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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held
on the 2nd February, 2017**

11-00 a.m.

1. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013:—

(a) Forty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), Singhbhum, Jharkhand, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

2.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 29 of the University of Hyderabad Act, 1974:—

(a) Forty-first Annual Report of the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16.

(b) Annual Accounts of the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by the Government on the working of the above University.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

3.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 30 and sub-section (4) of Section 31 of the Central Universities Act, 2009:—

- (i) (a) Annual Report of the Central University of South Bihar, Patna, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Central University of South Bihar, Patna, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above University.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report of the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Vishwavidyalaya.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

4.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 30 and under sub-section (4) of Section 31 of the Assam University Act, 1989:—

- (a) Twenty-third Annual Report of the Assam University, Silchar, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Assam University, Silchar, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

5.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 32 and sub-section (4) of Section 33 of the English and Foreign Languages University Act, 2006:—

- (a) Annual Report of the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

11-01 a.m.

2. Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee

The Deputy Chairman announced the recommendations made by the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 31st of January, 2017.

*11-09 a.m.

3. Matters raised with permission

1. Shri A.K. Selvaraj raised a matter regarding alleged illegal construction of check dams across river Bavani by Government of Kerala.

11-13 a.m.

2. Shrimati Kanimozhi raised a matter regarding serious threat to the environment, marine life and livelihood of fishermen due to oil spill near Chennai Kamarajar port.

11-16 a.m.

3. Shrimati Viplove Thakur raised a matter regarding concern over suicide by students taking coaching classes in Kota, Rajasthan.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Information and Broadcasting, responded.

* From 11-02 a.m. to 11-09 a.m., some points were raised.

11-21 a.m.

4. Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding situation of severe drought in Southern States.

Shri T.K. Rangarajan also spoke.

11-27 a.m.

5. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy raised a matter regarding need for justice to cargo handling private pool workers at Visakhapatnam port.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

11-31 a.m.

6. Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding alleged *lathi-charge* by Delhi Police on Marathi youth demanding reservation in Railways.

11-34 a.m.

7. Shri C.P. Narayanan raised a matter regarding serious situation in ration distribution in Kerala.

Shri A.K. Antony also spoke.

Shri Ananthkumar, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

11-38 a.m.

8. Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding country-wide strike on 3rd February by medical and sales representatives.

& 11-44 a.m.

9. Shrimati. Vijila Sathyananth raised a matter regarding need to confer *Bharat Ratna* on Dr. J. Jayalalitha posthumously and to install a bronze statue in Parliament House Campus.

11-47 a.m.

4. Special Mentions

1. Shri T.K. Rangarajan raised a matter regarding need to give permission to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to resume excavations

& From 11-41 a.m. to 11-44 a.m., some points were raised.

at Keeladi in Sivaganga District of Tamil Nadu and provide adequate financial assistance for the purpose.

^ΣAssociating with the issue, Shri Tiruchi Siva, laid on the Table, his Special Mention on the subject.

11-51 a.m.

2. Dr. V. Maitreyan raised a matter regarding need to grant adequate financial assistance to the State of Tamil Nadu affected by natural calamities during the years 2015 and 2016.

11-53 a.m.

3. Shri T. Rathinavel raised a matter regarding need to expedite the release of funds for centrally sponsored schemes to the State of Tamil Nadu.

11-56 a.m.

4. Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth raised a matter regarding need to provide financial assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to the State of Tamil Nadu to take relief measures in the state affected by drought.

11-59 a.m.

5. Shri Vivek Gupta, laid on the Table, his Special Mention regarding need to address the problem of inadequate number of toilets for girl students in schools in West Bengal.

12-00 Noon

5. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 1 to 8 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (9 to 15) were laid on the Table.

6. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1 to 156 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-02 p.m.

^Σ At 11-58 a.m.

2-02 p.m.

7. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, moved that an Address be presented to the President in the following terms:—

"That the Members of the Rajya Sabha assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the President for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on January 31, 2017."

2-51 p.m.

Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe seconded the Motion.

®3-18 p.m.

554 Amendments were moved by —

Nos. 1 to 59	}	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
Nos. 60 to 78		
Nos. 79 and 80		Shrimati Chhaya Verma
Nos. 81 to 89		Shri Sitaram Yechury
Nos. 90 to 97		Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
Nos. 98 to 121		Dr. D. Raja
Nos. 122 to 186		Shri Ritabrata Banerjee
Nos. 187 to 545		Shri Sanjay Seth
Nos. 643 and 644		Shri Derek O Brien
No. 645 to 651		Shri Nazir Ahmed Laway

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

3-20 p.m.	1.	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, <i>Leader of the Opposition</i>
4-06 p.m.	2.	Shri Neeraj Shekhar

® From 2-55 p.m. to 2-56 p.m., some points were raised.

§4-43 p.m.	3.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
4-54 p.m.	4.	Shri Derek O' Brien
5-33 p.m.	5.	Shri Swapan Dasgupta
5-44 p.m.	6.	Shri D. Raja

The discussion was not concluded.

6-03 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 3rd February, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General

§ From 4-09 p.m. to 4-10 p.m., some points were raised.