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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 3rd 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 to lay on the Table, under Section 23 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Textiles) and the Handicrafts and Handlooms Exports Corporation of India Limited (HHEC), for the year 2016-17.

3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Pharmaceuticals) Notification No. S.O. 4100 (E), dated the 21st December, 2016, publishing the Drugs (Prices Control) Third Amendment Order, 2016, under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER), Mumbai, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.

(ii) (a) Twenty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

(iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Pune, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.

(iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Mumbai, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.

(v) Two Hundred and Sixty-third Report of the Law Commission of India on The Protection of Children (Inter-Country Removal and Retention) Bill, 2016.

6. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Fuel Management of Coal Based Power Stations of NTPC Limited - Union Government (Commercial), Ministry of Power, Report No.35 of 2016 (Performance Audit), under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution.

11-01 a.m.

2. Reports of the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit

Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Reports of the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit.

11-02 a.m.

3. Leave of Absence

Shri Kunal Kumar Ghosh (West Bengal) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House for the entire current Session of the Rajya Sabha.

11-03 a.m.

4. Statement Regarding Government Business

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, made a statement regarding Government Business for the week commencing Monday, the 6th of February, 2017.

℘11-18 a.m.

5. Matters raised with permission

1. Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding declaring Andaman Cellular Jail as a National Monument.

11-21 a.m.

2. Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu raised a matter regarding need to equip the central teams visiting the sites of natural calamities with modern technical facilities.

11-25 a.m.

3. Shrimati Kahkashan Perween raised a matter regarding problems being faced by the students due to restriction on number of attempts for AIPMT.

11-27 a.m.

4. Shri Ripun Bora raised a matter regarding concern over delay in updating National Register of Citizens in Assam.

11-30 a.m.

5. Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding plight of print media industry.

11-33 a.m.

6. Shri Majeed Memon raised a matter regarding plight of powerloom industry in the country.

Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Textiles, responded.

Ω11-45 a.m.

7. Shri Swapan Dasgupta raised a matter regarding reported attack on religious freedom in West Bengal.

℘ From 11-04 a.m. to 11-18 a.m., some points were raised.

Ω From 11-38 a.m. to 11-45 a.m., some points were raised.

11-47 a.m.

8. Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to declare rehabilitation package for Gulf returnees.

11-51 a.m.

9. Shrimati Chhaya Verma raised a matter regarding deletion of the name of former Prime Minister late Shri Rajiv Gandhi from *Sadbhavna Divas*.

Shri Anand Sharma and Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of Opposition*, also spoke.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

11-58 a.m.

10. Shri Sitaram Yechury raised a matter regarding denial of permission to the family of Late Shri E. Ahmed, M.P and fellow MPs by RML Hospital to see him.

Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of Opposition*, also spoke.

12-00 Noon

6. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 16 to 22 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (23 to 30) were laid on the Table.

7. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 157 to 316 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-30 p.m.

[&]2-32 p.m.

8. Private Members' Bills — Introduced

(1) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (Amendment of articles 109,117, 198 and 207) was introduced by Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao.

2-33 p.m.

(2) The Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2016 was introduced by Shri Mohd. Ali Khan.

2-35 p.m.

(3) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Amendment of article 366) was introduced by Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy.

(4) The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2016 was introduced by Shri Vivek Gupta.

2-36 p.m.

(5) The Population (Stabilization) Bill, 2017 was introduced by Shri Vivek Gupta.

(6) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Insertion of new articles 275A and 371K) was introduced by Shri Vivek Gupta.

2-37 p.m.

(7) The Right to Adequate Housing Bill, 2016 was introduced by Shri Sanjay Seth.

[Ω]2-51 p.m.

9. Private Members' Bills — Withdrawn/Under Consideration

(1) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2015

Further consideration of the following motion moved by Shri Tiruchi Siva on the 5th August, 2016, continued:-

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[&] From 2-30 p.m. to 2-32 p.m., some points were raised.

[Ω] From 2-38 p.m. to 2-51 p.m., some points were raised.

"That the Bill further to amend the Constitution of India, be taken into consideration.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

3-12 p.m.	1.	Shrimati Viplove Thakur
3-17 p.m.	2.	Shri La Ganesan
[Ψ]3-30 p.m.	3.	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth
3-35 p.m.	4.	Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao
3-37 p.m.	5.	Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu
3-46 p.m.	6.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
3-53 p.m.	7.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
3-55 p.m.	8.	Dr. Bhushan Lal Jangde
3-58 p.m.	9.	Shri Shankarbhai N. Vegad
4-00 p.m.	10.	Shri P.P. Chaudhary, *Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice and in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology*

4-17 p.m.

Shri Tiruchi Siva replied to the debate.

[Φ]4-34 p.m.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, also spoke.

4-37 p.m.

The Bill was withdrawn by leave of the House.

4-38 p.m.

(2) The Declaration of Countries as Sponsor of Terrorism Bill, 2016.

Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar moved motion for consideration of the bill.

The following Member took part in the discussion:—

4-54 p.m.	1.	Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu

(Speech unfinished)

The discussion was not concluded.

[Ψ] From 3-24 p.m. to 3-25 p.m., some points were raised.

[Φ] From 4-31 p.m. to 4-34 p.m., some points were raised.

5-00 p.m.

10. Statement by Minister

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, in the Ministry of Shipping and in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, made a statement on the action taken in the aftermath of the collision of two vessels off the Kamarajar harbour, which occurred on the 28th of January, 2017.

Shri Tiruchi Siva and Shri Ajay Sancheti sought clarifications on the statement.

5-12 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Monday, the 6th February, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General