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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held
on the 7th February, 2017**

11-00 a.m.

1. Obituary Reference

The Chairman made a reference to the passing away of Shri Mentay Padmanabham (ex-Member).

The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

11-03 a.m.

2. 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:—
 - (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bengaluru, 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 National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, 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 National Institute of Siddha, Chennai, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.

2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (7) of Section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) G.S.R. 1084 (E), dated the 23rd November, 2016, seeking to impose safeguard duty on imports of "Hot Rolled flat sheets and plates (excluding hot rolled flat products in coil form) of alloy or non alloy steel having nominal thickness less than or equal to 150 mm and nominal width or greater than or equal to 600mm" for a period of two years and six months at specified rates, when imported at a price below the specified import price from developing countries except People's Republic of China, Ukraine and Indonesia pursuant to the final findings of investigations conducted by the Director General of Safeguards.
- (2) G.S.R. 1090 (E), dated the 25th November, 2016, seeking to impose definitive anti-dumping duty on "Low Ash Metallurgical Coke" originating in or exported from Australia and People's Republic of China pursuant to final findings in anti-dumping investigations conducted by the Directorate General of anti-dumping and Allied duties for a period of five years.
- (3) G.S.R. 1101 (E), dated the 29th November, 2016, seeking to impose definitive anti-dumping duty on the imports of "Axle for Trailers" originating in or exported from People's Republic of China for a period of five years in the manner prescribed, pursuant to the final findings of the Designated Authority, Director General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties.

- (4) G.S.R. 1163 (E), dated the 21st December, 2016, rescinding Notification No. G.S.R. 528 (E), dated the 3rd July, 2012.
- (5) G.S.R. 1164 (E), dated the 21st December, 2016, rescinding Notification No. GS.R. 258 (E), dated the 18th April, 2013.
- (6) G.S.R. 11 (E), dated the 5th January, 2017, seeking to levy definitive anti-dumping duty on import of 'Jute Products' namely Jute Yarn/Twine (multiple folded/cabled and single), Hessain fabric and Jute sacking bags from Bangladesh or Nepal for a period of five years (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier).
- (7) G.S.R. 21 (E), dated the 11th January, 2017, seeking to impose provisional anti-dumping duty on the imports of specified color coated/pre-painted flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel originating in or exported from People's Republic of China and European Union for a period of six months in the manner prescribed, pursuant to the preliminary findings of the Designated Authority, Director General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties.
- (8) G.S.R. 49 (E), dated the 19th January, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 13 (E), dated the 13th January, 2012, to add certain entry in the original Notification.
- (9) G.S.R. 50 (E), dated the 19th January, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 17 (E), dated the 13th January, 2012, to insert certain entry in the original Notification.

3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) G.S.R. 514 (E), dated the 14th May, 2016, publishing the Warehoused Goods (Removal) Regulations, 2016.
- (2) G.S.R. 515 (E), dated the 14th May, 2016, publishing the Warehouse (Custody and Handling of Goods) Regulations, 2016.

- (3) G.S.R. 516 (E), dated the 14th May, 2016, publishing the Special Warehouse (Custody and Handling of Goods) Regulations, 2016.
- (4) G.S.R. 517 (E), dated the 14th May, 2016, publishing the Public Warehouse Licensing Regulations, 2016.
- (5) G.S.R. 518 (E), dated the 14th May, 2016, publishing the Private Warehouse Licensing Regulations, 2016.
- (6) G.S.R. 519 (E), dated the 14th May, 2016, publishing the Special Warehouse Licensing Regulations, 2016.
- (7) S.O. 3450 (E), dated the 15th November, 2016, amending Notification No. S.O. 748 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2001, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (8) No. 138/2016-Customs (N.T.), dated the 17th November, 2016, regarding Exchange Rate of conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for imported and exported goods.
- (9) No. 143/2016-Customs (N.T.), dated the 29th November, 2016, regarding Exchange Rate of conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for imported and exported goods.
- (10) S.O. 3593 (E), dated the 30th November, 2016, amending Notification No. S.O. 748 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2001, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (11) No. 145/2016-Customs (N.T.), dated the 1st December, 2016, regarding Exchange Rate of conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for imported and exported goods.
- (12) No. 147/2016-Customs (N.T.), dated the 15th December, 2016, regarding Exchange Rate of conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for imported and exported goods.

- (13) S.O. 4054 (E), dated the 15th December, 2016, amending Notification No. S.O. 748 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2001, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (14) G.S.R. 1173 (E), dated the 27th December, 2016, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 185 (E), dated the 17th March, 2012 to omit certain entries in the original Notification.
- (15) S.O. 4226 (E), dated the 30th December, 2016, amending Notification No. S.O. 748 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2001, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (16) G.S.R. 1202 (E), dated the 31st December, 2016, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 185 (E), dated the 17th March, 2012 to insert certain entries in the original Notification.
- (17) G.S.R. 1203 (E), dated the 31st December, 2016, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 423 (E), dated the 1st June, 2011 to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (18) G.S.R. 1204 (E), dated the 31st December, 2016, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 593 (E), dated the 29th July, 2011 to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (19) G.S.R. 1205 (E), dated the 31st December, 2016, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 499 (E), dated the 1st July, 2011 to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (20) G.S.R. 1206 (E), dated the 31st December, 2016, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 943 (E), dated the 31st December, 2009 to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (21) No. 1/2017-Customs (N.T.), dated the 5th January, 2017, regarding Exchange Rate of conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for imported and exported goods.

- (22) S.O. 122 (E), dated the 13th January, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 748 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2001, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (23) No. 5/2017-Customs (N.T.) dated the 19th January, 2017, regarding Exchange Rate of conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for imported and exported goods.

4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (4) of Section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) G.S.R. 1082 (E), dated the 22nd November, 2016, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 648 (E), dated the 16th September, 2014, to insert certain entries in the original Notification.
- (2) G.S.R. 1102 (E), dated the 30th November, 2016, publishing the Place of Provision of Services (Second Amendment) Rules, 2016.
- (3) G.S.R. 1155 (E), dated the 19th December, 2016, publishing the Service Tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2016.
- (4) G.S.R. 24 (E), dated the 12th January, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 467 (E), dated the 20th June, 2012, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (5) G.S.R. 25 (E), dated the 12th January, 2017, publishing the Service Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (6) G.S.R. 26 (E), dated the 12th January, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 472 (E), dated the 20th June, 2012, to insert certain entries in the original Notification.
- (7) G.S.R. 27 (E), dated the 12th January, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 468 (E), dated the 20th June, 2012, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1944, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) G.S.R. 10 (E), dated the 5th January, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 117 (E), dated the 1st March, 2011, to omit certain entries in the original Notification.
- (2) G.S.R. 22 (E), dated the 11th January, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 163 (E), dated the 17th March, 2012, to insert certain entries in the original Notification.

6. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) G.S.R. 982 (E), dated the 17th October, 2016, publishing the Income-tax (28th Amendment), Rules, 2016.
- (2) S.O. 2979 (E), dated the 16th September, 2016, publishing the Income-tax (22nd Amendment), Rules, 2016.
- (3) S.O. 3573 (E), dated the 28th November, 2016, publishing the Income-tax (33rd Amendment) Rules, 2016.
- (4) S.O. 4059 (E), dated the 16th December, 2016, publishing the Taxation and Investment Regime for Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana Rules, 2016.
- (5) S.O. 4060 (E), dated the 16th December, 2016, regarding Central Government notifying the Principal Commissioner or the Commissioner of Income-tax, Centralised Processing Centre, Bengaluru, as the case may be, for the purpose of filing declaration under the Taxation and Investment Regime for Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana Rules, 2016.
- (6) S.O. 4110 (E), dated the 21st December, 2016, publishing the Income-tax (35th Amendment) Rules, 2016.

- (7) S.O. 4168 (E), dated the 27th December, 2016, publishing the Income-tax (36th Amendment), Rules, 2016.

7. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. G.S.R. 68 (E), dated the 24th January, 2017, publishing the India-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (Bilateral Safeguard Measures) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (7) of Section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, along with Explanatory Memorandum.

8. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. G.S.R. 1180 (E), dated the 28th December, 2016, publishing the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2016, under sub-section (4) of Section 85 of the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015, along with Explanatory Memorandum.

9. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. G.S.R. 23 (E), dated the 12th January, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 1018 (E), dated the 31st October, 2016, to substitute/insert/omit certain entries in the original Notification, under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 and sub-section (4) of Section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, along with Explanatory Memorandum.

10. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Regional Rural Banks, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts, under Section 20 of the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976 :—

- (i) Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank, Raipur, Chhattisgarh; and
- (ii) Madhya Bihar Gramin Bank, Patna, Bihar.

11. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Accounts of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (3) of Section 20 of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999.

12. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health and Family Welfare), under Section 93 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006:—

- (1) F. No. 1-11(1)/Standards/SP(Water and Beverages)/FSSAI-2015, dated the 16th November, 2016, publishing the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Twelfth Amendment Regulations, 2016.
- (2) F. No. F.1-63/FSSAI/Tr. Business SC and SP/Reg/2015, dated the 6th December, 2016, publishing the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (Transaction of Business and Procedures for the Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels) Regulations, 2016.
- (3) No. 1-4/Nutraceutical/FSSAI-2013, dated the 26th December, 2016, publishing the Food Safety and Standards (Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary Use, Food for Special Medical Purpose, Functional Food and Novel Food) Regulations, 2016.

13.(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:—

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the HLL Lifecare Limited, Thiruvananthapuram, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and the Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the HLL Biotech Limited (HBL), Thiruvananthapuram, a subsidiary of HLL Lifecare Limited, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and the Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the HLL Infra Tech Services Limited (HITES), Thiruvananthapuram, a subsidiary of HLL

Lifecare Limited, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and the Auditor General of India thereon.

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.
- (iv) (a) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Goa Antibiotics and Pharmaceuticals Limited (GAPL), Goa, a subsidiary of HLL Lifecare Limited, 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 Company.
- (v) (a) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the HSCC (India) Limited, NOIDA, 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 Company.

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

14.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 18 and Section 19 of the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical, Education and Research Chandigarh, Act, 1966:—

- (a) Forty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by the Government on the working of the above Institute.

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

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Medical Services Society (CMSS), 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 Society.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.

- (ii) (a) Annual Report of the Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, 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) and (b) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, 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 (iii) (a) above.

16. (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) Annual Report and Accounts of the Pawan Hans Limited, New Delhi, 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) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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

17. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs Notification No. G.S.R. 1130 (E), dated the 13th December, 2016, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 835 (E), dated the 3rd November, 2015 to substitute certain entries in the original Notification, under Section 30 B of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949; Section 40 of the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959; and Section 40 of the Company Secretaries Act, 1980.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

19. (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) Annual Report and Accounts of the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata, 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 company.

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

11-04 a.m.

3. Reports of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice

Shri D. Raja presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice:—

- (i) Eighty-eighth Report on the Action Taken on Eighty-fourth Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Law and Justice; and
- (ii) Eighty-ninth Report on the Action Taken on Eighty-fifth Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

11-05 a.m.

4. Reports of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development

Shri Parvez Hashmi, laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development (2016-17):—

- (i) Thirteenth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Tenth Report

(Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; and

- (ii) Fourteenth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry of Urban Development.

* 11-07 a.m.

5. Matters raised with permission

1. Shrimati Viplove Thakur raised a matter regarding need to evolve a policy to look after the victims of rape and their children.

11-11 a.m.

2. Shri Shantaram Naik raised a matter regarding reported statement of the Defence Minister regarding use of nuclear weapons.

Shri Anand Sharma also spoke.

§ 11-18 a.m.

3. Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to reinvestigate the murder of a youth in Kannur district of Kerala.

¢ 11-22 a.m.

4. Dr. Narendra Jadhav raised a matter regarding concern over the abolition of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP).

11-25 a.m.

5. Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding concern over the privatization/ strategic sale of Public Sector Undertakings.

11-29 a.m.

6. Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde raised a matter regarding alleged attacks on the workers of BJP and RSS in Kerala.

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

§ From 11-15 a.m. to 11-18 a.m., some points were raised.

¢ From 11-21 a.m. to 11-22 a.m., some points were raised.

^ψ11-35 a.m.

7. Shrimati Jaya Bachchan raised a matter regarding alleged misbehaviour with eminent cinema artists in Rajasthan.

11-38 a.m.

8. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy raised a matter regarding concern over increase in cases of deaths due to swine flu in Andhra Pradesh.

11-41 a.m.

9. Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding concern over tribal unrest in Jharkhand.

11-45 a.m.

10. Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding lack of telephone facilities in many police stations in the country.

11-48 a.m.

11. Shri Pramod Tiwari raised a matter regarding provision of resources and special funds for Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh to deal with natural calamity in view of earthquake on 6.2.2017.

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.

11-52 a.m.

12. Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding miserable conditions of manual scavengers in the country.

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.

^ψ From 11-32 a.m. to 11-35 a.m., some points were raised.

11-57 a.m.

6. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were laid on the Table of the House:—

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| 1. | Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy | Demand to withdraw the notification issued by UGC regarding reduction in the number of attempts under NEET. |
| 2. | Shri Majeed Memon | Demand to take steps to ensure proper representation of all the communities in appointments of judges in the Supreme Court and the High Courts. |
| 3. | Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy | Demand to take immediate steps to curb illegal mining of sand in the country. |
| 4. | Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad | Demand to provide adequate passenger amenities and increase the frequency of certain trains passing through Uttar Pradesh. |
| 5. | Shri Ram Nath Thakur | Demand for comprehensive reforms in the administration of AIIMS, Delhi. |
| 6. | Shri Ali Anwar Ansari | Demand to implement the principle of equal pay for equal work for workers employed on contract basis in DD News. |

12-00 Noon

7. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 46 to 53 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (54 to 60) were laid on the Table.

8. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 477 to 636 were laid on the Table.

1-01 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-06 p.m.

^o2-07 p.m.

9. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address

Further discussion on the following Motion moved by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad on the 2nd 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 Ramkumar Verma
2-22 p.m.	2.	Shri Prem Chand Gupta
[∞] 2-47 p.m.	3.	Shrimati Viplove Thakur
3-00 p.m.	4.	Shri K.T.S. Tulsi
3-08 p.m.	5.	Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap
3-16 p.m.	6.	Shri T.K.S. Elangovan
3-23 p.m.	7.	Shri K.C. Ramamurthy
^Σ 3-43 p.m.	8.	Mahant Shambhuprasadji Tundiya
3-58 p.m.	9.	Shri Narendra Kumar Swain
4-05 p.m.	10.	Shri T.G. Venkatesh
4-11 p.m.	11.	Shri Ram Vichar Netam
4-25 p.m.	12.	Shri Narendra Budania
4-50 p.m.	13.	Dr. Narendra Jadhav
5-00 p.m.	14.	Shri Abdul Wahab
5-14 p.m.	15.	Shri Prakash Javadekar, <i>Minister of Human Resource Development</i>
[®] 5-38 p.m.	16.	Shri Ripun Bora

^o From 2-06 p.m. to 2-07 p.m., some points were raised.

[∞] From 2-41 p.m. to 2-47 p.m., some points were raised.

^Σ From 3-42 p.m. to 3-43 p.m., some points were raised.

[®] From 5-26 p.m. to 5-27 p.m., some points were raised.

- ⊕5-49 p.m. 17. Shri Ramdas Athawale, *Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment*

The discussion was not concluded.

6-00 p.m.

10. Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee

The Deputy Chairman announced the recommendations made by the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 7th of February, 2017.

6-02 p.m.

11. Messages from Lok Sabha reported and Government Bill Laid on the Table

I. Secretary-General reported to the House, a message from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 7th February, 2017, passed the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

II. A copy of the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha, was laid on the Table.

III. Secretary-General also reported to the House, three messages from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 7th February, 2017 adopted the following three motions recommending to the Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate:—

- (i) seven Members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the House for the term beginning on the 1st May, 2017 and ending on the 30th April, 2018 and communicate to the Lok Sabha the names of the Members so nominated by Rajya Sabha;
- (ii) seven Members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Undertakings of the House for the term beginning on the 1st May, 2017 and ending on the 30th April, 2018 and communicate to the Lok Sabha the names of the Members so nominated by Rajya Sabha; and

⊕ From 5-47 p.m. to 5-48 p.m., some points were raised.

- (iii) ten Members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the House for the term beginning on the 1st May, 2017 and ending on the 30th April, 2018 and communicate to the Lok Sabha the names of the Members so nominated by Rajya Sabha.

6-04 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 8th February, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General