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Table Office

Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee

The Deputy Chairman made the following announcement in the House today (16-3-2017):—

"I have to inform Members that the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 16th of March, 2017, has allotted time for Government Legislative Business, as follows:—

BUSINESS

TIME ALLOTTED

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| 1. Consideration and return of the Appropriation Bills relating to the following Demands for Grants, after they are passed by Lok Sabha:— | Three Hours
<i>(To be discussed together)</i> |
| (a) Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2016-17. | |
| (b) Demands for Excess Grants (Railways) for 2013-14. | |
| 2. Consideration and return of the Finance Bill, 2017, after it is passed by Lok Sabha. | Three Hours |
| 3. Consideration and passing of the following Bills, after they are passed by Lok Sabha:— | |
| (a) The Indian Institutes of Management Bill, 2017. | Two Hours |
| (b) The Footwear Design and Development Institute Bill, 2017. | One Hour |
| (c) The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2017. | Four Hours |

- (d) The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2017. **One Hour**
4. Consideration and agreeing to the amendments made by Lok Sabha to the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016, as passed by Rajya Sabha. **Without discussion"**

No. 56458

Training Cell

Release of Third Edition of "Rajya Sabha at Work" on 21st March, 2017 at 6:15 P.M. in Main Committee Room, Parliament House Annexe

The 'Rajya Sabha at Work' is a compilation of procedures, practices, conventions, precedents, rulings and directions that guides and enables Members to understand the nuances of the functioning of the Rajya Sabha. The book was first brought out in the year 1996 and the second edition in the year 2006.

2. The third edition of the book is now ready and will be released by Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. in the Main Committee Room, Ground Floor, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

3. Invitation Card along with programme schedule has already been issued to the Members of Rajya Sabha. Members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the programme.

No. 56459

Committee Co-ordination Section

Programme for Election to Committees

The following programme has been fixed for receiving nominations, withdrawal of candidature and for holding elections, if necessary, to the Committees as mentioned below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Committee	No. of Members to be elected	Date of Adoption of Motion	Last date and time for receiving nominations	Last date and time for withdrawal of candidature
i.	Committee on Public Accounts	Seven	16.03.2017	22.03.2017 (Upto 3.00 P.M.)	27.03.2017 (Upto 3.00 P.M.)

ii.	Committee on Public Undertakings	Seven	-do-	-do-	-do-
iii.	Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	Ten	-do-	-do-	-do-

2. Date, time and Place of election 06.04.2017
(if necessary): (Between 11.00 A.M and 2.00 P.M in Committee Room No. 63, First Floor, Parliament House).
3. Method of election: Proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.

No. 56460

Legislative Section

Government Resolution

Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs has given a notice of the following Resolution which has been admitted:

"That this House approves the proposal of the Government to reject the Award given on 6th April, 2004 by the Board of Arbitration in C.A. Reference Case No.2 of 2002, regarding grant of House Rent Allowance to the Central Government employees for the period from 01.01.1996 to 31.07.1997 at pre-revised rates but with reference to revised pay, in terms of Para 21 of the Scheme for the Joint Consultative Machinery and Compulsory Arbitration for Central Government Employees (JCM) as the implementation of the Award which involves an expenditure of approximately Rs.1000 crores, will lead to diversion of scarce resources from development expenditure to non-productive expenditure and will, thus, adversely affect the National Economy."

Statutory Motion

The following Motion given notice of by Shri Sitaram Yechury, M.P. and Shri Ritabrata Banerjee, M.P., has been admitted:-

“That this House resolves in pursuance of Section 28 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M. Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 published in the Gazette of India dated 5th July, 2016 vide Notification No.F.1-2/2009(EC/PS) V(I).Vol.II and laid on the Table of the House on the 11th August, 2016, be modified as follows:-

1. *That in regulation 1.2 at page 7, after the word “under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956”, the words “in harmony with the law on reservation and adopted in accordance with the relevant University’s Act. Provided that nothing in this regulation will contravene the Central Educational Institutions Act (Reservation in Admissions) Act, 2006, where applicable, nor will any such amendment be applied with retrospective effect.” be **added**;*
2. *That in regulation 5.2.1 at page 8, line 2, **after** the word “admitted” **insert** “in accordance with the Universities Act”;*
3. *That in regulation 5.2.1 at page 8, at line 3, **substitute** the word “available” **with** “sanctioned faculty strength”*
4. *That in regulation 5.2.1 at page 8, **delete** the following “keeping in mind the norms regarding the scholar teacher ratio (as indicated in Para 6.5) laboratory, library and such other facilities”;*
5. *That in the regulation 5.2.3 at page 8 after the word “adhere to the national/State-level reservation policy, as applicable” **insert** the following “Provided that nothing in this regulation will contravene the Central Educational Institutions Act (Reservation in Admissions) Act, 2006”;*
6. *That in regulation 5.3 at page 8, after the words “statutory bodies concerned” the words “in accordance with the Act of the concerned University” be **inserted**;*
7. *That in regulation 5.3, at page 8, at the end **insert** the following “Provided that nothing in this regulation will contravene the Central*

Educational Institutions Act (Reservation in Admissions) Act, 2006 where applicable, nor will any such amendment be applied with retrospective effect”;

8. That in regulation 5.4.1 at page 8, **substitute** the following “with qualifying marks as 50%. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific” **with** “and shall test research aptitude and subject knowledge. The weightage of written examination to viva voce shall be determined in accordance with the Acts and statutes of the concerned university and law of the land”

9. That after regulation 5.4.2, at page 9, **insert** the following “5.4.3 Relevant statutory bodies of the concerned university shall adopt a criterion of reasonableness and non-arbitrariness to determine the relative weightage of written entrance exam and interview/viva voce.

5.4.4 The combined aggregate marks scored by the candidate in the written entrance exam and the interview will determine the merit list for admission to the programme. Reservation will be applied at each stage of the admission”

10. That in regulation 6.1, at page 9, at lines 2, 4 and 5, **delete** the word “referred”.

11. **Substitute** regulation 6.5, at page 9, **with** the following: “A Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor, at any given point of time, may supervise a minimum of one and a maximum of three M. Phil; and, a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve Ph.D. Scholars, adopted in accordance with the concerned University's Act. Provided that nothing in this regulation will contravene the Central Educational Institutions Act (Reservation in Admissions) Act, 2006, where applicable, nor will any such amendment be applied with retrospective effect.”

And

That this House recommends to Lok Sabha that Lok Sabha do concur in this Motion”

No. 56462

Committee Section (COSL)

Statutory Motion

The following Motion given notice of by Shri Husain Dalwai, M.P. and Shri Sitaram Yechury, M.P. has been admitted:-

“That this House resolves in pursuance of Section 28 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M. Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, published in the Gazette of India dated 5th July, 2016 vide Notification No.F.1-2/2009(EC/PS)V(I)Vol.II and laid on the Table of the House on the 11th August, 2016, be annulled; and

That this House recommends to Lok Sabha that Lok Sabha do concur in this Motion”

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General