

DURATION OF THE SESSION

The Two Hundred and Seventh Session of the Rajya Sabha commenced on the 16th February, 2006. The House was scheduled to adjourn on the 17th March, 2006 for two weeks to enable the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees to examine and report on the Demands for Grants for various Ministries/Departments. It was to reassemble on the 3rd April, 2006 and adjourn *sine die* on the 28th April, 2006. However, on recommendation of the Business Advisory Committee, the first part of the Session was extended upto 22nd March, 2006 and accordingly House sat on Monday, the 20th, Tuesday, the 21st and Wednesday, the 22nd March, 2006. The Committee further recommended that the 2nd Part of the Budget Session may be convened from 10th to 23rd May instead of 3rd April to 20th April, 2006. The sitting of the House fixed for the 16th March, 2006 was cancelled on the recommendation of the Business Advisory Committee and the House also met on two Saturdays, the 11th and 18th March, 2006 on the recommendation of the Committee. The House was adjourned *sine die* on the 23rd May, 2006. The House sat for 35 days and the actual hours of sittings were 180 hours and 56 minutes (excluding recess intervals). The House was prorogued by the President on the 25th May, 2006.