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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation Limited, Lucknow, 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.

(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: —

(i) (a) Annual Accounts of the Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (4) of Section 20 of the Delhi Urban Art Commission Act, 1973.

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

- (ii) (a) Annual Report of the Development Planning Centre of the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Centre.
- (c) 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 Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) Notification No. G.S.R. 131 (E), dated the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, publishing the Indian Forest Service (Probation) Amendment Rules, 2017, under sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the All India Services Act, 1951.

4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under clause (1) of article 323 of the Constitution:—

- (a) Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Union Public Service Commission, (UPSC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Memorandum explaining the reasons for non-acceptance of the advice tendered by the Union Public Service Commission in respect of six cases referred to in Chapter 9 of the above-said Report.

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

- (a) Annual Report of the Central Information Commission (CIC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, under sub-section (4) of Section 25 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- (b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above.

6. 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) Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), Faridabad, 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.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for the Visually Handicapped (NIVH), Dehradun, 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 Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute for the Physically Handicapped, 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) Twenty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), 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 (iii) (a) above.

8. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, under Section 8 of the Sports Broadcasting Signals (Mandatory Sharing with Prasar Bharati) Act, 2007:—

- (1) S.O. 3264 (E), dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2016, notifying the sporting events of national importance with respect to cricket in supersession of Notification No. S.O. 1957 (E), dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2012, along with delay statement.
- (2) S.O. 302 (E), dated the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, notifying some events as sporting events of national importance, as mentioned therein, in supersession of Notification No. S.O. 1489 (E), dated the 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.

9. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Notification No. G.S.R. 804 (E), dated the 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, publishing the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2016, under

sub-section (3) of Section 22 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, along with delay statement.

10. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Notification No. G.S.R. 77 (E), dated the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 381 (E), dated the 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1983, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification, under sub-section (3) of Section 8 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952.

11.(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) Twenty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL), 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) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

12.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 20 of the Press Council Act, 1978:—

(a) Thirty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Press Council of India, 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.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the 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 Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), 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 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 Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), 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 Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

14.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under clause (6) of article 338 of the Constitution of India:—

- (a) Annual Report of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), New Delhi, for the year, 2015-16.
- (b) Explanatory Memorandum on the above-said Report.

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

15.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of Section 12 of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993:—

- (a) Annual Report of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Explanatory Memorandum on the recommendations contained in the above said Report.

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

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, 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 (a) above.

17.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 33 and sub-section (4) of Section 34 of the Rajiv Gandhi University Act, 2006:—

- (a) Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by the Government on working of the above University.

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

18.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (3) of Section 24 and sub-section (4) of Section 26 of the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Auroville Foundation, Tamil Nadu, 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 Foundation.

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

19.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 35 and sub-section (4) of Section 36 of the Visva Bharati (Amendment) Act, 1984:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

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

20.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 34 and sub-section (4) of Section 35 of the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1981:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh, for the year 2015-16.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

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

21.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 31 of the Central Universities Act, 2009:—

(i) Seventh Annual Accounts of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

(ii) Annual Accounts of the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar-Garhwal, Uttarakhand, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

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

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

(i) (a) Seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Vijayawada, Andhra 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 School.

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

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Bhopal, 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.

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

(iii) (a) Annual Report of Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedavidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, for the year 2015-16.

(b) Annual Accounts of Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedavidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

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

23. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Women and Child Development Notification No. G.S.R. 3 (E), dated the 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, publishing the Adoption Regulations, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 110 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

24. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Women and Child Development Notification No. G.S.R. 149 (E), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, publishing the Supplementary Nutrition (under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 39 of the National Food Security Act, 2013.

11-01 a.m.

## **2. Reports of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry**

Shri Sharad Yadav presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry:—

- (i) Two Hundred and Eightieth Report on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises;
- (ii) Two Hundred and Eighty-first Report on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises (Department of Heavy Industry); and
- (iii) Two Hundred and Eighty-second Report on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises (Department of Public Enterprises).



11-02 a.m.

### **3. Report of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources**

Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources (2016-17):—

- (i) Thirteenth Report on the subject “Indigenous and Modern forms of Water Conservation – Techniques and Practices” relating to the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;
- (ii) Fourteenth Report on the subject “Review of the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)” relating to the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;
- (iii) Fifteenth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations / Recommendations contained in the Tenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on “Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies – Encroachment on water bodies and steps required to remove the encroachment and restore the water bodies” relating to the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation; and
- (iv) Sixteenth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

11-03 a.m.

### **4. Statements by Ministers**

1. Shri Y.S. Chowdary, Minister of State in the Ministry of Science and Technology and Minister of State in the Ministry of Earth Sciences, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and eighty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in its Two

Hundred and Eighty-first Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Science and Technology.

2. 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, laid on the Table, the following statements (in English and Hindi) regarding:—

- (i) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in its Two Hundred and Twentieth Report on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- (iii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of the Ministry of Shipping.

11-05 a.m.

**5. Motion for election to the Committee on Public Undertakings**

A motion for election of seven members to the Committee on Public Undertakings was moved and adopted.

**6. Motion for election to the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**

A motion for election of ten members to the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was moved and adopted.

11-06 a.m.

## 7. Motion for election to the Committee on Public Accounts

A motion for election of seven members to the Committee on Public Accounts was moved and adopted.

<sup>φ</sup> 11-08 a.m.

## 8. Matters raised with Permission

1. Shri Sharad Yadav raised a matter regarding plight of farmers due to inefficient system of procurement of wheat and pulses by the Government.

Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav, Shri Sitaram Yechury and Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of Opposition* also spoke.

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

<sup>ψ</sup> 11-21 a.m.

2. Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding surcharge on digital payments after demonetization.

Shri Sitaram Yechury 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.

<sup>√</sup> 11-26 a.m.

3. Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding need to regulate the medical healthcare in private hospitals.

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<sup>φ</sup> From 11-07 a.m. to 11-08 a.m., some points were raised.

<sup>ψ</sup> From 11-16 a.m. to 11-21 a.m., some points were raised.

<sup>√</sup> From 11-25 a.m. to 11-26 a.m., some points were raised.

11-28 a.m.

4. Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding hardships being faced by employees of the Hindustan Paper Corporation.

11-31 a.m.

5. Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding concern over steep hike in prices of LPG Cylinder.

11-34 a.m.

6. Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding need to include Bhojpuri in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

11-37 a.m.

7. Shri Mohd. Ali Khan raised a matter regarding concern over the pendency of reimbursement of medical bills of private hospitals empanelled under CGHS.

11-40 a.m.

8. Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding concern over trafficking of humans, particularly girls in various States.

11-43 a.m.

9. Shri Husain Dalwai raised a matter regarding rampant female foeticide in Maharashtra.

11-47 a.m.

10. Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding proposed strike by Central Government Employees on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

©11-54 a.m.

11. Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding need to take up the matter of killing of an Indian National in Kansas, USA with the U.S. Government.

Shrimati Sushma Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs, responded.

11-58 a.m.

12. Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth raised a matter regarding alleged harassment of farmers by bank managers and farmers suicides in Tamil Nadu.

12-00 Noon.

### **9. Starred Questions**

Starred Question Nos. 151 to 157 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (158 to 165) were laid on the Table.

### **10. Unstarred Questions**

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1597 to 1756 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-01 p.m.*

2-01 p.m.

### **11. Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) 2016-17**

Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Railways, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) 2016-17.

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© From 11-50 a.m. to 11-54 a.m., some points were raised.

2-02 p.m.

## 12. Statements by Minister

Shrimati Sushma Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs, made the following statements regarding:—

- (i) Killing of Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy off the coast of Tamil Nadu; and
- (ii) Apprehension of Indian Fishermen by Pakistan.

<sup>γ</sup>2-13 p.m.

## 13. The Union Budget, 2017-18

Further discussion on the Union Budget, 2017-18 continued:—

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-13 p.m.	1.	Shri Tapan Kumar Sen <i>(continued his speech from 09.02.2017)</i>
2-19 p.m.	2.	Shri D. Raja
2-38 p.m.	3.	Shri Jairam Ramesh
3-12 p.m.	4.	Shri Ajay Sancheti
3-23 p.m.	5.	Shri Harivansh
<sup>α</sup> 4-14 p.m.	6.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
4-31 p.m.	7.	Shri Shantaram Naik
4-44 p.m.	8.	Shri Rangasayee Ramakrishna
5-03 p.m.	9.	Shri Vivek Gupta
5-11 p.m.	10.	Shri K. Somaprasad
5-18 p.m.	11.	Shri P. Bhattacharya
5-33 p.m.	12.	Shri Basawaraj Patil
5-46 p.m.	13.	Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu

The discussion was not concluded.

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<sup>γ</sup> From 2-10 p.m. to 2-13 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>α</sup> From 4-00 p.m. to 4-13 p.m., see item at SI No. 14; and From 4-13 p.m. to 4-14 p.m., some points were raised.

#### 14. Statements by Ministers

1. <sup>⊕</sup>Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, made a statement on the National Health Policy, 2017.

5-53p.m.

2. Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, made a statement on the recent attack on Security Forces at Sukma, Chhattisgarh on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

6-01 p.m.

#### 15. Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee

The Deputy Chairman announced the recommendations made by the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017.

6-03 p.m.

#### 16. Special Mentions

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

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| 1. Shri K.C. Ramamurthy    | Demand to withdraw the decision to impose transaction charges and maintenance of minimum balance in the bank accounts.     |
| 2. Shrimati Wansuk Syiem   | Demand to enhance the availability of LPG in the North-Eastern parts of the country.                                       |
| 3. Shri K.K. Ragesh        | Demand to set up coir industry and introduce Government procurement of coconut and Tuna fish in Lakshadweep.               |
| 4. Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda | Demand to take steps for universalization of basic education and equal educational opportunities for girls in the country. |
| 5. Shri Vivek Gupta        | Demand to expedite the process for opening more banks in rural areas in West Bengal.                                       |

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<sup>⊕</sup> At 4-00 p.m.

6. Shri P.L. Punia Demand to make suitable amendments in the laws to check practice of untouchability, inequality and atrocities against SCs/STs in educational institutions in the country.
7. Shri Derek O' Brien Need to adopt the West Bengal model of empowering women throughout the country.
8. Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy Demand to withhold the release of funds for construction of Polavaram Dam by NABARD without environmental clearance.

6-07 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General*