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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held
on the 31st January, 2017**

12-57 p.m.

1. National Anthem

National Anthem was played.

12-58 p.m.

2. President's Address Laid on the Table

Secretary-General laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the President's Address to both the Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 31st January, 2017.

12-59 p.m.

3. Obituary References

The Chairman made references to the passing away of —

1. Ayatollah Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Former President of the Islamic Republic of Iran;
2. Sir James Richard Mancham, Former President of Seychelles;
3. Mr. Alexander M. Kadakin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to India;
4. Shri W. Kulabidhu Singh (ex-Member);
5. Shri Hamid Ali Schamnad (ex-Member);
6. Dr. Mohd. Hashim Kidwai (ex-Member); and
7. Shri Ramdas Agarwal (ex-Member).

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

1-08 p.m.

4. Reference by the Chair

The Chairman made a reference to the avalanches in Sonmarg in Ganderbal district, Gurez Sector in Bandipora district and Machchil Sector in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on the 25th, 26th and 28th of January, 2017 respectively, in which 1 officer and 19 soldiers of the Indian Army and some civilians reportedly lost their lives.

The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those, who lost their lives in these tragedies.

1-10 p.m.

5. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A Statement (in English and Hindi) showing the following Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Two Hundred and Forty-first Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President :—

1. *The Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 2016.
2. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016.
3. *The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2016.
4. *The Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2016.

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Economic Survey, 2016-17.

3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Ordinances, under sub-clause (a) of clause (2) of article 123 of the Constitution:—

- (i) The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Fifth Ordinance, 2016 (Ordinance No.8 of 2016), promulgated by the President on the 22nd of December, 2016.

* The Bill could not be returned by the Rajya Sabha and was deemed to have been passed by both Houses under article 109(5) of the Constitution.

- (ii) The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 (Ordinance No.9 of 2016), promulgated by the President on the 28th of December, 2016.
- (iii) The Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Ordinance, 2016 (Ordinance No.10 of 2016), promulgated by the President on the 30th of December, 2016.

1-11 p.m.

6. Resignation by Member

The Chairman made the following announcement in the House:—

“I have to inform Members that I had received a letter, dated the 23rd of December, 2016, from Shri Mithun Chakraborty, Member, representing the State of West Bengal, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. I had accepted his resignation with effect from the 28th of December, 2016.”

1-12 p.m.

7. Statement regarding Ordinance

Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by promulgation of the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Fifth Ordinance, 2016.

1-13 p.m.

The House adjourned till 1-30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 1st February, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General