

RAJYA SABHA
STATISTICAL INFORMATION
PERTAINING TO THE 230TH SESSION

[05-12-2013 TO 18-12-2013]

1. The 230th Session (Winter Session) commenced on Thursday, the 5th December, 2013. The Session which was scheduled to adjourn *sine die* on the 20th December, 2013 comes to an end today, the 18th December, 2013.
2. The Session had **10** sittings in all and the House sat for more than **10** hours. During the Session, more than **25** hours were lost on issues like (a) tabling of JPC Report relating to allocation and pricing of Telecom Licences and Spectrum, (b) death of children in Muzaffarnagar Relief Camps, (c) price-rise of essential commodities, (d) reported formation of the State of Telengana, (e) demand for inclusion of 17 OBCs of Uttar Pradesh in the list of Scheduled Castes, (f) demand for resignation of Shri A. K. Ganguly, former Judge of Supreme Court, (g) arrest of Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy, (h) letter written by Home Minister to Bihar Chief Minister on naxal issue, (i) the issues related to the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Bill, (j) public humiliation of Indian Deputy Consul General in New York, and (k) protest against the introduction of the Constitution (119th Amendment) Bill.
3. **2** new Members *namely* Shri Pramod Kumar and Shrimati Kanak Lata Singh elected in the bye-elections held from the State of Uttar Pradesh, joined the House during the Session.
4. During the Session, the Chair made references to the passing away of Shri Mohan Singh, sitting Member, Shri Sis Ram Ola, Minister of Labour and Employment, Shri Manna Dey, Mr. Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa and 5 former Members of the Rajya Sabha.
5. References to the victims of (a) terrorist attack on a Shopping Mall in Nairobi, Kenya; (b) super Typhoon, *Yolanda (Haiyan)* that struck parts of Philippines; (c) crash of a Boeing 737 airliner while attempting to land in the city of Kazan in Russia; (d) stampede that occurred on a bridge leading to Ratangarh temple in Datia District of Madhya Pradesh; (e) cyclone '*Phailin*' and '*Helen*' and subsequent heavy rains and floods that struck the States of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh; (f) fire in luxury buses on Bangalore-Hyderabad National Highway in Andhra Pradesh and in Haveri, Karnataka; (g) series of incidents in Muzaffarnagar District of Uttar Pradesh, (h) incident at a rally in Patna, and (i) 12th Anniversary of the terrorist attack on the Parliament Building were made by the Chair. The Chair also made references to the successful launch of *Mangalyaan* (Spacecraft to Mars) from the ISRO Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota and on the Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights being celebrated world over as Human Rights Day.

6. The Chair offered felicitations to Shri Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar, a nominated Member of the House, on being conferred the 'Bharat Ratna'.
 7. A *suo motu* statement on the outcome of the 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO held at Bali, Indonesia was made in the House. **21** statements were made/laid on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Reports of various DRPS Committees.
 8. There were **13** Special Mentions on Matters of Public Importance which were made/laid during the Session. **7** matters were also raised with the permission of the Chair.
 9. **3** Government Bills were introduced and **2** Government Bills were withdrawn. An important legislation *namely*, the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Bill which provides for anti-graft ombudsman, was passed, by dispensing with the Question Hour, during the Session. Two Appropriation Bills relating to Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) and (Railways) were also returned.
 10. During the Session, **89** Reports/Statements of various Parliamentary Committees including those of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees were presented or laid on the Table of the House.
 11. Report on the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, Report of the One Man Inquiry Committee headed by Justice Mukul Mudgal, former Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court constituted to hold an inquiry into the media report concerning Wal-Mart, Special Report titled 'Good Governance for Tribal Development and Administration' of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Report of the UPSC, 21st Action Taken Report on the recommendations of JPC on Stock Market Scam and Report of the National Commission for Backward Classes were some of the important Reports that were laid on the Table of the House during the Session.
 12. During the Session, **200** Starred Questions and **1550** Unstarred Questions were admitted and their answers were laid on the Table. No question could be answered orally.
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Highlights of work transacted during the 230th Session – At a glance

Sittings	
Date of issue of Summons	13-11-2013
Duration of the Session	05-12-2013 to 18-12-2013
Number of actual days of sitting	10
Actual Hours of sittings (<i>excluding recess intervals</i>)	10+ Hrs.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	25+ Hrs.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	1^{1/2} Hrs.
Date of prorogation of Session	-
Questions	
No. of Starred Questions listed	200
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	-
No. of Unstarred Questions answered	1550
Short Notice Questions	-
Half-an-Hour Discussions	-
Government Bills	
No. of Bills introduced	3
No. of Bills withdrawn	2
No. of Bills passed/returned	3
No. of Bills referred to Select Committee	-
No. of Bills deferred	-
Private Members' Business	
No. of Bills introduced	-
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	-
No. of Bills withdrawn/negatived	-
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	1
No. of Statements laid regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees	21
Matters of public importance raised	
No. of Calling Attentions	-
No. of Short Duration Discussions	-
No. of Special Mentions	13
No. of Matters raised with permission	7
Submission by Members	-
Papers Laid on the Table	986