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Title: The Speaker made a reference on the occasion of International Literacy Day.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, today is the International Literacy Day. This day, as you are aware, is observed to raise awareness for literacy issues among people throughout the world.

However, for a country like India, it is a day to remind us of all that remains to be done for the future.

Our latest Census figures tell us that we have achieved a literacy rate of more than 74 per cent. While this is a big improvement, it is surely not enough. Despite our best efforts, total literacy still remains an elusive dream. The reasons for this are many but gender-based inequality and a low female literacy rate remain on top of the list.

Let us on this occasion rededicate ourselves to making the goal of a fully literate India a reality.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Question Hour. Question No. 501. Shri Madhusudan Yadav.

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी (गांधीनगर): अध्यक्ष महोदया, मैंने पहली बार क्वेश्चन ऑवर सस्पेंड करने का नोटिस दिया है। ...(व्यवधान) मुझे बोलने दिया जाए। ...(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Let us start the Question Hour. Please let us have the Question Hour. Let us run the Question Hour. Today is the last day.

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री विलास मुत्तेमवार (नागपुर): क्वेश्चन आवर तो चलने दीजिए। ...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आज सत्र का अंतिम दिन है।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Let us have the Question Hour.

...(*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Madam, I am always missing my questions. I have prepared hard on the questions.

MADAM SPEAKER: Let us run the Question Hour.

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री विलास मुत्तेमवार (नागपुर): यह गलत परंपरा स्थापित हो रही है। ...(व्यवधान) क्वेश्चन ऑवर चलने दीजिए। ...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : क्वेश्चन ऑवर चलने दीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(*Interruptions*) â€¦*

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: I have missed the Question Hour for five occasions. Members have prepared questions. Let my questions be taken up...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at Twelve noon.

11.03 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Twelve
of the Clock.*

12.00 hrs.

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The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Twelve of the Clock.

(Madam Speaker in the Chair)