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(TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY SECOND SESSION)

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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 8th 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 Labour and Employment, Notification No. G.S.R. 1115 (E), dated the 6th December, 2016 publishing the Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Rules, 2016 under sub-section (3) of Section 38 of the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965.

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce) Notification No. S.O. 21 (E), dated the 4th January, 2017, publishing the Tea (Marketing) Control (Amendment) Order, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 49 of the Tea Act, 1953.

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

- (i) (a) Fiftieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), 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 Council.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Adityapur Auto Cluster, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Thirtieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (Gwalior), Madhya Pradesh, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.
- (iv) (a) Thirty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the M.P. Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam Limited (Indore), Madhya Pradesh for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.
- (v) (a) Sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Baddi Infrastructure, Himachal 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 Company.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (v) (a) above.
- (vi) (a) Eleventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Foundry Cluster Development Association (FCDA), 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 Company.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vi) (a) above.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Narol Textile Infrastructure and Enviro Management, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vii) (a) above.
- (viii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCCBM), Haryana, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (viii) (a) above.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Culture Notification No. G.S.R. 918 (E), dated the 27th September, 2016, publishing the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment) Rules, 2016, under sub-section (4) of Section 38 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

5.(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) Fifty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the India Tourism Development Corporation Limited (ITDC), 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) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
- (ii) (a) Thirty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Assam Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited (AAHCL), Guwahati, 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.
- (iii) (a) Twenty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Donyi Polo Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited (DPAHCL), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, 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.

- (iv) (a) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Utkal Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited (UAHCL), Puri, Odisha, 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.
- (v) (a) Thirtieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Pondicherry Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited (PAHCL), Puducherry, 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.
- (vi) (a) Thirty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Madhya Pradesh Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited, Bhopal, 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.
- (vii) (a) Eighteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Punjab Ashok Hotel Company Limited, Chandigarh, 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.
- (viii) (a) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Ranchi Ashok Bihar Hotel Corporation Limited, Patna, 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.
- (ix) (a) Fifteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Kumarakruppa Frontier Hotels Private 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) 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.

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

- (i) (a) Forty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Rampur Raza Library, Rampur, 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 Library.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Museum, Kolkata, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Museum.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Forty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, 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 Library Foundation.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Delhi Public Library (DPL), 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 Library.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Library.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (v) (a) above.
- (vi)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Memorial.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vi) (a) above.
- (vii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC), Udaipur, 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.
- (viii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), 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 Centre.
- (ix)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Lalit Kala Akademi, 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 Akademi.
- (x)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai, 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.
- (xi)
- (a) Annual Report of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review of Government on the working of the above Centre.

- (xii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sangeet Natak Akademi, 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 Akademi.
- (xiii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sahitya Akademi, 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 Akademi.
- (xiv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National School of Drama, 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 School.
- (xv) (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, (IHM), Bengaluru, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Bhopal, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (c) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Bhubaneswar, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (d) Twenty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition, Chandigarh, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (e) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Chennai, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (f) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition,

Ahmedabad, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

- (g) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Goa, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (h) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Gwalior, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Guwahati, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (j) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Shillong, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (k) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (l) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Jaipur, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (m) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition (Calcutta) Society, Kolkata, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (n) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Hajipur, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (o) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition, Kufri, Shimla, for the

- year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (p) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (q) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (r) Twenty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition (Society), Gurdaspur, Punjab, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (s) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition, Lucknow, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (t) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition, Pusa, New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (u) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Mumbai, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (v) Consolidated Review by the Government on the working of Institutes at (i) to (u) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT), NOIDA (U.P), 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.
- (iii) Consolidated Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) and (ii) above.

- (xvi) (a) Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM), Gwalior, Madhya 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 (xvi) (a) above.
- (xvii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Tourism) and the India Tourism Development Corporation Limited, for the year 2016-17.
- (xviii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Assam Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited and the India Tourism Development Corporation Limited, for the year 2016-17.
- (xix) Memorandum of Understanding between the Donyi Polo Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited and the India Tourism Development Corporation Limited, for the year 2016-17.
- (xx) Memorandum of Understanding between the Pondicherry Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited and the India Tourism Development Corporation Limited, for the year 2016-17.
- (xxi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Punjab Ashok Hotel Company Limited and the India Tourism Development Corporation Limited, for the year 2016-17.
- (xxii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Ranchi Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited and the India Tourism Development Corporation Limited, for the year 2016-17.
- (xxiii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Kumarakruppa Frontier Hotels Private Limited and the India Tourism Development Corporation Limited, for the year 2016-17.

7. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements showing action taken by Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings given during the Session shown against each:—

1. Statement No. XXXVII One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Session, 2002
2. Statement No. XXXI Two Hundred and Sixth Session, 2005
3. Statement No. XXX Two Hundred and Eighth Session, 2006

4.	Statement No. XXIII	Two Hundred and Twelfth Session, 2007
5.	Statement No. XXI	Two Hundred and Fifteenth Session, 2009
6.	Statement No. XXVI	Two Hundred and Seventeenth Session, 2009
7.	Statement No. XXIII	Two Hundred and Twentieth Session, 2010
8.	Statement No. XIX	Two Hundred and Twenty-second Session, 2011
9.	Statement No. XXI	Two Hundred and Twenty-third Session, 2011
10.	Statement No. XIX	Two Hundred and Twenty-fourth Session, 2011
11.	Statement No. XVII	Two Hundred and Twenty-sixth Session, 2012
12.	Statement No. XVI	Two Hundred and Twenty-seventh Session, 2012
13.	Statement No. XV	Two Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session, 2013
14.	Statement No. XIII	Two Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session, 2013
15.	Statement No. XII	Two Hundred and Thirtieth Session, 2013-14
16.	Statement No. X	Two Hundred and Thirty-second Session, 2014
17.	Statement No. IX	Two Hundred and Thirty-third Session, 2014
18.	Statement No. VIII	Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth Session, 2015
19.	Statement No. VII	Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth Session, 2015
20.	Statement No. VI	Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth Session, 2015
21.	Statement No. V	Two Hundred and Thirty-seventh Session, 2015
22.	Statement No. IV	Two Hundred and Thirty-eighth Session, 2016
23.	Statement No. III	Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth Session, 2016
24.	Statement No. II	Two Hundred and Fortieth Session, 2016
25.	Statement No. I	Two Hundred and Forty-first Session, 2016

8. 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) Twenty-eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (ANIIDCO), Port Blair, 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.

9. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, framed under sub-section (5) of Section 3 of the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920:—

- (1) S.O. 4190 (E), dated the 28th December, 2016, designating Nalabasti (Lawngpuighat), Lawngtlai District, in Mizoram State, along Indo-Bangladesh Border as an authorized Immigration Check Post on temporary basis for one year for entry into/exit

from India with valid travel documents for BGB troops/laborers.

- (2) S.O. 4192 (E), dated the 28th December, 2016, designating Silkor (Silgur) Lunglei District, Mizoram State, along Indo-Bangladesh Border as an authorized Immigration Check Post on temporary basis for one year for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for BGB troops/laborers.

10. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, framed under sub-section (2) of Section 2 of the Foreigners Orders, 1948:—

- (1) S.O. 3436 (E), dated the 11th November, 2016, appointing Chief Immigration Officer, Haridaspur as the “Civil Authority” for the purposes of the said Order for the jurisdiction of the Immigration Check Post located at Haridaspur falling under district of North 24-Parganas in the State of West Bengal with effect from 15.11.2016 in supersession to earlier Gazette Notification S.O. 2851 (E), dated the 26th November, 2010.
- (2) S.O. 4191 (E), dated the 28th December, 2016, appointing Foreigners Registration Officer, Mizoram as the “Civil Authority” for the purpose of the said order for the Immigration Check Post located at Nalabasti (Lawngpuighat), Lawngtlai District in the jurisdiction of Government of Mizoram with effect from 1.1.2017.
- (3) S.O. 4193 (E), dated the 28th December, 2016, appointing Foreigners Registration Officer, Mizoram as the “Civil Authority” for the purpose of the said order for the Immigration Check Post located at Silkor (Silgur), Lunglei district in the jurisdiction of Government of Mizoram with effect from 1.1.2017.

11. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-section (4) of Section 18 of the Citizenship Act, 1955:—

- (1) G.S.R. 1168 (E), dated the 23rd December, 2016, publishing the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2016.
- (2) S.O. 4132 (E), dated the 23rd December, 2016, regarding transfer

of powers for registration as a citizen of India or grant of certificate of naturalization by the Central Government to the Collector or the Secretary, as the case may be.

12.(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) Fifty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Instrumentation Limited (ILK), Kota, Rajasthan, 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 delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Fluid Control Research Institute (FCRI), Palakkad, Kerala, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between Government of India (Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises) and M/s. Braithwaite Burn & Jessop Construction Co. Ltd. (BBJ), for the year 2016-17.

11-02 a.m.

2. Reports of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs

Shri K. Rahman Khan presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs:—

- (i) 199th Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 197th Report

on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of Ministry of Home Affairs; and

- (ii) 200th Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 196th Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of Ministry of DoNER.

11-03 a.m.

3. Report of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development

Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya presented the Two Hundred Eighty Fourth Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on the subject 'Issues and Challenges before Higher Educational Sector in India.

4. Report of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture

Shri Mukul Roy presented the Two Hundred Forty Third Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on "The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2016".

5. Report of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes

Shri Ram Nath Thakur laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Sixth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations of the Committee contained in their Second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on "Reservation in employment and welfare measures for OBCs in the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation" pertaining to the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

11-04 a.m.

6. Leave of Absence

Shri K.G. Kenye (Nagaland) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House for the entire current Session of the Rajya Sabha.

11-05 a.m.

7. Statement by Minister

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, laid on the table a Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on Export Infrastructure in India.

∞ 11-14 a.m.

8. Matters raised with permission

1. Ms. Dola Sen raised a matter regarding need to discuss political funding and electoral reforms.

11-16 a.m.

2. Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding reported scam of ₹ 3700 crores by a Social Trade Company.

Shri Prabhat Jha also spoke.

11-20 a.m.

3. Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding need to revoke the UGC notification regarding admissions for M. Phil and Ph.D. courses.

11-23 a.m.

4. Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding use of *devanagri* numerals in new currency notes of ₹ 500 and ₹ 2000 denominations.

11-27 a.m.

5. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad raised a matter regarding threat to the environment due to illegal sand mining on *Ken* river in Madhya Pradesh.

∞ From 11-06 a.m. to 11-14 a.m., some points were raised.

11-30 a.m.

6. Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu raised a matter regarding concern over slow progress of work on NH-33.

11-33 a.m.

7. Shrimati Wansuk Syiem raised a matter regarding concern over distress in North-East region.

11-36 a.m.

8. Dr. Anil Kumar Sahani raised a matter regarding alleged harassment of farmers in loan recovery by Banks.

11-39 a.m.

9. Mahant Shambhuprasadji Tundiya raised a matter regarding need to provide facilities to the pilgrims of Kailash-Mansarovar *yatra*.

11-42 a.m.

10. Shri Mukul Roy raised a matter regarding increasing number of rail accidents due to poor infrastructure.

11-45 a.m.

11. Shri C.P. Narayanan raised a matter regarding need to provide kerosene oil at PDS prices to traditional fishermen in Kerala.

Shri A.K. Antony also spoke.

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

11-49 a.m.

12. Shrimati Kahkashan Perween raised a matter regarding need to confer *Bharat Ratna* on Late Shri Karpoori Thakur.

11-52 a.m.

13. Shrimati Chhaya Verma raised a matter regarding delay in issuing 'long time VISA' or citizenship to persons exiled from Sindh (Pakistan) living in Chhattisgarh.

11-53 a.m.

14. Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu raised a matter regarding the problems being faced by quality handloom products due to machine made duplicates.

11-56 a.m.

9. Special Mentions

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

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| 1. | Shri Partap Singh Bajwa | Demand for early commissioning of the All India Radio tower with full-fledged studio facilities in Amritsar on priority basis. |
| 2. | Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya | Demand to expedite the process of construction of Delhi-Jaipur Express way. |
| 3. | Shri K.T.S. Tulsi | Demand to unveil the plan to tackle rising unemployment after demonetization of currency notes in the country. |
| 4. | Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya | Demand to take immediate steps to utilize the Nirbhaya Fund for safety and security of women in the country. |
| 5. | Shri Sanjay Seth | Demand to make a policy to tackle the increasing cases of depression and other mental diseases in the country. |
| 6. | Shri C.P. Narayanan | Demand to utilize scientific methods for management of e-waste in the country. |

12-00 Noon

10. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 61 to 70 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (71 to 75) were laid on the Table.

11. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 637 to 796 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

12. Statement by Minister Correcting Answer to Question

Shri Kiren Rijju, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, laid on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 55 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 2016, regarding 'Deportation of illegal Bangladeshi Migrants'.

13. Message 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 Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Bill, 2017.

II. A copy of the Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha, was laid on the Table.

1-01 p.m.

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

2-02 p.m.

14. Government Bill – Passed**The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha**

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-03 p.m.	1.	Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya
2-11 p.m.	2.	Shri Madhusudan Mistry
2-34 p.m.	3.	Shri Sanjay Seth
2-39 p.m.	4.	Ms. Dola Sen

2-44 p.m.	5.	Dr. Anil Kumar Sahani
2-49 p.m.	6.	Shri T.K. Rangarajan
2-54 p.m.	7.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
3-01 p.m.	8.	Shri D. Raja
3-14 p.m.	9.	Shri Basawaraj Patil
3-18 p.m.	10.	Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury
3-33 p.m.	11.	Shri P. Bhattacharya
^λ 3-47 p.m.	12.	Shri Shantaram Naik
3-54 p.m.	13.	Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu
3-56 p.m.	14.	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy

3-57 p.m.

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya replied to the debate.

4-18 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses 2 and 3 were adopted.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were adopted.

4-19 p.m.

The motion moved by Shri Bandaru Dattatreya that the Bill be passed was adopted and the Bill was passed.

4-20 p.m.

15. 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.”

^λ From 3-46 p.m. to 3-47 p.m., some points were raised.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

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| 4-20 p.m. | 1. | Shri Anand Sharma |
| ^γ 5-23 p.m. | 2. | Shri Arun Jaitley, <i>Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs and Leader of the House</i> |

5-44 p.m.

Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, replied to the debate.

^π7-01 p.m.

All the amendments moved were either negatived or withdrawn by leave of the House.

^θ7-14 p.m.

The Motion of Thanks was, thereafter, adopted.

7-15 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 9th February, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General

^γ From 4-23 p.m. to 4-24 p.m., From 5-00 p.m. to 5-03 p.m., From 5-06 p.m. to 5-16 p.m., and From 5-22 p.m. to 5-23 p.m., some points were raised.

^π From 6-05 p.m. to 6-10 p.m., and From 6-54 p.m. to 7-01 p.m., some points were raised.

^θ From 7-05 p.m. to 7-06 p.m., some points were raised.