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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 11th August, 2017

11-00 a.m.

1. Felicitations to the Chairman

Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister and the following Members offered felicitations to the Chairman:—

11-12 a.m.	1.	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, <i>Leader of the Opposition</i>
11-23 a.m.	2.	Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav
11-29 a.m.	3.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
11-31 a.m.	4.	Shri Derek O' Brien
11-34 a.m.	5.	Shri Bashistha Narain Singh
11-40 a.m.	6.	Shri Sitaram Yechury
11-46 a.m.	7.	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey
11-49 a.m.	8.	Shri C.M. Ramesh
11-54 a.m.	9.	Shri Satish Chandra Misra
11-59 a.m.	10.	Shri Praful Patel
12-03 p.m.	11.	Shri Tiruchi Siva
12-09 p.m.	12.	Shri Sanjay Raut
12-15 p.m.	13.	Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder
12-19 p.m.	14.	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, <i>Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology</i>
12-21 p.m.	15.	Dr. K. Keshava Rao
12-25 p.m.	16.	Shri Nazir Ahmed Laway
12-27 p.m.	17.	Shri D. Raja

12-30 p.m.	18.	Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap
12-32 p.m.	19.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
12-35 p.m.	20.	Shri Ramdas Athawale, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</i>
12-39 p.m.	21.	Shri Y. S. Chowdary, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Science and Technology and in the Ministry of Earth Sciences</i>
12-41 p.m.	22.	Shri Anand Sharma
12-47 p.m.	23.	Prof. P. J. Kurien, <i>Deputy Chairman</i>
12-49 p.m.	24.	Shri Arun Jaitley, <i>Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence and Leader of the House</i>

12-55 p.m.

The Chairman thanked the Prime Minister and other members for the felicitations.

1-21 p.m.

2. Messages from Lok Sabha reported and Government Bill 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 10th August, 2017:—

- (i) passed the State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill, 2017; and
- (ii) adopted a motion referring the Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017 to the Joint Committee of the Houses consisting of 30 Members - 20 from Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha and recommending that the Rajya Sabha do concur in the said Motion and join the said Committee and communicate the names of ten Members to be appointed by the Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee.

II. A copy of the State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha, was laid on the Table.

1-22 p.m.

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

Dr. Karan Singh laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Sixteenth Report of the Committee on External Affairs (2016-17) on the subject 'Indo-Pak Relations'.

4. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology

Shrimati Kakhshan Perween laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology (2016-17):—

- (i) Thirty-ninth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Thirty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants (2017-18) relating to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;
- (ii) Fortieth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Thirty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants (2017-18) relating to the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications); and
- (iii) Forty-first Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Thirty-seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants (2017-18) relating to the Ministry of Communications (Department of Posts).

5. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution

Shri Ripun Bora laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Final Action Taken Statements showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I and final replies in respect of Chapter V of the following Action Taken Reports (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (2016-17):—

- (i) Statement showing Action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in respect of observations/recommendations contained in Chapter-I and V of Thirteenth Report of the Committee (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in their Tenth Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food & Public Distribution); and
- (ii) Statement showing Action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in respect of observations/recommendations contained in Chapter-I and V of Fourteenth Report of the Committee (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in their Eleventh Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs).

6. Reports of the Public Accounts Committee

Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Public Accounts Committee (2017-18):—

- (i) Eightieth Report on Action Taken by Government on observations/ recommendations of the Committee contained in Forty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on “Loss for train Parting Due to Failure of Central Buffer Coupler (CBC) Components”; and
- (ii) Eighty-First Report on Action Taken by Government on observations/ recommendations of the Committee contained in Forty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on “Extra Avoidable Expenditure by ANURAG”.

1-23 p.m.

7. Statements by Ministers

1. Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-sixth Report of

the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

2. Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Shipping and 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 Twentieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on the subject 'Functioning of Autonomous Institution - Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT)'; and
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on the Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Twentieth Report of the Committee on the subject 'Functioning of Autonomous Institutions - Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET)'.

8. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 271 to 285 were laid on the Table.

9. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2881 to 3040 were laid on the Table.

10. Statements by Ministers Correcting Answers to Questions

1. Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, laid on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the answer to Starred Question 17 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 2017 regarding 'Concerns of textile traders/sellers about GST'.

2. Shri Rajen Gohain, Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the answer to

Unstarred Question 781 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 2017, regarding 'Representation against circular of Railway Board'.

1-24 p.m.

11. Leave of Absence

Shri K.G. Kenye (Nagaland) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 18th of July to the 8th of August, 2017, during the current (243rd) Session.

1-25 p.m.

12. Papers Laid on the Table

A copy each of the following papers were laid on the Table:—

- (i) Economic Survey (Volume-II), 2016-17 (in English and Hindi); and
- (ii) Re-translated Version of the Economic Survey, 2016-17 (in Hindi only).

1-26 p.m.

13. Government Bill — Referred to the Joint Committee

The Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017

Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, moved the following motion:—

“That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that this House do join in the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Bill to provide for the resolution of certain categories of financial service providers in distress; the deposit insurance to consumers of certain categories of financial services; designation of systemically important financial institutions; and establishment of a Resolution Corporation for protection of consumers of specified service providers and of public funds for ensuring the stability and resilience of the financial system and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto and resolves that the following Members of the Rajya Sabha be nominated to serve on the said Joint Committee:—

1. Shri Ajay Sancheti
2. Shri Bhupender Yadav

3. Shri Naresh Gujral
4. Shri Anand Sharma
5. Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita
6. Shri Praful Patel
7. Shri Ravi Prakash Verma
8. Shri Ram Chandra Prasad Singh
9. Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy
10. Shri Satish Chandra Misra”.

1-28 p.m.

The Motion was adopted.

1-29 p.m.

14. Private Member's Resolutions — Deferred

As requested by Shri D. Raja and as agreed to by the House, the Chairman announced that all the Resolutions listed in the Revised List of Business for Friday, the 11th of August, 2017 would be taken up on the first day allotted for Private Member's Business (Resolutions) in the next Session, as a special case and that this would not be treated as a precedent.

1-30 p.m.

15. Valedictory Remarks

The Chairman made valedictory remarks on the conclusion of the Session.

1-33 p.m.

16. National Song

National Song (*Vande Mataram*) was played.

1-34 p.m.

The House adjourned *sine die*.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General