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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 24th July, 2017**

11-00 a.m.

1. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute (IPIRTI), Bengaluru, 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.

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Mines Notification No. G.S.R. 411 (E), dated the 27th April, 2017, notifying the area of 1738.04 hectares through M/s National Aluminum Company Limited for undertaking prospecting or mining operations in respect of bauxite deposits in Taluk of Pottangi of Koraput District in the State of Odisha for a further period of five years *w.e.f.* 27th April, 2017, under sub-section (1) of Section 28 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of Ministry of Power, under Section 179 of the Electricity Act, 2003:—

- (1) NO. L-1/18/2010-CERC, dated the 16th May, 2017, notifying that Regulation 6.3B of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Indian Electricity Grid Code) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations,

2016 and the Detailed Operating Procedure on reserve shutdown and Mechanism for Compensation shall come into force with effect from 15.5.2017.

- (2) NO. L-1/18/2010-CERC, dated the 19th April, 2017, publishing the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Indian Electricity Grid Code) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- (3) NO. 1/21/2017-Reg.Aff./(RE-Tariff -2017-20)/CERC, dated the 19th April, 2017, publishing the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2017.
- (4) NO. L-1/18/2010-CERC, dated the 8th May, 2017, publishing corrigendum to Notification No. L-1/18/2010-CERC, dated the 19th April, 2017.
- (5) F. No. L-1/210/2016/CERC, dated the 29th May, 2017, publishing the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Communication System for inter-State transmission of electricity) Regulations, 2017.
- (6) NO. L-1/01/2017-CERC, dated the 22nd June, 2017, publishing the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Payment of Fees) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2017.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Budget of the Damodar Valley Corporation, Kolkata, for the year 2017-18, under sub-section (3) of Section 44 of the Damodar Valley Corporation Act, 1948.

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Science and Technology (Department of Scientific and Industrial Research) Notification No. G.S.R. 1153 (E), dated the 11th April, 2017, publishing the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research Statutes, 2017, under sub-section (1) of Section 28 of the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research Act, 2011.

6. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under sub-section (4) of Section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, along with Explanatory Memorandum and delay statement:—

- (1) G.S.R. 121 (E), dated the 10th February, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (First Amendment) Rules, 2017.

- (2) G.S.R. 120 (E), dated the 10th February, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Second Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (3) G.S.R. 240 (E), dated the 14th March, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2016.
- (4) G.S.R. 247 (E), dated the 15th March, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (4th Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (5) G.S.R. 271 (E), dated the 21st March, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (6) G.S.R. 424 (E), dated the 1st May, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (7) G.S.R. 423 (E), dated the 1st May, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (8) G.S.R. 485 (E), dated the 19th May, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (9) S.O. 1374 (E), dated the 1st May, 2017, specifying the vehicles on office duty which are designated for certain emergency and disaster management duties to be allowed to use multi coloured red, blue and white light on its top.
- (10) G.S.R. 643 (E), dated the 27th June, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (10th Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (11) G.S.R. 633 (E), dated the 23rd June, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (12) G.S.R. 634 (E), dated the 23rd June, 2017, publishing the Motor Vehicles (Driving) Regulations, 2017.

7. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Shipping, under sub-section (4) of Section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

- (1) G.S.R. 304 (E), dated the 30th March, 2017, publishing the New Mangalore Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2017.

- (2) G.S.R. 305 (E), dated the 30th March, 2017, publishing the Chennai Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (3) G.S.R. 306 (E), dated the 30th March, 2017, publishing the Cochin Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (4) G.S.R. 506 (E), dated the 24th May, 2017, publishing the Kolkata Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (5) G.S.R. 544 (E), dated the 2nd June, 2017, publishing the Mormugao Port Employees (Contributory Medical Benefit after Retirement) Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (6) G.S.R. 545 (E), dated the 2nd June, 2017, publishing the Kandla Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (7) G.S.R. 568 (E), dated the 9th June, 2017, publishing the Mormugao Port Employees (Pension and Gratuity) Amendment Regulations, 2017.

11-01 a.m.

2. 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 21st July, 2017, passed the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

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

11-02 a.m.

3. Statements by Minister

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Minister of State in the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, laid on the Table, the following statements (in English and Hindi) regarding:—

- (i) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources on 'issues concerning flood management, compensation and status of ownership of submerged and eroded land in the country including compensation to farmers for loss of their crops destroyed by floods and right to disposal of the sand left in the fields of farmers'.
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations/observations of contained in the Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources on 'Review of ground water scenario, need for a comprehensive policy and measures to address problems in the country with particular reference to (i) Dark Blocks; and (ii) Contamination of underground water by certain industries'.

∞ 11-06 a.m.

4. Question of Privilege

Shri K.T.S. Tulsi raised a question of privilege against a TV Channel for making defamatory and distorted remarks against Member of this House.

◇ 11-21 a.m.

5. Matters raised with Permission

1. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad raised a matter regarding delay in developmental work due to steep rise in the Government rates of river sand and red sand in Uttar Pradesh.

∞ From 11-03 a.m. to 11-06 a.m., some points were raised.

◇ From 11-09 a.m. to 11-21 a.m. some points were raised.

⁷11-28 a.m.

2. Shrimati Vandana Chavan raised a matter regarding custodial death of an inmate in the Byculla prison, Mumbai.

11-30 a.m.

3. Shri K. Somaprasad raised a matter regarding need to drop the proposal to divide the Thiruvananthapuram Railway Division.

11-33 a.m.

4. Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding concern over unnecessary caesarean operations by Private Hospitals.

11-36 a.m.

5. Shri C.P. Narayanan raised a matter regarding the reported proposal of the Government to privatise Air India.

Shri Anand Sharma also spoke.

11-39 a.m.

6. Shri K.T.S. Tulsi raised a matter regarding concern over 37 lakh IT professionals on the verge of losing jobs.

11-42 a.m.

7. Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding non-acceptance of coins of ₹ 1, 2, 5 and 10 denominations by the Banks in the country.

11-46 a.m.

8. Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding concern over increasing incidents of rape of young girls in India.

Shri Satish Chandra Misra also spoke.

11-49 a.m.

9. Shri Swapan Dasgupta raised a matter regarding concern over the reported influx of Rohingyas into Jammu and Laddakh.

⁷ From 11-24 a.m. to 11-28 a.m., some points were raised.

11-52 a.m.

10. Shri Ram Nath Thakur raised a matter regarding concern over the scarcity of life saving drugs in hospitals after implementation of GST.

11-54 a.m.

11. Shri Rewati Raman Singh raised a matter regarding concern over the poor quality of food served in Trains.

11-57 a.m.

12. Shri Prasanna Acharya raised a matter regarding need to accord official recognition to the Paik rebellion in Odisha in 1817.

12-00 p.m.

6. Starred Questions

Starred Question No. 76 to 79 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (80 to 90) were laid on the Table.

7. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 801 to 960 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

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

2-02 p.m.

8. Government Bill — Withdrawn

The Architects (Amendment) Bill, 2010 was withdrawn by Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

⁹2-10 p.m.

9. Government Bills —Passed

(i) The Footwear Design and Development Institute Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-11 p.m.	1.	Shri P.L. Punia
2-21 p.m.	2.	Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe
2-29 p.m.	3.	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
2-32 p.m.	4.	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth
2-37 p.m.	5.	Shri Manish Gupta
2-41 p.m.	6.	Shri C. P. Narayanan
2-46 p.m.	7.	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey
2-48 p.m.	8.	Shri Veer Singh
2-53 p.m.	9.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
2-58 p.m.	10.	Prof. M. V. Rajeev Gowda
3-05 p.m.	11.	Shri Ram Nath Thakur
3-06 p.m.	12.	Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav
3-09 p.m.	13.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan

3-10 p.m.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman replied to the debate.

3-28 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 39 and the Schedule were adopted.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were adopted.

3-30 p.m.

The motion moved by Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman that the Bill be passed was adopted and the Bill was passed.

⁹ From 2-04 p.m. to 2-10 p.m. some points were raised.

3-31 p.m.

(ii) The Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State in the Ministries of Road Transport and Highways, Shipping and Chemicals and Fertilizers, moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

3-32 p.m.	1.	Shri Vivek K. Tankha
3-40 p.m.	2.	Shri Chunibhai Kanjibhai Gohel
3-47 p.m.	3.	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth
3-55 p.m.	4.	Shri D. Bandyopadhyay
4-01 p.m.	5.	Shrimati Kahkashan Perween
4-03 p.m.	6.	Shri K. Somaprasad
4-05 p.m.	7.	Shri A.U. Singh Deo
4-10 p.m.	8.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
4-16 p.m.	9.	Shri D. Raja

4-23 p.m.

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya replied to the debate.

4-36 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 18 were adopted.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were adopted.

4-39 p.m.

The motion moved by Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya that the Bill be passed was adopted and the Bill was passed.

4-40 p.m.

10. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were made:—

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| 1. | Shri Prasanna Acharya | Demand to include the Sambalapuri-Koshli language spoken in Odisha in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. |
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| 2. | Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth | Demand to take immediate steps to repair the Shenbagavalli dam in Kerala. |
| 3. | Shri Jairam Ramesh | Demand to make public the draft rules under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2016 for public debate before they are finalized. |
| 4. | Shri P.L. Punia | Demand to make a time-bound plan to provide Ambulances, equipped with all the facilities and give cashless treatment to victims of road accidents on National Highways in the country. |
| 5. | Shri Vivek Gupta | Demand to withhold the disinvestment of the Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd., and the Bridge and Roof Company (India) Ltd. |

(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 A. Navaneethakrishnan*
2. *Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth*
3. *Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam*
4. *Shri S. Muthukaruppan*
5. *Shri K.R. Arjunan*
6. *Shri R. Vaithilingam*
7. *Shri A.K. Selvaraj*
8. *Shri Manish Gupta*
9. *Shri Vivek Gupta*

©4-54 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 25th July, 2017.

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General

© From 4-50 p.m. to 4-54 p.m., some points were raised.