



Text of the Valedictory remarks made in the House today by Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha

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CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members, with the conclusion of the 270th Session of the Rajya Sabha, we mark the end of the Budget Session of Parliament. I am deeply appreciative of your valuable perspectives that enriched the discussions in the House.

Among the three sessions of the Parliament, the Budget Session holds the place of primacy. It is not only the longest of all three sessions but also the most consequential in shaping the nation's growth trajectory. The budgetary allocations approved, the policies endorsed and the priorities affirmed during this Session have a direct bearing on the life of every citizen of Bharat.

Hon'ble Members, the Session commenced with the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the Hon'ble President's Address spanning over four days, during which 79 Members of this House participated with effusive energy and earnestness. The reply of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to the discussion on the Motion of Thanks brought clarity and context to the many points raised by the Hon'ble Members across the aisle.

The discussion on the Union Budget 2026–27 was equally incisive and comprehensive. Spanning over four days, it witnessed the participation of as many as 97 Members. Besides, the House also held substantial discussions on the working of two key Ministries of the Government.

The House also took note of the suo moto statements made by the Minister of Commerce and Industry on India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement and the Minister of External Affairs regarding the situation in West Asia. The statement made by Hon'ble Prime Minister on the ongoing West Asia conflict and the challenges faced by India especially to meet its energy requirements as a result of it, presented the evolving situation in a proper perspective and underlined the need for a collective resolve of the nation to face it.

I am pleased to note that as many as 50 Private Members' Bills were introduced during this Session.

I am delighted to share that on 94 occasions, Hon'ble Members spoke in 12 regional languages included in the 8th Schedule to the Constitution.

Overall, the House functioned for a total of 157 hours and 40 minutes. The productivity of this Session stood at 109.87 per cent. During the Session, we had the opportunity to raise 117 questions, 446 zero hour submissions and 207 special mentions.

Hon'ble Members, this Session also witnessed the re-election of Shri Harivansh ji as the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha for third time. The Hon'ble Prime Minister, along with Leaders and Members across the political spectrum, felicitated Shri Harivansh ji on his re-election.

I appreciate the cooperation extended by all in transacting the business of the House and extend my appreciation to the Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Shri Harivansh ji and Members on the Panel of Vice-Chairpersons for assisting me in conducting the proceedings of the House.

I also thank the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Leaders of various Parties and Groups and all Hon'ble Members for their kind cooperation extended by them.

I acknowledge the untiring efforts of the Secretary-General and his team of dedicated officers and staff in ensuring that the Session runs smoothly. I also thank the print and electronic media for covering the proceedings of the House and keeping the public informed.

Now, the National Song.

(The National Song "Vande Mataram" to be played)

CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned sine die.

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