

## RAJYA SABHA

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### Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

11-00 a.m.

#### 1. Obituary Reference

The Chairman made a reference to the passing away of Shri Syed Nizam-ud-Din (ex-Member).

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

11-02 a.m.

#### 2. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

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

1. The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
2. ♣ The Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Bill, 2017.
3. The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2017.
4. The Appropriation Bill, 2017.
5. The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2017.

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

6. The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
7. The Finance Bill, 2017.
8. The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2017.
9. The Appropriation (Railways) No. 2 Bill, 2017.
10. The Mental Healthcare Bill, 2017.
11. The Employee's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
12. The Central Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017.
13. The Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017.
14. The Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017.
15. The Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017.
16. The Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2017.
17. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
18. ♣The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

2.(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 Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL), Mumbai, 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.

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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. 519 (E), dated the 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, publishing the Union Public Service Commission (Exemption from Consultation) Amendment Regulations, 2017, under clause (5) of article 320 of the Constitution.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Foundation.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Babu Jagjivan Ram National Foundation (BJRNF), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Explanatory Note on the above-said 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 Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education) Notification No. G.S.R 632 (E), dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017, publishing the first statutes of the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 35 of the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961.

11-03 a.m.

### **3. Message from Lok Sabha reported and Government Bill Laid on the Table**

I. Secretary-General reported to the House, a message from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, passed the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (Public-Private Partnership) Bill, 2017.

II. A copy of the above Bill, as passed by Lok Sabha, was laid on the Table.

11-04 a.m.

#### **4. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development**

Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development: —

- (i) Two Hundred Ninety First Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Two Hundred Seventieth Report on the 'Performance of National Sports Development Fund and Recruitment and Promotion of Sportspersons (Part-I)';
- (ii) Two Hundred Ninety Second Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Two Hundred Seventy First Report on the 'Performance of National Sports Development Fund and Recruitment and Promotion of Sportspersons (Part-II)'; and
- (iii) Two Hundred Ninety Third Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Two Hundred Eighty First Report on the 'Performance of National Sports Development Fund and Recruitment and Promotion of Sportspersons (Part-III)'.

11-05 a.m.

#### **5. Statement by Minister**

Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore laid on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Thirty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

<sup>9</sup>11-22 a.m.

#### **6. Matters raised with Permission**

1. Shrimati Viplove Thakur raised a matter regarding ill treatment and abuse of girls brought for marriage in certain States with low female ratio.

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<sup>9</sup> From 11-06 a.m. to 11-22 a.m., some points were raised.

11-25 a.m.

2. Dr. Sanjay Sinh raised a matter regarding need to tackle the problem of floods in the State of Assam.

Shri Ripun Bora also spoke.

11-29 a.m.

3. Shri Ahmed Hassan raised a matter regarding the plight of textile workers due to implementation of GST.

Shri Ahmed Patel, Shri T.K. Rangarajan, Shri Tapan Kumar Sen, Shri Ritabrata Banerjee, Shrimati Vijila Sathyanth, Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy and Shri Rajeev Shukla also spoke.

11-41 a.m.

4. Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding concern over vulgarity in advertisements.

11-44 a.m.

5. Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding agitation due to closure of the Jharkhand's Dhanbad-Chandrapura railway line.

Shri Sanjiv Kumar also spoke.

11-48 a.m.

6. Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey raised a matter regarding need for immediate relief to Odisha affected by flash floods.

11-50 a.m.

7. Shri C.P. Narayanan raised a matter regarding concern over GST imposed on materials used by disabled and marginalized persons.

11-53 a.m.

8. Shri Motilal Vora raised a matter regarding pitiable condition of border roads of Punjab due to illegal sand mining by mafias.

11-54 a.m.

9. Shri Anand Sharma raised a matter regarding difficulties being faced by Indian IT companies in obtaining H-1B Visas.

11-57 a.m.

10. Shri Rewati Raman Singh raised a matter regarding concern over distress among farmers.

12-00 Noon

### 7. Starred Questions

Starred Question No. 46 to 51 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (52 to 60) were laid on the Table.

### 8. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 481 to 640 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

### 9. Statement by Minister Correcting Answer to Question

Dr. Jitendra Singh laid on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 2397 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 regarding 'Estimation of Atomic Mineral Reserves'.

1-01 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-02 p.m.*

2-02 p.m.

### 10. Short Duration Discussion

Further discussion on the situation arising out of the reported increase in the incidents of lynching and atrocities on minorities and *dalits* across the country, raised by Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of the Opposition, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017, continued.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-02 p.m.	1.	Shri Naresh Gujral
2-07 p.m.	2.	Shri Kapil Sibal
2-33 p.m.	3.	Shri Sharad Yadav

- <sup>∇</sup>2-56 p.m. 4. Shri D. Raja  
 3-09 p.m. 5. Shri Prakash Javadekar, *Minister of Human Resource Development*  
<sup>γ</sup>3-22 p.m. 6. Shri K.T.S. Tulsi  
<sup>§</sup>3-36 p.m. 7. Shri Prabhat Jha  
<sup>®</sup>4-00 p.m. 8. Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar  
<sup>®</sup>4-11 p.m. 9. Shri T.K.S. Elangovan  
 4-17 p.m. 10. Kumari Selja  
 4-34 p.m. 11. Shri Amar Shankar Sable  
 4-45 p.m. 12. Shri Ali Anwar Ansari  
 4-57 p.m. 13. Shri K.K. Ragesh  
 5-06 p.m. 14. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy  
 5-13 p.m. 15. Shri Pramod Tiwari  
 5-21 p.m. 16. Shri Ramdas Athawale, *Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment*  
<sup>%</sup>5-28 p.m. 17. Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, *Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs*

<sup>γ</sup>5-44 p.m.

Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Minister of Corporate Affairs and Minister of Defence, replied to the discussion.

The discussion was concluded.

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<sup>∇</sup> From 2-51 p.m. to 2-53 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>γ</sup> From 3-18 p.m. to 3-22 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>§</sup> From 3-27 p.m. to 3-30 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>®</sup> From 3-54 p.m. to 3-57 p.m.; and from 3-58 p.m. to 4-00 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>®</sup> From 4-09 p.m. to 4-11 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>%</sup> From 5-27 p.m. to 5-28 p.m., see item at Sl. No. 11.

<sup>γ</sup> From 5-37 p.m. to 5-39 p.m.; and from 5-41 p.m. to 5-42 p.m., some points were raised.

## Σ11. Resignation by Member

The Deputy Chairman made the following announcement in the House:—

“I have to inform Members that the Hon'ble Chairman has received a letter, dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017, from Kumari Mayawati, Member, representing the State of Uttar Pradesh, resigning her seat in the Rajya Sabha. The Hon'ble Chairman has accepted her resignation with effect from the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017.”

⊕ 6-17 p.m.

## 12. Special Mentions

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

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| 1. | Shri Tiruchi Siva       | Demand to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1951, to set up an appropriate channel for voting by NRIs.                                    |
| 2. | Shri Anil Desai         | Demand to adopt the dual time zone system in the country.   |
| 3. | Shri A.K. Selvaraj      | Demand to take up the proposals of Tamil Nadu Government for decongestion of certain stretches on NH-67 in the Annual Plan for current fiscal year. |
| 4. | Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla | Demand to take strict measures to check the practice of profiteering on the equipments and treatment required for heart-related ailments.           |
| 5. | Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap  | Demand to give special financial grants for development works in resource-deficient villages of Haryana.  |

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Σ At 5-27 p.m.

⊕ From 6-04 p.m. to 6-10 p.m., and

From 6-14 p.m. to 6-17 p.m., some points were raised.

6. Dr. V. Maitreyan Demand to protect the rights of Indian fishermen in the Palk Bay in the wake of passing the Fisheries Bill by the Sri Lankan Parliament.
7. Prof. M.V. Rajeev Demand to incorporate strong anti-discrimination provisions in the rules under the Real Estate Regulation Act.  
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- ◇8. Shri K. Rahman Khan Demand to create a task force involving State machinery to check killing of people by mobs in the name of cow protection

*(The following Members indulged in gross disorderly conduct in violation of the rules and etiquette of the Rajya Sabha by entering the 'Well' of the House, shouting slogans and willfully obstructing the proceedings of the House:-*

1. *Shri Krianmay Nanda*
2. *Shri Alok Tiwari*
3. *Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav*
4. *Shri Javed Ali Khan*
5. *Shri Ravi Prakash Verma*

6-30 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General*

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◇ Laid on the Table.