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Title: The Speaker made observation regarding the business transacted by the House during the week ending 09.03.2007.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, for your information, I want to briefly recapitulate the main items of business transacted by the House during the last week.

Out of the 100 Starred Questions admitted, only 15 could be answered orally. Replies to the remaining Starred Questions along with the replies to 999 Unstarred Questions were laid on the Table. During the period, as many as eight matters of urgent public importance were raised after the Question Hour and before the' adjournment of the House for the day. Also, 41 matters were raised under Rule 377.

The discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address was resumed during the week and the motion was adopted after a debate lasting 12 hours and 43 minutes.

As regards the Legislative Business, the House had a combined discussion for about 2 hours and 44 minutes on the Statutory Resolution moved by Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan' disapproving the Sports Broadcasting Signals (Mandatory Sharing with Prasar Bharati) Ordinance, 2007 and the Sports Broadcasting Signals (Mandatory Sharing with Prasar Bharati) Bill, 2007 before the Statutory Resolution was negatived and the Bill was passed.

12 hours and 49 minutes were spent on the General Discussion on the Budget (Railways) for 2007 -08, the Demands for Grants on Account (Railways), Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2006-07 and Resolution regarding approval of recommendations in Fifth Report of Railway Convention Committee (2004) before passing the same along with the related Appropriation Bills.

The House sat late and worked extra for as many as 8 hours and 39 minutes to transact essential items of business. I wish to convey my thanks to the hon. members for their co-operation in the conduct of the proceedings.

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MR. SPEAKER: Item No. 12. Shri Madhusudan Mistry.

Is it your seat?

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): Yes, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: You have been promoted! I compliment you!

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): I never sat in other's seat.