

VALEDICTORY REMARKS ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE SESSION

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Before I adjourn the House I would like to thank the hon. Members—the House is going to be adjourned *sine die*—for all their participation, on behalf of myself and the panel of my Vice-Chairmen, and for the co-operation the various Members from the Opposition parties, the leaders of the various parties and the ruling party and the Ministers and everybody gave to us to run this House which actually belongs to all of you. When the Monsoon Session commenced last month, there were heavy rains and the Members must have noticed that during this session there was hardly an occasion when Members' tempers were high; perhaps, it was due to cool atmosphere outside, except today. This session started with a happy note. The House was informed by the Prime Minister on 24th July 1985 about the signing of the historic Punjab Accord. Thereafter, we also had the happy news about the Assam settlement.

As hon. Members are aware, discussions have been long, hectic and heavy. In all, we had 26 sittings. The House sat for approximately 160 hours, passed 22 Government Bills. Nine Calling Attention Motions were taken up. Members took keen interest by raising matters of importance, through Special Mentions. In all, there were 132 Special Mentions made by Members. Apart from this, we had Short Duration Discussions on important subjects such as the price rise in the case of essential commodities, textile policy of the Government of India, report of the National

Institute of Public Finance and Policy on aspects of black money in India and the racial riots in South Africa.

The House also made a reference to the dropping of the first ever atom bomb on Hiroshima forty years ago, on the 6th of August, 1945 and to the historic Quit India movement launched on 9th August, 1942, by the Father of the Nation. Today, the hon. Chairman made a reference to the Fortieth Anniversary of the United Nations to be celebrated on October 24, 1985.

I once again thank all hon. Members, leaders of the various parties and groups as well as the Leader of the House, though he is not here now, for the co-operation extended by them in conducting the proceedings of the House. I wish you all happiness and extend to you hearty Dussehra and Diwali greetings and greetings for all the festivals falling in between this Session and the next. We had Id on Tuesday and Raksha Bandhan is tomorrow. I wish you all the best for a happy Inter-Session period and good health for all of you. Thank you.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam, on behalf of the Opposition, we also express our thanks to you.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is now adjourned *sine die*.

The House then adjourned *Sine die* at seven minutes past five of the clock.