

Members Bills' introduction, at least, -- I am not talking about discussion -- and the Zero Hour submissions, you may kindly allow. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Member, Shri Tiruchi Siva.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (Tamil Nadu): On certain issues, we feel that the Government is not focussing on or does not have time to focus. The Private Members introduce a Bill or a Resolution. If is of importance very much. As you know very well, one of my Bills was passed here and it paved the way for a new legislation by the Government itself. So, Sir, kindly do not dispense of with the Private Members' Bills.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I had the good fortune while addressing the interns for Rajya Sabha that if we examine all the Private Member Bills right from the beginning, enormous wealth is there. A number of farsighted situations are indicated. They are ahead of times and what a gold mine it is. I kept on looking, and then constituted a committee to have a compendium for the benefit of Members that these Private Member Bills may not have ended in final culmination, but the idea given therein is great. But, I am sure, the hon. Member will recollect, there have been many instances where we have dispensed with both the Question Hour and the Private Members' Bills.

OBSERVATIONS BY THE CHAIR

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have to also inform that Dr. Medha Vishram Kulkarni, Shrimati Phulo Devi Netam and Shrimati Sunetra Ajit Pawar, hon. Members of Rajya Sabha, recently participated in the important IPU Global Conference on Women Parliamentarians in Mexico from March 13th to March 15th, 2025. During the panel discussions in the Conference, all the three hon. Members effectively presented India's perspective on involving men in promoting gender equality. Very significant! Dr. Medha Vishram Kulkarni was elevated to the status of a panel member. I, on my own behalf and your behalf, congratulate all the three Members, Dr. Medha Vishram Kulkarni, Shrimati Phulo Devi Netam and Shrimati Sunetra Ajit Pawar for being the proud voice of India at this international forum, making a significant contribution to global gender equality and equity dialogue. Their contributions I have had the occasion to go through were meticulous and indicated India's position of pride in this domain.
