

RAJYA SABHA

STATISTICAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE 231ST SESSION

[9-06-2014 TO 11-06-2014]

1. The 231st Session of Rajya Sabha, first after the constitution of the 16th Lok Sabha, commenced on Monday, the 9th of June, 2014 with the President's Address to both the Houses of Parliament.
2. The Session had 3 sittings in all and the House sat for more than 15 hours. During the Session, about one hour was lost on issues like lack of law and order situation in the State of Uttar Pradesh and publishing the names of some Members in Parliamentary Bulletin, who came into the 'Well' in violation of Rules and the House also sat late for about 5 hours to complete the parliamentary business.
3. During the Session, Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India was introduced to the House by the Chair. 22 Union Cabinet Ministers, 10 Minister of State (Independent Charge) and 11 Ministers of State were also introduced by the Prime Minister to the House.
4. 54 newly elected/re-elected Members in the biennial elections held from 16 States *namely* Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu & West Bengal and one Nominated Member joined the House during the Session and the Chairman welcomed these Members.
5. The House was informed about the appointment of Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, as the Leader of the House and recognition of Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha.

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6. During the Session, the House condoled the death of Shri Gopinathrao Munde, Union Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water and Sanitation, Dr. N. Janardhana Reddy, sitting Member & six former Members of the Rajya Sabha.
7. The Chairman made a reference on the tragic incident of drowning of some students from an engineering college in Hyderabad in the River Beas in Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh.
8. The President's Address was discussed in the form of Motion of Thanks which spread over 2 days and lasted for more than 13 Hours.
9. During the Session, 4 Ordinances promulgated by the President under Article 123 of the Constitution and 4 Proclamations issued by the President under Article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana were laid on the Table of the House.
10. During the Session, 9 Reports of various Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees were laid on the Table of the House.

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Highlights of work transacted during the 231st Session - At a glance

Sittings		
Date of issue of Summons		30-05-2014
Duration of the Session		09-06-2014 to 11-06-2014
Number of actual days of sitting		03
Actual Hours of sittings (<i>excluding recess intervals</i>)		15 Hrs. & 28 Mts.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments		52 Mts.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess		4 Hrs. & 58 Mts.
Date of prorogation of Session		-
Questions		
No. of Starred Questions listed	}	There was no Question Hour during the Session.
No. of Starred Questions answered orally		
No. of Unstarred Questions answered		
Short Notice Questions		
Half-an-Hour Discussions		
Government Bills		
No. of Bills introduced		NIL
No. of Bills withdrawn		NIL
No. of Bills passed/returned		NIL
No. of Bills referred to Select Committee		NIL
No. of Bills deferred		NIL
Private Members' Business		
No. of Bills introduced	}	There was no Private Members' Business during the Session
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)		
No. of Bills withdrawn/negated		
No. of Resolution part discussed		
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negated		
Oath/Affirmation		
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation		25
Statements by Ministers		
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers		NIL
No. of Statements laid regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees		NIL
Matters of public importance raised		
No. of Calling Attentions		NIL
No. of Short Duration Discussions		NIL
No. of Special Mentions		NIL
No. of Matters raised with permission Submission by Members		NIL
Papers Laid on the Table		25