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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 2nd August, 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. 543 (E), dated the 2nd June, 2017, publishing the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2017, under sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

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 (VVGNI), NOIDA, 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 (a) above.

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), for the year 2017-18.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), for the year 2017-18.

- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), for the year 2017-18.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology, 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 (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Allahabad, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Cultural Centre.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) and the National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC), for the year 2017-18.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Accounts of the Port Blair Municipal Council, Port Blair, for the year 2008-09, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Port Blair Municipal Council, Port Blair, for the year 2009-10, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Annual Accounts of the Port Blair Municipal Council, Port Blair, for the year 2010-11, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (d) Annual Accounts of the Port Blair Municipal Council, Port Blair, for the year 2011-12, and the Audit Report thereon.

- (e) Annual Accounts of the Port Blair Municipal Council, Port Blair, for the year 2012-13, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (f) Annual Accounts of the Port Blair Municipal Council, Port Blair, for the year 2013-14, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (ii) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Municipal Council.
- (iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

7. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. G.S.R. 531 (E), dated the 30th May, 2017, amending the National Institute of Disaster Management Regulations, 2006, to insert certain entries in the original notification, under Section 77 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

8. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. S.O. 1757 (E), dated the 1st June, 2017, publishing the Border Security Force (Amendment) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 141 of the Border Security Force Act, 1968.

9. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Audit Report on Planning and Implementation of Phase-III project of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) - Union Government (Commercial), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Report No.33 of 2017 (Performance Audit), under clause (2) of Section 19A of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971.

11-02 a.m.

2. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce

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

- (i) 134th Report on Action Taken by Government on the Recommendations/Observations of the Committee contained in its 130th Report on Industrial Policy in the Changing Global Scenario;

- (ii) 135th Report on Action Taken by Government on the Recommendations/Observations of the Committee contained in its 132nd Report on Demands for Grants (2017-18) of Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; and
- (iii) 136th Report on Action Taken by Government on the Recommendations/Observations of the Committee contained in its 133rd Report on Demands for Grants (2017-18) of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

11-03 a.m.

3. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance

Dr. Mahendra Prasad laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Forty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance (2016-17) on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Thirty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'State of Rural/Agricultural Banking and Crop Insurance' pertaining to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services).

4. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Action Taken Statements furnished by the Government in respect of observations/recommendations contained in Chapters I and V of Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel (2016-17):—

- (i) Twenty-seventh Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee, on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in Twenty-fourth Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2012-13)' pertaining to the Ministry of Coal;
- (ii) Forty-sixth Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee, on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in Thirty-fifth

- Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2013-14)' pertaining to the Ministry of Steel;
- (iii) Forty-seventh Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee, on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in Thirty-ninth Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Promotion of Steel Usage' pertaining to the Ministry of Steel;
 - (iv) Forty-eighth Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee, on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in Fortieth Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Functioning of MSTC Ltd.' pertaining to the Ministry of Steel;
 - (v) Fifteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee, on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in Seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2015-16)' pertaining to the Ministry of Coal;
 - (vi) Twenty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee, on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in Eighteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' pertaining to the Ministry of Coal;
 - (vii) Twenty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee, on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in Nineteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' pertaining to the Ministry of Mines;
 - (viii) Twenty-sixth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee, on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in Twentieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' pertaining to the Ministry of Steel; and
 - (ix) Thirtieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee, on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in Twenty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Research and

Development in Iron and Steel Sector' pertaining to the Ministry of Steel.

5. Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Nineteenth Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the subject 'National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)' pertaining to the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways.

11-04 a.m.

6. Leave of Absence

Dr. K. Keshava Rao (Andhra Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 19th of July to the 3rd of August, 2017, during the current (243rd) Session.

^Δ11-21 a.m.

7. Matters raised with Permission

1. Shri Shwait Malik raised a matter regarding need to review the law regarding cheque bounce cases.

^Φ11-27 a.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 11-37 a.m.

^Θ11-39 a.m.

2. Shri Husain Dalwai raised a matter regarding concern over the increasing complaints of suppressing the press and electronic media.

11-42 a.m.

3. Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding proposal to privatise Kamarajar Port Ltd. in Tamil Nadu.

^Δ From 11-05 a.m. to 11-21 a.m., some points were raised.

^Φ From 11-24 a.m. to 11-27 a.m., some points were raised.

^Θ From 11-37 a.m. to 11-39 a.m., some points were raised.

11-45 a.m.

4. Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding need to amend the relevant law to help minor rape victims.

Shrimati Ambika Soni also spoke.

11-50 a.m.

5. Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding the pathetic condition of destitute widows in Vrindavan (U.P.).

11-53 a.m.

6. Shri K. Somaprasad raised a matter regarding alleged malpractices in selection of India's World Athletics Championship team.

11-57 a.m.

7. Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra raised a matter regarding Pension anomalies in respect of ex-reservist soldiers.

♦ 12-04 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 12-14 p.m.

⊕ 12-17 p.m.

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

8. Starred Questions

Starred Question No. 181 was orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (182 to 195) were laid on the Table.

9. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1921 to 2080 were laid on the Table.

♦ From 11-59 a.m. to 12-04 p.m., some points were raised.

⊕ From 12-14 p.m. to 12-17 p.m., some points were raised.

2-00 p.m.

10. Messages from Lok Sabha reported and Government Bills Laid on the Table

I. Secretary-General reported to the House, two messages from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 1st August, 2017, passed:—

- (i) The Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2017; and
- (ii) The Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2017

II. A copy each of the above Bills, as passed by Lok Sabha, were laid on the Table.

*2-09 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-24 p.m.

^Ω2-28 p.m.

11. Government Bill —Under Consideration

The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by the Lok Sabha

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, had not commenced his speech while moving motion for consideration of the Bill.

[§]2-30 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-40 p.m.

* From 2-01 p.m. to 2-09 p.m., some points were raised.

^Ω From 2-24 p.m. to 2-28 p.m., some points were raised.

[§] From 2-29 p.m. to 2-30 p.m., some points were raised.

(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 Oscar Fernandes*
2. *Shri Rajeev Shukla*
3. *Shrimati Ambika Soni*
4. *Kumari Selja*
5. *Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi*
6. *Shri Narendra Budania*
7. *Shri Mohd. Ali Khan*
8. *Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao*
9. *Shri Shadi Lal Batra*
10. *Shri Parvez Hashmi*
11. *Shri Husain Dalwai*
12. *Shri P. Bhattacharya*
13. *Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury*
14. *Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra*
15. *Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu*
16. *Shrimati Viplove Thakur*
17. *Shrimati Rajani Patil*
18. *Shrimati Wansuk Syiem*
19. *Shri Santiuse Kujur*
20. *Shri B.K. Hariprasad*
21. *Shri Pramod Tiwari*
22. *Shri Ranjib Biswal*
23. *Dr. Sanjay Sinh*
24. *Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda*
25. *Shri Ronald Sapa Tlau*
26. *Shri P.L. Punia*
27. *Shri Ripun Bora*
28. *Shri Partap Singh Bajwa*
29. *Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo*
30. *Shrimati Chhaya Verma*
31. *Shri Vivek K. Tankha*
32. *Shri K.C. Ramamurthy*
33. *Shri Pradeep Tamta*
34. *Shri Joy Abraham*

∅ 2-46 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 3rd August, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General

∅ From 2-40 p.m. to 2-46 p.m., some points were raised.