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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**

11-00 a.m.

**1. Papers Laid on the Table**

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Mines Notification No. G.S.R. 1120 (E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, publishing the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2016, under sub-section (1) of Section 28 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), 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 Foundation.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report of the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

3. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Notification No. S.O. 2590 (E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, amending Notification No. S.O. 1365 (E), dated the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2004, to insert certain entries in the original Notification, along with Explanatory Memorandum and delay statement, under sub-section (4) of Section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

4.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of Section 103 and Section 106 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

- (a) Administrative Report of the Kolkata Port Trust, Kolkata, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Kolkata Port Trust, Kolkata, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Port Trust.
- (d) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Port Trust.

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

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 5(E) of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948:—

- (a) Annual Administration Report and Accounts of the Calcutta Dock Labour Board (CDLB), Kolkata, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

11-01 a.m.

## **2. Matters raised with permission**

1. Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding alleged ban on the democratic rights of the students in some Central Universities.

Shri Sharad Yadav, Shrimati Viplove Thakur and Shri Anand Sharma 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.

® 11-11 a.m.

2. Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding need to frame a national policy to prevent forest fires.

11-14 a.m.

3. Shri Sharad Yadav raised a matter regarding pathetic condition of engineers categorized under Group C in Railways.

11-16 a.m.

4. Shri Partap Singh Bajwa raised a matter regarding need to pay attention to the problems of Central Armed Police Forces.

Shri Rajeev Shukla also spoke.

11-20 a.m.

5. Shri Derek O' Brien raised a matter regarding securing interests of the Indian IT workforce creating value globally.

11-23 a.m.

6. Shri B.K. Hariprasad raised a matter regarding NHRC report on the rape of 16 tribal women in Bastar.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

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® From 11-06 a.m. to 11-07 a.m., some points were raised.

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

<sup>λ</sup>11-34 a.m.

7. Shri K. Somaprasad raised a matter regarding problems being faced by Kerala Minerals and Metals Limited.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen and Shri K.K. Ragesh also spoke.

11-37 a.m.

8. Shri Joy Abraham raised a matter regarding release of Father Tom Uzhunnalil from captivity in Yemen.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, responded.

11-40 a.m.

9. Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding need for CBI enquiry into the case of a missing student of JNU.

11-43 a.m.

10. Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding concern over the poor condition of ex-sports persons of the country.

11-48 a.m.

### 3. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were made in the House:—

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| <sup>φ</sup> 1. | Shri K.C. Ramamurthy | Urgent need to address gender inequality in the country.                              |
| <sup>√</sup> 2. | Shri Vivek Gupta     | Demand to take steps to maintain the spirit of cooperative federalism in the country. |

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<sup>λ</sup> From 11-28 a.m. to 11-29 a.m., and from 11-30 a.m. to 11-34 a.m., some points were raised.

<sup>φ</sup> At 11-48 a.m.

<sup>√</sup> At 11-51 a.m.

<sup>sr</sup> 12-00 Noon

#### 4. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 31 to 36 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (37 to 45) were laid on the Table.

#### 5. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 317 to 476 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-05 p.m.*

<sup>sv</sup> 2-07 p.m.

#### 6. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address

Further discussion on the following Motion moved by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017 and the amendments moved thereto, continued:—

“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.”

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-07 p.m.	1.	Shri La. Ganesan
2-22 p.m.	2.	Shri Rajeev Shukla
2-39 p.m.	3.	Shri Sanjay Seth
2-55 p.m.	4.	Shri Sharad Yadav
3-26 p.m.	5.	Shri Sitaram Yechury
4-05 p.m.	6.	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, <i>Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs</i>

<sup>sr</sup> From 11-54 a.m. to 12-00 Noon, some points were raised.

<sup>sv</sup> From 2-05 p.m. to 2-07 p.m., some points were raised.

4-22 p.m.	7.	Shri Ahmed Patel
4-58 p.m.	8.	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
5-07 p.m.	9.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
5-24 p.m.	10.	Shri Joy Abraham
5-32 p.m.	11.	Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya
5-45 p.m.	12.	Shrimati Rajani Patil
5-55 p.m.	13.	Shri Dharmapuri Srinivas

The discussion was not concluded.

6-03 p.m.

### **7. Statement by Minister**

Shri Kiren Rijju, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, laid on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) on the negotiations that took place in the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol held in October, 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda.

6-04 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General*

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<sup>o</sup> From 4-21 p.m. to 4-22 p.m., some points were raised.