by Shri Roy again and again.

Accordingly, I have seen the records and found that on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, seven Members of Rajya Sabha were suspended from the services of the House for the remaining part of the Session on a Motion moved by the then Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs under rule 256 and not under rule 255 as quoted by Shri Roy.

As I had said in the House this morning, the Chair is of the opinion that rule 255 can be invoked against one or two Members of the House if their conduct in his opinion is grossly disorderly. But if action has to be taken against a group of Members who disregard the authority of the Chair or abuse the rules of the Council by persistently and wilfully obstructing the business, then a Motion has to be moved in the House under rule 256 for suspending them from the services of the Council for a period not exceeding the remainder of the Session.”

*(Time taken: 03 Mts.)*

**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, 7 Government Bills, as passed by the Lok Sabha, during the Session.

*(Total Time taken:13 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.	25-04-2016	25-04-2016	0-02
2.	02-05-2016	02-05-2016	0-01
3.	09-05-2016	09-05-2016	0-02
<b>Total:</b>			<b>0-05</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	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	29-04-2016	0-01
2.	06-05-2016	0-01
<b>Total:</b>		<b>0-02</b>

## FAREWELL TO RETIRING MEMBERS

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, the Chairman bid farewell to 53 Members of the Rajya Sabha representing the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Odisha, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Jharkhand, who will be retiring in the months of June and July, 2016 on completion of their term of office.

The Deputy Chairman, the Prime Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Minister of Corporate Affairs and Minister of Information and Broadcasting and the Leader of the House and Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and some Members also associated with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman.

*(Time taken: 3 Hours)*

## MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

I. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016:—

(1) Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey raised a matter regarding technical defects during trials for Rio Olympics causing loss to Odisha athletes.

(2) Shri K. C. Tyagi raised a matter regarding teaching *Shaheed* Bhagat Singh as terrorist in the curriculum of the Delhi University.

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

(3) Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem raised a matter regarding minority status of Aligarh Muslim University.

Dr. Subramanian Swamy also spoke.

(4) Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu raised a matter regarding transport turmoil in the National Capital.

(5) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding plight of displaced families in Jharkhand due to industrialization.

(6) Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding unilateral decision of the Government in reducing interest rate on EPF.

(7) Dr. Sanjay Singh raised a matter regarding need to include *Pal (Dhangar)* community in the Scheduled Castes category.

(8) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding need to fix responsibility on brand ambassador for misleading advertisements of the products.

(9) Shri Anil Desai raised a matter regarding incident of fire in the National Museum of Natural History in Delhi.

II. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016:—

(10) Shri Pavan Kumar Varma raised a matter regarding agreement of Nepal with China on transit rights and multiple train routes.

(11) Shri Bhupinder Singh raised a matter regarding shifting of coach manufacturing project from Kalahandi to Visakhapatnam by Railways.

(12) Shri Pramod Tiwari raised a matter regarding alleged atrocities on students by the police in NIT, Srinagar.

(13) Shri Prabhat Jha raised a matter regarding death of children due to cancer in the country.

(14) Shri Sharad Yadav raised a matter regarding withdrawal of forces from Siachen.

(15) Dr. Subramanian Swamy raised a matter regarding contract between Augusta Westland and Christian Michel.

(16) Shri Motilal Vora raised a matter regarding illegal recovery from farmers by the Bio-tech company Maheco Mosento Bio-tech Ltd.

(17) Shri Gulam Rasool Balyawi raised a matter regarding alleged lynching of Muslims in Jharkhand.

Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of the Opposition* also spoke.

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

III. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2016:—

(18) Shri Bhupinder Singh raised a matter regarding need to bring back Kohinoor Diamond.

(19) Shri P. L. Punia raised a matter regarding need to increase the number of judges and to create All India Judicial Services.

(20) Shri A. U. Singh Deo raised a matter regarding need to rationalize parity between armed forces and bureaucracy.

Shri Anand Sharma and Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

(21) Shri Pramod Tiwari raised a matter regarding steep rise in prices of sugar, pulses and petroleum products.

(22) Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding need to transfer land for international memorial of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar.

(23) Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy raised a matter regarding need to transmit rate cut by RBI to consumers.

(24) Shri Tarun Vijay raised a matter regarding registration of Indian airplanes as "Viceroy Territory" (VT) by ICAO.

(25) Shri Ripun Bora raised a matter regarding conflict between Centre and States over NEET for admission to Medical Colleges.

(26) Shri Sharad Yadav raised a matter regarding huge pendency of cases in various courts of the country.

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.

(27) Shri Husain Dalwai raised a matter regarding increasing incidents of custodial deaths, particularly in Maharashtra.

(28) Dr. Satyanarayana Jatiya raised a matter regarding atrocities against women.

(29) Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey raised a matter regarding alleged neglect of Odisha in supplies under Public Distribution System.

Shri Bhupinder Singh also spoke.

(30) Shri V. Hanumantha Rao raised a matter regarding need for clarification on reservation policy of the Government.

(31) Dr. Sanjay Singh raised a matter regarding need to give compensation for delay in payment of wages in MGNREGA.

IV. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016:—

(32) Shri K. C. Tyagi raised a matter regarding deviation in the foreign policy of the country.

(33) Shri Pratap Singh Bajwa raised a matter regarding rising cases of farmer's suicide in Punjab.

(34) Shri C. P. Narayanan raised a matter regarding gruesome atrocities against SC girls in the country, particularly in Kerala.

Shri D. Raja and Shri Tarun Vijay also spoke.

Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, responded.

(35) Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding decision of the Government to appoint B. Tech degree holders instead of conducting SCRA exam.

(36) Shri Madhusudan Mistry raised a matter regarding need for proper implementation of Adarsh Gram Yojana.

(37) Shri Sanjay Raut raised a matter regarding situation arising out of the decision to demolish Adarsh Cooperative Housing Society.

(38) Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding inhuman condition of women in mental health institutions.

(39) Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu raised a matter regarding growing gap between unemployment and job creation in India.

(40) Shrimati Viplove Thakur raised a matter regarding ill-treatment of children in orphanages.

(41) Shri Rajeev Shukla raised a matter regarding issue of infringement by Executive and Judiciary in each other's domain.

V. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016:—

(42) Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav raised a matter regarding need to confer Bharat Ratna Award on legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand.

Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey also spoke.

(43) Shri Pavan Kumar Varma raised a matter regarding concern over top companies defaulting in bank loans.

(44) Shri Mohd. Ali Khan raised a matter regarding need for check on private hospitals by Government.

(45) Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding lathicharge and atrocity against peacefully agitating students of Central University at Allahabad.

(46) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding injustice meted out to lakhs of people at the time of establishment of Bokaro Steel Plant.

(47) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding situation arising due to change in pattern of disbursement of scholarship amount to minority students under DBT scheme.

Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, Minister of Minority Affairs, responded.

(48) Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding reduction in interest rate in small saving schemes affecting poor and senior citizens.

(49) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding concern over supply of fake and adulterated fitness and food supplements in the market.

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

(50) Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda raised a matter regarding need to conduct safety audit of government and private buildings.

(51) Shri Shamsheer Singh Dullo raised a matter regarding need for a national policy to give compensation to victims of terrorist violence.

VI. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016:—

(52) Shri Prabhat Jha raised a matter regarding death of a *dalit* man due to hunger in Banda, UP.

Km. Mayawati also spoke.

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

Shri Ramvilas Paswan, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, also responded.

(53) Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding situation due to deteriorating health of some JNU students participating in the indefinite fast.

Shri Sharad Yadav also spoke.

(54) Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap raised a matter regarding harmful effects on vegetation and increase in pollution due to burning of stubbles in fields.

(55) Shrimati Kakhkashan Perween raised a matter regarding incidents of eve-teasing of students in Haryana.

(56) Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding declining allocation for MGNREGA in the budget.

VII. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016:—

(57) Shri Shantaram Naik raised a matter regarding unresolved citizenship issue of Goa people who have registered their birth in Portugal.

(58) Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy raised a matter regarding dilution of compulsory jute packaging material in contravention of JPMA Act.

Shri Sharad Yadav also spoke.

(59) Shri Vijay Goel raised a matter regarding issue of paid news being published in news papers as advertisements.

Shri Sharad Yadav, Shri Anand Sharma, Shri Naresh Agrawal, Shri K. C. Tyagi, Shri Naresh Gujral and Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

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

(60) Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding Indian workers stranded in Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

(61) Shri Rajeev Shukla raised a matter regarding removal of names of national icons from text books and other places.

Shri Anand Sharma and 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.

(62) Shri A.U. Singh Deo raised a matter regarding appointment of retired judges in Government posts, affecting neutrality of judiciary.

(63) Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding threat to Western Ghats due to harmful industrial activities.

(64) Shri Devender Goud T. raised a matter regarding severe drought and heat wave in Telangana.



(65) Shri Pratap Singh Bajwa raised a matter regarding pilferage and siphoning of food grains in Punjab.

Shri Naresh Gujral also spoke.

(66) Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav raised a matter regarding crisis due to severe drought in the country.

(67) Shri Baishnab Parida raised a matter regarding need to protect Odia language in various States.

(68) Shri Husain Dalwai raised a matter regarding incidents of people falsely accused in terror cases.

(69) Dr. Subramanian Swamy raised a matter regarding 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first war of Independence led by *Jhansi Ki Rani*.

VIII. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016:—

(70) Dr. Sanjay Singh raised a matter regarding plantation of Eucalyptus trees affecting green revolution.

(71) Shri Bhupinder Singh raised a matter regarding depletion of ground water level in the country.

(72) Shri A.V. Swamy raised a matter regarding menace of migration and bondage of labourers in KBK region of Odisha.

(73) Shrimati Viplove Thakur raised a matter regarding need to give stoppage to 'Delhi - Jammu Mail' at Pathankot.

(74) Shri K. Rahman Khan raised a matter regarding concern over indifference towards the National Wakf Development Corporation.

Shri P. L. Punia also spoke.

(75) Shri Sharad Yadav raised a matter regarding operationalization of AIIMS like hospitals all over the country.

(76) Shri Prabhat Jha raised a matter regarding need to prohibit carrying of arms and firing in marriage functions.

Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav also spoke.

(77) Shri Shwait Malik raised a matter regarding need to expedite the work on Ferozepur-Patti - Amritsar rail track.

(78) Shri Narendra Budania raised a matter regarding reduction in the irrigated area of Kumbharam Arya Lift Canal.

(79) Dr. K.P. Ramalingam raised a matter regarding problems being faced by regional language students in the National Medical Entrance Exam.

(80) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding coal blocks endangering fresh water sources and forest areas in the country.

(81) Shri Arvind Kumar Singh raised a matter regarding agitation by Allahabad Central University Students to conduct off-line P. G. Entrance exam.

Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav also spoke.

Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Human Resource Development, responded.

*(Total time taken: 4 Hrs. & 43 Mts.)*

## **QUESTIONS**

**225** Starred Questions were put down in the List of Questions for oral answers, out of which **61** Questions were orally answered and answers to the remaining ones were laid on the Table of the House.

*(Total time taken: 8 Hrs. & 50 Mts.)*

**2391** 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 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.	28-04-2016	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 1228 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30 <sup>th</sup> July, 2015 regarding 'Children indulged in Begging'.	Social Justice and Empowerment	Shri Krishan Pal	0-01
2.	29-04-2016	Correcting the answer to Starred Question No. 94 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016 regarding 'Compensation to victims of rail accidents'.	Railways	Shri Manoj Sinha	0-01
3.	05-05-2016	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 1586 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016 regarding 'Reproductive Rights of Women'	Women and Child Development	Shrimati Maneka Sanjay Gandhi	0-01
				<b>Total :</b>	<b>0-03</b>

### STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	28-04-2016	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Fifty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Department of Space.	Dr. Jitendra Singh	0-01
2.	02-05-2016	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Forty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel (15 <sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha) on 'Coal pricing and issues relating to coal royalty' pertaining to the Ministry of Coal	Shri Piyush Goyal	0-01
3.	04-05-2016	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Demands for Grants (2014-15) of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs	Shri Jual Oram	—

4.	04-05-2016	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment	Shri Bandaru Dattatreya	} 0-01
5.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Ninety-second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Home Affairs	Shri Kiren Rijiju	
6.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel on Demands for Grants (2014-15) of the Ministry of Mines	Shri Vishnu Deo Sai	
7.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Mines	-do-	

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
8.	05-05-2016	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Sixty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Shri Kalraj Mishra	0-01
9.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	
10.	06-05-2016	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on "Business Development and Marketing Strategy in the Department of Posts" pertaining to the Department of Posts	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	0-01
11.	-do-	Status of Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on Review of Urban Haats pertaining to the Ministry of Textiles	Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar	

12.	06-05-2016	Status of implementation of recommendations/ observations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan	—
13.	09-05-2016	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Coal	Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman	} 0-01
14.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel on "Prevention of Illegal Coal Mining and Theft" pertaining to the Ministry of Coal	-do-	
<b>Total:</b>				<u><b>0-06</b></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.	27-04-2016	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Demand to take necessary action to protect jail officials from the fake complaints made by prisoners.	0-03
2.	-do-	Shri Gulam Rasool Balyawi	Demand to give adequate powers to the National Commission for Minorities.	} 0-01
3.	-do-	Shri Ripun Bora	Demand to take immediate steps for restructuring of the Brahmaputra Board and constitution of the Brahmaputra Valley River Basin Authority.	
*4.	-do-	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to give free assistance to farmers for rainwater harvesting to provide them water for irrigation and drinking.	
*5.	-do-	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Weakening foreign policy due to recent developments.	0-02
6.	28-04-2016	Shri Shantaram Naik	Demand to enact a legislation to protect the interests of consumers from being misguided by celebrity endorsement of consumer products.	0-01

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\* Special Mention was Made.



*7.	28-04-2016	Shri Bhupinder Singh	Demand to take necessary steps to give special category status to the State of Odisha.	0-02
*8.	-do-	Shri Husain Dalwai	Demand to give attention to address the demands of women farmers of Marathwada and Vidarbha in Maharashtra.	0-02
*9.	02-05-2016	Shri Hishey Lachungpa	Need to allow His Holiness Gyalwa Karmapa to visit Sikkim.	0-02
10.	03-05-2016	Shrimati Kanak Lata Singh	Demand to withdraw the current rule regarding cancellation of waitlisted tickets in the trains.	0-01
11.	-do-	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Demand to restructure the Administrative Staff College of India in Hyderabad.	
12.	-do-	Shri Ali Anwar Anasari	Demand to fill up the vacancies in the Government sector in the country.	
13.	-do-	Shri Gulam Rasool Balyawi	Demand to increase the number of minority representatives in the National Minority Commission.	
14.	-do-	Shri Ambeth Rajan	Demand to enact legislation to regularize Medicine Procurement Policy and black listing guidelines in the Government Departments.	

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\* Special Mention was Made.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
* 15.	04-05-2016	Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda	Need to restructure the organization of the Bureau of Civil Aviation & Security (BCAS).	0-03
* 16.	-do-	Shri Basawaraj Patil	Need for best use of money and infrastructure belonging to the ESI Hospital at Gulbarga, Karnataka.	0-01
17.	-do-	Shri Lal Sinh Vadodia	Need to improve the Post Office net banking services.	—
* 18.	-do-	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Need to make the Prime Minister Crop Insurance premium free and to provide free seeds to farmers.	0-01
* 19.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Need to release adequate funds for MGNREGA scheme to all the states immediately.	0-01
20.	05-05-2016	Shri Ravi Prakash Verma	Demand to make traffic rules more stringent to reduce casualties in the country.	0-02
21.	-do-	Shri Ronald Sapa Tlau	Demand to start more exploration projects of oil and natural gas in the North-Eastern region.	
22.	-do-	Kumari Selja	Demand to pay pending salaries of the last 21 months to the staff of H.M.T. (Tractor Division) Pinjore.	

\* Special Mention was Made.

23.	05-05-2016	Shri Shantaram Naik	Demand to explain the scientific reasons for performing <i>yagna</i> praying for rain.	}	0-03
24.	-do-	Shrimati Viplove Thakur	Demand to give special economic package to drought affected Himachal Pradesh to make availability of animal fodder.		
25.	-do-	Shri P. L. Punia	Demand for implementation of Right to Education Act to give 25 percent reservation for SC/ST students in the educational sector.		
26.	-do-	Shri Tarun Vijay	Demand to take necessary action against the forest timber mafia for causing forest fire in Uttarakhand.		
*27.	06-05-2016	Shri Bhupinder Singh	Need to increase allocation of food grains, particularly rice to Odisha to counter the effects of severe drought.		0-02
*28.	-do-	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Need to provide potable water to every citizen of India.		0-04
*29.	11-05-2016	Dr. K.P. Ramalingam	Demand to give the Drug Controller General of India the status of an autonomous body.		0-02
*30.	-do-	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Demand to include heat waves in the list of natural calamities.		0-02

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\* Special Mention was Made.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
31.	11-05-2016	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to address the matter of rising Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India.	—
*32.	-do-	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to include various sub-castes of the <i>Machuwa</i> caste in the SC/ST category.	0-02
33.	-do-	Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya	Acute malnutrition prevailing among children in several districts of Rajasthan.	} 0-01
34.	-do-	Shri Devender Goud T.	Demand to conduct a separate census for OBCs for better formulation of welfare schemes for them.	
35.	-do-	Shri Bhupinder Singh	Demand to make a composite plan and take action on Arrears Eradication Scheme recommended by the Malimath Committee to reduce huge pendency of cases in various courts.	
*36.	-do-	Shrimati Gundu Sudharani	Demand to remove encroachment from defence lands, especially from Secunderabad Cantonment Board area.	0-02
37.	-do-	Shri Dilip Kumar Turkey	Demand to upgrade the Rourkela Railway station.	—
<b>Total</b>				<b>0-42</b>

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\* Special Mention was Made.

### 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/laid on the Table of the House: —

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Ministry	Minister-in-Charge	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	28-04-2016	Shri Raj Babbar	#Imposition of Central Excise Duty on the gold jewellery by the Government leading to resentment among jewellers in the country.	Finance	Shri Arun Jaitley	1-02
2.	05-05-2016	Shri Tapan Kumar Sen	Repeated incidents of violence against the cattle traders in various parts of the country	Home Affairs	Shri Kiren Rijiju	1-17
<b>Total :</b>						<b>2-19</b>

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<sup>#</sup> Statement by the Minister was laid on the Table of the House.

**SHORT DURATION DISCUSSIONS (Discussions under Rule 176)**

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member who raised the discussion	Subject	No. of Speakers	Minister who replied	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	27-04-2016	Shri A. U. Singh Deo	Serious situation arising out of prevailing drought and heat wave conditions and resultant water crisis in the country and the remedial measures taken by the Government in regard thereto.	24	Sushri Uma Bharati, <i>Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation</i>  Shri Radha Mohan Singh, <i>Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare</i>	4-56
2.	04-05-2016	Shri Bhupender Yadav	*Allegations of bribery and corruption in Augusta Westland chopper deal.	14	Shri Manohar Parrikar, <i>Minister of Defence</i>	4-51
<b>Total:</b>						<b>9-47</b>

\* The allocation of time for discussion was revised in the Leader's meeting from 2-30 hrs. to 4-00 hrs.

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

Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
25-04-2016	Circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by promulgation of the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Second Ordinance, 2016.	Shri Kiren Rijju	0-01
<b>Total:</b>			<b>0-01</b>

**BUDGET — LAID ON THE TABLE**

Date	Particulars	Minister who laid on the Table	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
10-05-2016	The Budget (Uttarakhand), 2016-17	Shri Jayant Sinha	0-01
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		<b>Total:</b>	<b>0-01</b>



### DISCUSSION ON THE WORKING OF MINISTRIES

Sl. No.	Date(s)	Ministry Discussed	Discussion Initiated by	No. of Speakers	Minister who replied	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
1.	03-05-2016	Health and Family Welfare	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, <i>Leader of the Opposition</i>	21	Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	5-23
2.	05-05-2016 06-05-2016	Human Resource Development	Shri Naresh Agrawal	23	Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani	5-30
<b>Total:</b>						<u><b>10-53</b></u>

**GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	Time allotted Hrs. Mts.	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	#The Appropriation Acts (Repeal) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	11-05-2015	26-04-2016 27-04-2016	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	3	1-00	0-25	Passed, as amended.
2.	#The Repealing and Amending (Third) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	07-08-2015						

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# Discussed together.

3.	The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2016, as passed by Lok Sabha	16-03-2016	28-04-2016	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	11	2-00	2-39	Passed.
4.	The Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	11-12-2015	28-04-2016	Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman	3	1-00	0-25	Passed, as amended.
5.	The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2016, as passed by Lok Sabha	16-03-2016	02-05-2016	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar	6	2-00	1-12	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.	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
6.	The Appropriation (Railways) No. 2 Bill, 2016, as passed by Lok Sabha	27-04-2016	02-05-2016	Shri Suresh Prabhu	11	2-00	2-13	Returned.
7.	The Anti-Hijacking Bill, 2014	17-12-2016	04-05-2016	Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Puspapati	2	*1-00	0-15	Passed, as amended.

\* The Allocation of time on the Bill was decided in the Leader's meeting.

8.	The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2016, as passed by Lok Sabha	03-05-2016	}	Shri Jayant Sinha	22	*4-00	4-27	The Bills were discussed together and Returned.
		09-05-2016		Shri Arun Jaitley				
		10-05-2016						
		11-05-2016						
9.	The Finance Bill, 2016, as passed by Lok Sabha	05-05-2016						

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\* The Allocation of time on the Bill was revised in the Leader's meeting from 4-00 hrs. to 3-00 hrs.

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
10.	The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws and Miscellaneous Provisions (Amendment) Bill, 2016	11-05-2016	11-05-2016	Shri Arun Jaitley	—	No time was allotted by BAC	0-04	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.

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*The Motion referring the Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws and Miscellaneous Provisions (Amendment) Bill, 2016 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 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. The message from Lok Sabha was reported on the same day in the Rajya Sabha. The motion for referring the Bill to the Joint Committee was moved and adopted by the Rajya Sabha thereafter, without the issuance of Supplementary List of Business on that day.*

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

11.	The Rajendra Central Agricultural University Bill, 2015		11-05-2016	Shri Mohanbhai Kalyanjibhai Kundariya Shri Radha Mohan Singh	—	0-30	0-09	Passed, as amended.
12.	The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, as passed by Lok Sabha	06-05-2016	11-05-2016	Shri Jayant Sinha Shri Arun Jaitley	8	*2-00	1-24	Passed.

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Shri Jayant Sinha moved the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, for consideration of the House. Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information and Broadcasting and Shri Jayant Sinha, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance replied to the debate.

\* The allocation of time on the Bill was revised in the Leader's meeting from 2-00 hrs. to 1-00 hr.

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
13.	The Indian Trusts (Amendment) Bill, 2015, as passed by Lok Sabha	10-12-2015	11-05-2016	Shri Arun Jaitley	—	2-00	0-05	Passed, as amended.
						<b>Total:</b>	<b>13-18</b>	



**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.	29-04-2016	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (amendment of articles 15 and 16)	Prof. M. V. Rajeev Gowda	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
2.	-do-	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2016	Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda	—	—	0-02	-do-
3.	-do-	The Special Courts for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Bill, 2016	-do-	—	—	} 0-01	-do-
4.	-do-	The Prevention of Atrocities on Women Bill, 2016	-do-	—	—		-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
5.	29-04-2016	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (Insertion of new article 21A)	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
6.	-do-	The Bail Bill, 2016	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy	—	—	0-01	-do-
7.	-do-	The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Dr. K. V. P. Ramachandra Rao	Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs</i>	4	1-23	Under consideration.  (The Bill was moved for consideration on the 11 <sup>th</sup> of March, 2016).
						<b>Total:</b>	<b>1-29</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.	06-05-2016	Shrimati Rajani Patil	<p>“Having regard to the fact that:—</p> <p>(i) the women in our country are still not economically independent and those who brave to venture out of their homes to work in the fields, establishments, shops and Government departments and establishments are sexually harassed despite several laws have been enacted to prevent this menace ;</p> <p>(ii) girls and women are also subjected to teasing, molestation, disrobing and sometimes paraded naked in full public view and also branded as witches and ultimately killed as such; and</p>	Shrimati Maneka Sanjay Gandhi	3	1-14	Withdrawn by leave of the House.

(iii) the condition of widows, infirm and destitute old women is more precarious who are not supported by their kins or who have no one to take care of them and who are forced to survive on begging and working as maids in houses and remain exploited throughout their lives,

this House urges upon the Government to —

(a) make stringent provisions of capital punishment for rape on girls and women and also for commercial sexual exploitation of girl child and for incestuous rape on girls and women by suitably amending the provisions of the Indian Penal Code and other related laws;

- (b) amend the existing social laws so that a women should inherit half of the movable and immovable property of her husband after her marriage as a measure of social security to her;
- (c) reserve posts for women in all public employment so that they become economically independent; and
- (d) introduce welfare measures, subsistence allowance, old age allowance, medical care, old age and caring homes for the destitute widows, infirm and old women so that they too lead a honourable life in the society."

2.	06-05-2016	Shri D. Raja	“Having regard to the fact that:—	—	5	1-13	Under consideration.  After taking
			(i) snatching away somebody's life for crimes committed is not in consonance with evolving				

jurisprudence which embraces in its scope measures to reform the person and transform psychology in tune with the values of compassion and humanism;

- (ii) commission of the crime by somebody does not contract the scope to reform him or her, rather an approach to address the hidden faculties for realizing human worth is now accepted proposition in criminal jurisprudence and this is true for all human beings including those who have been convicted for heinous crimes;
- (iii) committing a crime is more a sociological than a legal problem;
- (iv) research demonstrates the disproportionate use of death penalty against disadvantaged groups, as a study by students of National Law University,

the sense of the House, the Vice-Chairman (Shri V. P. Singh Badnore) announced that further 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.

Delhi has shown that there are caste and religious biases in the imposition of death penalty in India, indicating that 94% of the persons given death sentences for terror related cases belonged to *Dalit* caste or religious minorities;

- (v) the former President of India, late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam had supported abolition of death penalty saying that as President, he felt pain in deciding mercy petitions of death row convicts since most of them had social and economic bias;
- (vi) the Supreme Court of India itself has admitted to errors and miscarriage of justice due to the arbitrary application of death penalty;

- (vii) the Law Commission Chairman, Justice AP.Shah has also said that there is a serious need to re-examine the issue of death penalty since there are several inconsistencies in the system, which led to arbitrariness and discrimination in the imposition of death penalty; and
- (viii) the majority of the members of United Nations have voted in support of the U.N. General Assembly resolution calling for a moratorium on the death penalty and India is among the minority of the Member countries still voting against the resolution seeking to ban the death penalty,



this House urges upon the Government-

- (a) to reconsider its stand and make necessary amendments to various laws which have provisions for the death penalty so as to abolish capital punishment in the country; and
- (b) to declare a moratorium on all death sentence executions till the abolition of death penalty."

**Total:** 2-27

**VALEDICTORY REMARKS**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, the Chairman made valedictory remarks on the conclusion of the Session.

*(Time taken: 04 Minutes)*

**NATIONAL SONG**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, 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	0-16
3.	Welcome to new Members	0-01
4.	Obituary References	0-14
5.	References by the Chair	0-05
6.	Felicitations by the Chair	0-01
7.	Proclamations under article 356 of the Constitution	0-01
8.	Papers Laid on the Table	0-18
9.	Reports/ Statements of the Committees Presented/Laid on the Table	0-29
10.	Report on Indian Parliamentary Participation at International Conference	0-01
11.	Report and Evidence of the Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha on the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2016	0-01
12.	Motions for Election/Appointment of Members to various Committees/Bodies	0-02
13.	Motions for extension of time for presentation of the Reports of the Select Committees of the Rajya Sabha	0-02
14.	Motions for Appointment of Members to the Select Committees of the Rajya Sabha	0-01
15.	Amendment to the Motion for Reference of the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2016 to a Select Committee	0-01
16.	Motion for Appointment to the Joint Committee on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2015	0-02
17.	Resignation by Members	0-02
18.	Leave of Absence	0-06
19.	Announcement by the Chair	0-01

Sl. No.	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
20.	Withdrawal of Member	0-03
21.	Ruling by Chair	0-03
22.	Messages from the Lok Sabha-Reported/Government Bills Laid on the Table	0-13
23.	Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee	0-05
24.	Statements regarding Government Business	0-02
25.	Farewell to Retiring Members	3-00
26.	Matters raised with permission	4-43
27.	Questions	8-50
28.	Statements by Ministers Correcting Answers to Questions	0-03
29.	Statements by Ministers	0-06
30.	Special Mentions	0-42
31.	Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance	2-19
32.	Short Duration Discussions ( <i>Discussion Under Rule 176</i> )	9-47
33.	Statement regarding Ordinance – Laid on the Table	0-01
34.	Budget — Laid on the Table	0-01
35.	Discussion on the Working of the Ministries	10-53
36.	Government Legislative Business	13-18
37.	Private Members' Business	
	I. Private Members' Bills	1-29
	II. Private Member's Resolutions	2-27
38.	Valedictory Remarks	0-04
39.	National Song	0-01
40.	Points Raised	9-41
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>69-36</u></b>

**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
	Hrs.	Mts.	Hrs.	Mts.	
25-04-2016	1	17	4	42	The House was repeatedly adjourned, Question Hour was disrupted and Government Legislative Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House, shouting slogans and displaying placards protesting against the political crisis in Uttarakhand and the Central Government's stand on the said issue.
26-04-2016	1	28	4	32	The House was repeatedly adjourned, Question Hour was disrupted and Government Legislative Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House, shouting slogans and protesting against the political crisis in Uttarakhand and the Central Government's stand on the said issue.
27-04-2016	7	10	0	31	The House was adjourned twice during the Zero Hour due to Members belonging to INC and IUML rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans over the recent developments as reported in some newspapers and media on the Augusta Westland Chopper Deal.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost due to adjournments following interruptions		Remarks
	Hrs.	Mts.	Hrs.	Mts.	
28-04-2016	6	17	0	00	—
29-04-2016	3	36	0	04	The House was adjourned during the Zero Hour due to Members belonging to INC and JD (U) rushing into the 'Well of the House and shouting slogans in protest against the alleged lynching of Muslims in Jharkhand and Central Government's inaction in the matter.
02-05-2016	4	24	2	12	The House was repeatedly adjourned due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well of the House and shouting slogans over the Agusta Westland Chopper Deal and CAG report citing irregularities in the Gujarat State's Petroleum Corporations KG Basin Gas Project and demanding discussion on the said issue.
03-05-2016	7	30	0	00	—
04-05-2016	7	46	0	00	—
05-05-2016	8	03	0	00	—

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*On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016, the House was also adjourned for the day due to lack of Quorum.*

06-05-2016	5	27	0	19	The House was adjourned for some time during the Zero Hour and Question Hour due to Members belonging to SP and INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans over the train allegedly sent by the Ministry of Railways carrying empty water tankers to Bundelkhand reeling under water scarcity and demanding apology from the Railway Minister for his statement outside the House that the Government of Uttar Pradesh has rejected the assistance of the Central Government.
09-05-2016	1	37	4	23	The House was repeatedly adjourned, Question Hour was disrupted and Government Legislative Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans over the statement made by the Prime Minister in an election rally alleging involvement of Senior Congress Leader in the Agusta Westland Chopper Deal and demanding a statement from the Prime Minister in the House on the issue.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost due to adjournments following interruptions		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
10-05-2016	3	22	2	38	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Government Legislative Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House and shouting slogans over the Uttarakhand and Agusta Westland Chopper Deal.
11-05-2016	8	25	0	00	—
12-05-2016	0	04	0	00	The House was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Shri Praveen Rashtrapal, a sitting Member.
13-05-2016	3	10	0	00	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	

- 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 239<sup>th</sup> Session –  
At a glance**

<b>Sittings</b>	
Date of issue of Summons	07-04-2016
Duration of the Session	25-04-2016 to 13-05-2016
Number of actual days of sitting	15
Actual Hours of sittings ( <i>excluding recess intervals</i> )	69 Hrs.& 36 Mts.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	19 Hrs. & 21 Mts.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	10 Hrs. & 06 Mts.
Date of prorogation of Session	19-05-2016
<b>Questions</b>	
No. of Starred Questions listed	225
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	61
No. of Unstarred Questions answered	2391
Short Notice Questions	-
Half-an-Hour Discussions	-
<b>Government Bills</b>	
No. of Bills introduced	-
No. of Bills withdrawn	-
No. of Bills passed/returned	12
No. of Bills referred to Joint/Select Committee	1
No. of Bills deferred	-
<b>Private Members' Business</b>	
No. of Bills introduced	6
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	1
No. of Bills withdrawn/negatived	-
No. of Bills passed	-
No. of Bills on which debate adjourned	-
No. of Resolution part discussed	1
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negatived	1

<b>Oath/Affirmation</b>	
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation	16
<b>Statements by Ministers</b>	
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers	-
No. of Statements laid regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees	14
<b>Matters of public importance raised</b>	
No. of Calling Attentions	2
No. of Short Duration Discussions	2
No. of Special Mentions	37
No. of Matters raised with permission	81
Submission by Members	-
<b>Papers Laid on the Table</b>	<b>717</b>

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