

VALEDICTORY REMARKS BY HON. SPEAKER

29.1.2021

Hon. Members, as we draw the curtains to conclude the Thirteenth Session, 2021, which has transacted significant business in its 4 days sittings of duration 45 hours and 12 minutes.

The Session, commenced with the customary Governor's Address on the 25th January 2021. The Motion of Thanks along with the amendments were moved, discussed, voted and thereafter the Governor's Address was adopted by the House, after the Amendments were negatived.

In this Session, we could witness democracy at its best, since we had the Ruling benches aptly answering the 195 Starred and 556 Unstarred Questions, which had been tabled by the Members. Out of which 15 Starred Questions were orally answered and the rest of the Questions were laid on the Table of the House. 8 Starred Questions and 7 Unstarred Questions were postponed to the next Session. This Session also witnessed a constructive opposition from the Opposition benches, who raised various matters of urgent public importance.

The Report of the Business Advisory Committee Report and the Public Undertakings Committee Report were presented in the House.

The Hon. Members have utilised effectively various Parliamentary devices in the form of 9 Calling Attentions, 24 Zero Hour Mentions and 4 Private Members' Resolutions. 48 Obituary references and 20 Congratulatory references were made by the House. 135 Papers were laid on the Table.

In the arena of Legislative Business, 13 Bills assented by the Hon. Governor were reported by the House. Besides, 10 Government Bills were passed by the House.

The Supplementary Demands for Grants 2020-2021 (Second Batch), were also passed by the House and the corresponding the Goa Appropriation Bill, 2021, was also passed by the House.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Leader of the House, Dr. Pramod Sawant, the Leader of the Opposition, Shri Digambar Kamat, the Hon. Deputy Speaker, Shri Isidore Fernandes, Hon. Ministers, the Leaders of all legislature parties and the Members of the House. I also thank the Secretary, Namrata Ulman and the

Officers of the Legislature Secretariat, the Chief Secretary and his team of officials who ably assisted the House and its Secretariat. I thank the print and the electronic media and all the Officials of the Government machinery, for making this Session significant.

We shall now rise for the National Anthem.

I now adjourn the House *sine die*.
