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95 MPs didn't attend
panel meetings: Venkaiah

Many leading names figure in the list

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Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu said 95 MPs from both Houses did not attend any meeting of the eight parliamentary standing committees that falls under the purview of the Upper House during the three-week recess given to scrutinise the Budget. The absentees include many leaders like Satish Chandra Misra of the BSP, Derek O'Brien of the Trinamool Congress, R.C.P. Singh of the Janata Dal (U), Asaduddin Owaisi of the AIMIM and Nakul Nath of the Congress.

Presenting the results of the review of the functioning of eight department-related Standing Committees that come under the Upper House, on the first day of the Budget session after recess on March 2, he said the 95 MPs accounted for 39% of the 243 MPs from both Houses.

The BJP has 109 MPs on these eight committees, the Congress 33, the Trinamool 14, the Samajwadi Party four



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and the AIADMK three, besides 80 from other parties and Independents.

According to sources, 57% of the Trinamool MPs, 36% of the BJP, 15% of the Congress and 50% of other parties did not attend even a single meeting during the consideration of the demands for grants of 20 Ministries during the recess.

The Samajwadi Party MPs from both Houses had full attendance, while none of the three members of the AIADMK, who are on the committees of Home Affairs and Human Resource Development, attended a single meeting.