Title: Mr. Speaker made observation regarding business transacted by the House during the week from 14th March 2005 to 19th March, 2005.

12.09 hrs.

OBSERVATION BY THE SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, for your information, I want to briefly recapitulate the main items of business transacted by the House during the previous week, that is, from 14th March 2005 to 19th March 2005.

Out of the 100 Starred Questions admitted, 22 were answered orally. Replies to the remaining Starred Questions along with the replies to 1,097 Unstarred Questions were laid on the Table.

During the period, as many as 94 matters of urgent public importance were raised after the Question Hour. Members also raised 67 matters under Rule 377[ak12].

We spent over 43 hours on the discussion on and passing of important Legislative and Financial business. The House, besides, having General Discussions on the Budget (Railways) and Budget (General) for 2005-06, also passed the Demands for Grants on Account (Railways) and (General) for 2005-06 and Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) and (General) for 2004-05 and the related Appropriation Bills. The House also had General Discussions on the Budgets for the States of Goa and Bihar for 2005-06, and passed their respective Demands for Grants on Account for 2005-06 and Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2004-05 and the related Appropriation Bills. The House adopted the Resolutions seeking approval of Proclamations dated the 4th of March, 2005 and 7th of March, 2005, issued under article 356 of the Constitution for the States of Goa and Bihar, respectively.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committees presented 15 Reports to the House.

While we lost 51 minutes of valuable time due to interruptions and forced adjournments last week, the House sat late and worked extra for as many as 12 hours and 26 minutes to transact essential items of Government business.

I wish to record my sincere appreciation of the help and cooperation received from the hon. Members and I am sure, we will be able to take up effectively for discussion in the future, many more important issues which the people of the country would like us to consider for their solution.

I am thankful to all of you, on all the sides.