

## LOK SABHA

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### SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES (Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)

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Friday, April 6, 2018 / Chaitra 16, 1940 (Saka)

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#### OBSERVATION BY THE SPEAKER

**HON'BLE SPEAKER:** Today is the last day. We have to take No Confidence Motion also. If you are not ready to take them, then I will adjourn the House. I want to take No Confidence Motion, but you do not want to run the House.

*The notices could not be brought before the House as it was not in order.*

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#### VALEDICTORY REFERENCE

**HON. SPEAKER:** The Fourteenth Session of the Sixteenth Lok Sabha is coming to a close today.

The first part of this Budget Session commenced on 29 January, 2018 with the Address by the Hon'ble President to the Members of both the Houses assembled together in the Central Hall.

The Union Budget, comprising both General and Railway Budgets for the year 2018-19, was presented on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2018.

During the Session, we had 29 sittings spread over 34 hours 05 minutes. Of these, 7 sittings were held in the first part and 22 sittings were held in the second part of the Session.

The House discussed the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. It was adopted on 7 February, 2018 after a debate lasting for 10 hours and 43 minutes.

A discussion on the Union Budget for 2018-19, was held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 lasting for 12 hours 13 minutes.

The House adjourned on 9 February, 2018 to enable the Standing Committees to examine the Demands for Grants of various Ministries/ Departments and submit their Reports.

After the recess, the second part of the Budget Session commenced on 5 March, 2018.

During the second part, the Demands for Grants, in respect of Budget (General) for 2018-19 of all the Ministries, including Railways were submitted to the vote of the House and voted in full on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 and the related Appropriation Bill was passed.

The House passed the Finance Bill, 2018 on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

The Supplementary Demands for Grants Fourth Batch for 2017-18 were passed along with related Appropriation Bill.

During the current Session, 5 Government Bills were introduced. In all, 5 Bills were passed, notably, the Finance Bill, 2018; the Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2017; and the Specific Relief (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

During the session, out of 580 starred questions 17 Questions were answered orally. Thus, on an average, 0.58 Questions were answered per day. Written replies to the remaining Starred Questions alongwith 6670 Unstarred questions were laid on the Table.

Hon. Members also raised 238 matters under rule 377.

During this Session, the Departmentally Related Standing Committees presented 61 reports.

As many as 43 statements (including one statement under rule 199 and 3 statements of Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs) were made by the Ministers on various other important subjects.

During the Session, as many as 1185 papers were laid on the Table of the House by the Ministers concerned.

While we lost 127 hours 45 minutes of time due to interruptions and adjournments due to various reasons, the House also sat late for 9 hours and 47 minutes and transacted urgent Government Business. I only wish to state that House is the most sacrosanct forum for Members to raise matters of public interests and welfare of the people. I do appreciate the concern of Hon'ble

Members to raise matters relating to their constituencies but they have to also keep in mind the larger interests of the country. It has always been my endeavour to provide opportunity to Members to raise issues in the House after giving proper notice.

On a positive note, I wish to make a special mention here that notwithstanding the standoff in the House, I got cooperation from all the parties in holding National Legislators Conference on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The conference which had the theme of 'We for Development' was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister. During the conference Members of Parliament and State Legislatures and CEO and Members of NITI AAYOG actively participated and made meaningful interventions on the welfare initiatives in the aspirational districts of the country. The success of the conference is indeed a matter of great happiness for me which underscores the fact that when it comes to topical and core public interest issues, the fraternity of Legislatures rise to the occasion.

Speaking of positive initiatives I would also like to mention here the inauguration of the Western Court Annexe building by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. This Annexe building, State of art structure in its own rights, was completed six months before the stipulated time and would go a long way in facilitating quality accommodation particularly to the newly elected Members after the General Election to the next Lok Sabha. We are also considering to make this

new Building useful for the guests of Members and also for ex-Members. I wish to compliment all the Engineers, Architects, Officers and Staff of the Ministry of Urban Development, the CPWD and also the Lok Sabha Secretariat in achieving this feat.

I would like to thank the hon. Deputy Speaker and my colleagues in the Panel of Chairmen for their co-operation in the conduct of the House. I also express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Leaders and Chief Whips of various parties and groups and the Hon'ble Members for their cooperation. I would also like to thank, on behalf of all of you, our friends in the Press and the Media. I take this opportunity to thank 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.

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### **NATIONAL SONG**

*The National Song was played.*

*The Lok Sabha, then adjourned sine die.*

**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA**  
*Secretary General*

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