

LOK SABHA

SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES (Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)

Friday, December 13, 2019 / Agrahayana 22, 1941 (Saka)

REFERENCE BY THE SPEAKER

*Re: The Eighteenth anniversary of the terrorist attack on Parliament House on
13th December, 2001*

HON'BLE SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, as you all are aware, 18 years ago on 13th December, 2001 the terrorists, in a brazen attack, sought to hit the Parliament of India, edifice of our democratic polity. This attack was foiled by our alert security forces guarding the Parliament complex. Five security personnel of Delhi police, one woman constable of CRPF, two Security Assistants of the Parliament Security Services and one other employee achieved martyrdom in this terrorist attack. The House pays homage to the supreme sacrifice made by these martyrs and expresses its condolences to their families. On this occasion, let us reiterate our resolve to make a fresh endeavour to combat the scourge of terrorism

and reaffirm our pledge to protect the unity, integrity and sovereignty of our motherland.

The Members, then, stood in silence for a short while.

VALEDICTORY REFERENCE

HON'BLE SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, we have now come to the close of the Second session of the Seventeenth Lok Sabha, which commenced on the 18th November, 2019. We have, 20 sittings spread over 130 hours and 45 minutes. 4 New Members took oath or made affirmation on the 18th November, 2019. The Session also saw the disposal of important Financial, Legislative and other Business. The Discussion on Supplementary Demands for Grants (General), 2019-2020 lasted for 5 hrs 05 minutes. During the current Session, 18 Government Bills were introduced. In all, 14 Bills were passed. 140 Starred Questions were orally answered. Thus, on an average about 7.36 Questions were answered per day. Further, on an average 20.42 Supplementary Questions were answered per day. On 27th November, 2019 all 20 Starred Questions were taken up. A total of 934 matters of urgent public importance were raised by the members after Question Hour and by sitting late in the evening. An average of 58.37 matters per day were

raised as against stipulated balloted 20 matters. Furthermore, 40 disallowed notices of Adjournment Motion were converted into zero hour matters which were also allowed to be raised in the House. A total of 364 matters under Rule 377 were taken up. Out of these matters, 121 were raised on the floor of the House and 243 matters were laid. The Standing Committees presented 48 Reports to the House. As many as 15 statements were made by the Ministers on various important subjects including 3 statements by Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs regarding Government Business. During the Session, as many as 1669 papers were laid on the Table by the Ministers concerned. The House also held two short duration discussions under rule 193. First of all, discussion on air pollution and climate change was held, which lasted for 7 hrs 49 minutes and the discussion on crop loss due to various reasons and its impact on farmers also lasted for 7 hrs and 21 minutes. Coming to the Private Members' Business, as many as 28 Bills on different subjects were introduced by private members during the second session. Motion for consideration of the Compulsory Voting Bill, 2019 was further discussed on 22 November, 2019. The discussion did not conclude on that day. As regards, Private Members' Resolution, the resolution regarding the construction of canals through Ken-Betwa river-linking project was further discussed on 29 November, 2019. The discussion did not conclude on that day. In this session, the House sat late for 28 hours and 43 minutes to discuss various important issues. As

such, the productivity of the House has been recorded over 115 per cent. A function to commemorate 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution Day- 'Samvidhan Divas' was held on Tuesday, the 26th November, 2019 in Central Hall, Parliament House. Along with hon. President of India, Vice-President, Prime Minister of India, I also on this occasion addressed the House. Members of Parliament of both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha attended the function. As a step towards capacity building of the Members of Parliament, a new initiative has been taken by the Reference Division to organize briefing Session on important Legislative Business before the House. The Objective is to provide information to the Members of Parliament on the legislative issues before the House. Once a Bill is introduced, briefing session on the Bill is organized in which senior officers from the Ministry/Department concerned brief the Members. So far, nine Briefing Sessions have been organized during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament, 2019. Members have appreciated the interactive nature of the discussions and the valuable inputs shared/exchanged during the Session. I would like to thank all of my hon. colleagues in the Panel of Chairpersons for their contribution in the completion of business of the House. I am extremely grateful to the hon. Prime Minister, Ministers of Parliamentary Affairs, Leaders of various parties and groups as well as the hon. Members for their cooperation. I would also like to thank, on behalf of all of you, our friends in the Press and Media. I take this opportunity to

compliment the Secretary-General and the officers and staff of the Lok Sabha Secretariat for their dedicated and prompt service to the House. I also thank the allied agencies for their able assistance in the conduct of the proceedings of the House.

NATIONAL SONG

The National Song was played.

(The Lok Sabha, then adjourned sine die.)

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