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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held
on the 15th March, 2017**

11-00 a.m.

1. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 36 of the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

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

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (VVG NLI), NOIDA, for the year 2014-15, 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 (a) above.

3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce), under sub-section (3) of Section 55 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, along with Explanatory Note:—

- (1) S.O. 2665 (E), dated the 9th August, 2016, notifying certain offences as offences under certain Sections of the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Excise Act, 1944 and the Finance Act, 1994.
- (2) S.O. 2666 (E), dated the 9th August, 2016, authorizing the Additional Director General, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence for offences under the Customs Act, 1962 and the Additional Director General, Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence for offences under the Central Excise Act, 1944 and the Finance Act, 1994, to be the enforcement officer(s) in respect of any notified offence or offences committed or likely to be committed in a Special Economic Zone.
- (3) S.O. 2667 (E), dated the 9th August, 2016, authorizing the jurisdictional Customs Commissioner, in respect of offences under the Customs Act, 1962 and Commissioner of Central Excise in respect of offences under the Central Excise Act, 1944 and the Finance Act, 1994 and notified under the Act, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, to carry out the investigation, inspection, search or seizure in a Special Economic Zone or Unit with prior intimation to the Development Commissioner concerned.
- (4) G.S.R. 2 (E), dated the 3rd January, 2017, publishing the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Rules, 2016.
- (5) G.S.R. 12 (E), dated the 6th January, 2017, publishing the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Rules, 2017.

4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion), under sub-section (8) of Section 18 of the Explosives Act, 1884:—

- (1) G.S.R. 1109 (E), dated the 1st December, 2016, publishing the Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (Unfired) Rules, 2016.

(2) G.S.R. 1081 (E), dated the 22nd November, 2016, publishing the Gas Cylinders Rules, 2016.

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

(a) Fifty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Ni-MSME), Hyderabad, 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 (a) above.

6. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Accounts of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (4) of Section 34 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

7. (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 Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL), 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.

11-01 a.m.

2. Message from Lok Sabha — Reported

Additional Secretary reported to the House, a message from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that the Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 14th March, 2017, had agreed to the amendments made by the Rajya Sabha to the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2017, passed by the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 10th March, 2017.

11-02 a.m.

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

Shri K. Rahman Khan presented the Two Hundred First Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on the Demands for Grants (2017-18) of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

11-03 a.m.

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

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

- (i) Ninetieth Report on Demands for Grants (2017-18) of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; and
- (ii) Ninety-first Report on Demands for Grants (2017-18) of the Ministry of Law and Justice.

11-04 a.m.

5. Reports of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance

Dr. Mahendra Prasad, laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance (2016-17):—

- (i) Forty-fourth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs; and
- (ii) Forty-fifth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

6. Reports of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution

Shri Shadi Lal Batra, laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (2016-17):—

- (i) Thirteenth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in their Tenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution); and
- (ii) Fourteenth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in their Eleventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs).

11-05 a.m.

7. Leave of Absence

Shri Rewati Raman Singh (Uttar Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 9th March to 12th April, 2017, during the current (242nd) Session of the Rajya Sabha.

11-06 a.m.

8. Statement by Minister

Shri Kalraj Mishra, Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Seventy-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

∞ 11-10 a.m.

9. Matters raised with Permission

1. Shri P.L. Punia raised a matter regarding situation arising out of abolition of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan and non-allocation of budget in proportion to the population.

11-13 a.m.

2. Shri Anand Sharma raised a matter regarding concern over the manner of formation of Governments in Goa and Manipur disrespecting the people's mandate.

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.

* 11-20 a.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 11-30 a.m.

⊙ 11-38 a.m.

3. Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding continued discrimination against *dalit* students in Universities and suicide by a *dalit* student of JNU.

Shri Tiruchi Siva, Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav, Shrimati Kanimozhi, Shri Ali Anwar Ansari and Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

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

Ⓜ 11-57 a.m.

4. Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding threat of violence against the Chief Minister of Kerala.

Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

∞ From 11-07 a.m. to 11-10 a.m., some points were raised.

* From 11-17 a.m. to 11-20 a.m., some points were raised.

⊙ From 11-30 a.m. to 11-38 a.m., some points were raised.

Ⓜ From 11-40 a.m. to 11-42 a.m., some points were raised.

^λ12-04 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 12-19 p.m.

12-19 p.m.

10. Starred Questions

Starred Question No. 136 was orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (137 to 150) were laid on the Table.

Starred Question Nos. 121 to 135 put down in the List of March 14, 2017 were also laid on the Table.

11. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1437 to 1596 were laid on the Table.

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1277 to 1436 put down in the List of March 14, 2017 were also laid on the Table.

^φ12-21 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-00 p.m.

[§]2-12 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 3-00 p.m.

^λ From 12-00 Noon to 12-04 p.m., some points were raised.

^φ From 12-20 p.m. to 12-21 p.m., some points were raised.

[§] From 2-00 p.m. to 2-12 p.m., some points were raised.

∇ 3-04 p.m.

12. Special Mentions

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

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| 1. | Shri Anil Desai | Demand to take urgent steps for implementation of the Regional Air Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN) in Maharashtra. |
| 2. | Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya | Demand to create a separate terminal for VIP flights at Jaipur Airport. |
| 3. | Shrimati Sathyananth Vijila | Demand to take steps to obtain assent of the President on the two bills of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly regarding admission policy in Medical and Dental Colleges in the State |

(Due to gross disorderly conduct in violation of the rules and etiquette of Rajya Sabha by the following Members, who entered the 'Well' of the House, shouted slogans and persistently and willfully obstructed the proceedings of the House, the Chair repeatedly adjourned the House:-

1. *Shri Shantaram Naik*
2. *Shri Oscar Fernandes*
3. *Shri Santiuse Kujur*
4. *Shri Mohd. Ali Khan*
5. *Shri Pradeep Tamta*
6. *Shri P.L. Punia*
7. *Shri Husain Dalwai*
8. *Shri P. Bhattacharya*
9. *Shri Madhusudan Mistry*
10. *Shri Ranjib Biswal*
11. *Shrimati Rajani Patil*
12. *Shri Parvez Hashmi*
13. *Shri Shadi Lal Batra*
14. *Shri Rajeev Shukla*

∇ From 3-00 p.m. to 3-04 p.m., some points were raised.

15. *Shri Ripun Bora*
16. *Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi*
17. *Shrimati Wansuk Syiem*
18. *Shrimati Chhaya Verma*
19. *Shri Narendra Budania*
20. *Dr. K.V. P. Ramachandra Rao*
21. *Shri Partap Singh Bajwa*
22. *Shri K.C. Ramamurthy*
23. *Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu*
24. *Shri Raj Babbar*
25. *Shri Joy Abraham*

3-05 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 16th March, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General