

**SHRIMATI SHEILA DIKSHIT :** What about the next subject ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** We Will take it up in the next session. There is no time.

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

[English]

**PROF. N. G. RANGA :** Sir, before we adjourn, I wish you and all the other Members a very Happy New Year.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Thank you.

**SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY :** On behalf of my party and myself, I thank you for the way you conducted the proceedings of this House with all the decorum and decency.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Thank you.

**SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA .** I also thank you for conducting the business of this House in such a nice manner.

**SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY :** It was a very lively session.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Yes, we have a very nice time, absolutely.

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SHEILA DIKSHIT):** Sir, on behalf of my very large party here, I thank you for all the cooperation and above all, the indulgence you have shown to many of us. Thank you very much.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Thank you.

Hon. Members, the 7th Session of this Hon. House concludes today. Before I adjourn the House sine die, I deem it my duty to thank the Members from all sections of the House for the unstinted cooperation, courtesy and affection that they have shown to me and my colleagues. I really take it as enjoyable. because from tomorrow onwards, I will be feeling lethargic. I do enjoy when the House is in session. Really, this is so lovely to work. It is so nice to have these discussions all the time. I do not mind the rumpus for ten or fifteen minutes that you do, but we have all the discussions,

I have had the good fortune of having a young and energetic Deputy Speaker. A great event during the session was his wedding. I think we have created a first in the history of Indian Parliament. any Speaker or Deputy Speaker getting married. He has spent long hours in the Chair in my absence and has conducted the proceedings with great ability. Not only that, he did it at certain times when I take your leave; I beg your cooperation at certain times because you have entrusted some tasks to me as Speaker, as Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, as a Member of the Executive Committee of the IPU, and I absent myself from the proceedings of the House for seven or eight days together. That is because of your magnanimity; you say : "Now, you have assumed that responsibility, you carry that out". And during my absence in those long stints, you have very ably and nicely cooperated with the Deputy Speaker and I have had no complaint or grudge about that.

I thank the Deputy Speaker heartily for the assistance that he has ungrudgingly extended to me. My thanks are also due to the members of the Panel of Chairmen who have shared with both of us the onerous task of conducting the proceedings of the House. I think, it was the first time that we left it to the Chairmen alone.

**SHRI SOMNATH RATH :** Many many thanks.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Thank you.

**SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA .** You should also thank Mr. Daga, who chaired for one day.

**MR. SPEAKER :** I think, rather you should thank him, because he has got the knack to score; he does not mind which goal it is.

During this short Session, we have had 26 sittings lasting over 175 hours.

The Session began with the discussion on the adjournment motion moved by Prof. Madhu Dandavate regarding the failure of the Government to ensure strict security arrangements at the Rajghat on the 2nd October, 1986 leading to the unsuccessful attempt to assassinate the President, the Prime

Minister and others. The discussion on the motion lasted over three and a half hours with as many as 17 Members participating in the debate.

During the session, 12 Calling Attention Motions, 8 Short Duration Discussions and 2 other Motions came up before the House. Besides, 10 Half-an-Hour discussions were held. The Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (General) for 1986-87 and the Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (Railways) for 1986-87 evoked keen debate in the House.

The discussion on the terrorist activities in Punjab and in certain other parts of the country afforded an opportunity to the House to express its deep anguish over the unfortunate incidents that have taken place in recent days. The House has expressed its total determination to root out the forces of disintegration from our sacred soil. The message that has gone out of this House is loud and clear and I am sure the enemies of our country will take serious note of it.

The House has had a heavy agenda of legislative business. As many as 30 Bills have been passed. We were to take up the 31st Bill also. But we have left it, so that our Parliamentary wing shall have some work in the very beginning of the next Session. Most noteworthy of these were the Constitution (55th Amendment) Bill and the State of Arunachal Pradesh Bill, which got wide support. The House has welcomed the transition of the beautiful land of Arunachal Pradesh from a Union Territory to a full-fledged State of the Indian Union.

Bhagatji, would you like to say something, so that I can conclude later?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF  
FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI  
H. K. L. BHAGAT): Mr. Speaker Sir, I am  
very grateful for giving me this kind oppor-  
tunity to say a few words on this occasion.

Sir, this Session has been, to my mind, a very purposeful session. In this Session, this House has discussed major and important issues of great concern to our nation in a spirit of cooperation and

understanding. Sir, very important and meaningful legislations which are of great import for the people of India have been passed in this Session. And in this, the Hon. Members of the House whether they belong to the Ruling Party or the Opposition Groups, all of them have very positively and very greatly made their contribution. I have said it outside and I have no hesitation in saying it here too that the Opposition, though their strength is not very big numerically, yet they are quite an effective opposition in the sense that they know how to make their contribution and their contribution has been quite good. They are cooperative, positive and helpful and that has been our attitude too.

I wish to thank all the members of this House. Above all, I must thank you for the great guidance that you give to us with tolerance and patience. The patience that you show is really tremendous. Sometimes zero hour does not remain one zero hour. It turns out into many zero hours. Well, I am not calling anybody a zero. Sometimes so many people speak at the same time and in that process in the din and sound, I do not even really understand what is the point that is being made. Yet, you keep your cool and you guide the House patiently and calmly. The members also respond to you. Sometimes they may persist and sometimes they even take recourse to angry expressions about issues on which they feel strongly. Yet they abide by your rulings. They go by your instructions and guidance and they respect your ruling. We are very grateful to you for giving us very wise, mature and practical guidance in this House.

I would be failing in my duty if I do not thank the members of the Lok Sabha staff, all the officials, the Secretary General and others for the hard work that they have to do. I thank the entire staff, right from the doormen at the gates; for the hard work they do, particularly during the session period.

I will be failing in my duty if I do not mention how lucky I am—and I believe the House agrees with me—in having such a good Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs...

MR. SPEAKER: Why don't you say 'beautiful' too?

**SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT :** Sometimes I am amazed at her efficient functioning. I was working as a Chief Whip in a legislature and I was Parliamentary Secretary as long back as 1952. She has no experience of this nature. I am surprised to see that she is running the House so well and I feel that she really does not need my guidance or support. She can run the House by herself and I must thank her for the excellent way in which she is doing her work.

I will be failing in my duty if I do not thank the members of the Press for covering the proceedings of the House. Sometimes, they have also some difficulties in reporting the proceedings of the House.

I must not forget the Marshal, who is ever vigilant, ever-active and ever-helpful, and I thank him.

So, with these words I conclude my thanks. This Winter Session has been a very purposeful, very positive session with cooperation, understanding and with your guidance. I believe that this has been a good and successful Session.

**MR. SPEAKER :** I can congratulate you on one thing. You have a knack to select handsome and beautiful Ministers.

**SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT :** Sir I am always lucky. I always get a good Parliamentary Affairs Minister. Ghulam's and my stars are the same and we are together somehow or the other.

Then Sir, I must appreciate the hard work put in by the Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and other staff of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs who have been doing good work and who have been putting in very hard work.

[*Translation*]

**MR. SPEAKER :** Buta Singh Ji has come in the House and he would like to say something.

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BŪTA SINGH) :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am reminded of an Urdu story which I read in the second standard. Somebody asked

scorpion as to why he did not go out during winter, to which he replied that whatever befell him in summer was in no measure less than what befell him in winter. Thank you very much.

[*English*]

**SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT :** I want to thank the Home Minister for making a statement almost on every occasion.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Now, every good thing has to come to an end. This is a very enjoyable evening and as you have said I can say about my Members, my staff, all over you see, standing all round me and up there, I feel happy about them. I am proud of them. As you said the Marshal cannot speak, but I have to speak on behalf of the Marshal. All my people are very nice and I thank the staff side who have done their job splendidly. The same about the Press. Certain times, something slips here or there but man is man and to err is human. It does not matter. I think we can well accommodate each other, get each other's point of view and thrash it out in the national interest which is based on facts and truths and that will help all of us because democracy means expression of ideas and they should never be curbed. They should never be gagged. That is what real democracy is. But that expression of ideas should be for the universal good and for the national good. That should be uppermost in our minds. That is all I would like to say. Thanks to all the Members, to all the staff, to all the Press, to all my friends, and to the Ministerial Wings. I will not forget anybody. They are all in my mind. Now for two months, I think ..

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SHEILA DIKSHIT) :** Two and a half months.

**MR. SPEAKER :** But I like it more. We meet again in February. Thank you very much. Have a good Christmas and have a good Happy New Year. The House stands adjourned *sine die*.

18.53 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned sine die.*