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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 2nd February, 2018

11-00 a.m.

1. Reference by the Chair

The Deputy Chairman made a reference to the accidental fall of a State Transport bus, over the Balirghat Bridge in Murshidabad District of West Bengal, on the 29th of January, 2018, in which 42 persons, including two children, reportedly lost their lives and many others were injured.

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

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 following Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Two Hundred and Forty-fourth Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President:—

1. The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
2. The Indian Institutes of Management Bill, 2017.
3. The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
4. The Repealing and Amending Bill, 2017.
5. The Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy Bill, 2017.

6. The Repealing and Amending (Second) Bill, 2017.
7. The Indian Forest (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
8. *The Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2017.
9. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
10. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
11. *The Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Amendment Bill, 2017.
12. * The High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 2018.
13. * The Appropriation Bill, 2018.

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) Sixty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL), Pune, 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 Company.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

3. (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:—

- (i) (a) Twentieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Jammu and Kashmir Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation Limited (J&KHPMC), Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

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

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
 - (ii) (a) Twenty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Jammu and Kashmir Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation Limited (J&KHPMC), Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, for the year 1998-99, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
 - (iii) (a) Twenty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Jammu and Kashmir Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation Limited (J&KHPMC), Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, for the year 1999-2000, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
 - (iv) (a) Twenty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Jammu and Kashmir Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation Limited (J&KHPMC), Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, for the year 2000-01, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
- (2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

11-03 a.m.

3. Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee

The Deputy Chairman announced the recommendations made by the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 29th of January, 2018.

11-04 a.m.

4. Leave of Absence

1. Shri Digvijaya Singh (Madhya Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 29th of January, 2018 to the 6th of April, 2018, during the current (245th) Session.

2. Shri K.G. Kenye (Nagaland) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 1st of February, 2018 to the 6th of April, 2018, during the current (245th) Session.

*11-14 a.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 12-00 Noon.

©12-03 p.m.

5. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 1 to 5 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (6 to 15) were laid on the Table.

6. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1 to 160 were laid on the Table.

@1-00 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-31 p.m.

△2-32 p.m.

7. Private Members' Bills — Introduced

(1) The Compulsory Protection of Witnesses and Victims of Crimes Bill, 2017 was introduced by Shri Rajkumar Dhoot.

* From 11-05 a.m. to 11-14 a.m., some points were raised.

© From 12-00 Noon to 12-03 p.m., some points were raised.

@ From 12-08 p.m. to 12-11 p.m., some points were raised; and from 12-47 p.m. to 12-50 p.m., some points were raised.

△ From 2-31 p.m. to 2-32 p.m., some points were raised.

2-33 p.m.

(2) The Heritage Cities and Sites (Conservation and Development) Bill, 2017 was introduced by Shri Rajkumar Dhoot.

2-34 p.m.

(3) The Environment Protection (Management of Landfill Sites and Control of Non-Biodegradable Garbage) Bill, 2017 was introduced by Shri Rajkumar Dhoot.

2-35 p.m.

(4) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (insertion of new articles 330A, 332A, etc.) was introduced by Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy.

2-36 p.m.

(5) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (amendment of articles 15 and 16) was introduced by Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy.

^o2-41 p.m.

8. Private Member's Bills — Withdrawn/Under Consideration

(1) The Cow Protection Bill, 2017.

Dr. Subramanian Swamy moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-52 p.m.	1.	Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu
3-02 p.m.	2.	Shri Ramkumar Verma
3-13 p.m.	3.	Shri Javed Ali Khan
♦3-31 p.m.	4.	Shri D. Raja
3-42 p.m.	5.	Shri Shankarbhai N. Vegad
3-52 p.m.	6.	Shri Mahesh Poddar
3-57 p.m.	7.	Shri Meghraj Jain
4-03 p.m.	8.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
4-06 p.m.	9.	Shri Radha Mohan Singh, <i>Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare</i>

^o From 2-37 p.m. to 2-41 p.m., some points were raised.

♦ From 3-22 p.m. to 3-31 p.m., some points were raised.

4-21 p.m.

Dr. Subramanian Swamy replied to the discussion.

4-27 p.m.

The Bill was withdrawn by leave of the House.

4-28 p.m.

(2) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (amendment of article 366).

Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

4-57 p.m.

Shri Rangasayee Ramakrishna had not concluded his speech while participating in the discussion.

The discussion was not concluded.

5-00 p.m.

9. Special Mention

Shri P.L. Punia raised a matter regarding need to remove irregularities in the provisions of reservation for SCs/STs and OBCs in employment.

(Due to gross disorderly conduct in violation of rules and etiquette of Rajya Sabha by the following Members, who entered the 'Well' of the House, displayed placards, shouted slogans and persistently and willfully obstructed the proceedings of the House, the Chair adjourned the House at 11-14 a.m. :—

1. Shri Alok Tiwari
2. Shri Javed Ali Khan
3. Shri Surendra Singh Nagar
4. Shri Neeraj Shekhar
5. Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav
6. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
7. Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav
8. Shri Ravi Prakash Verma

9. *Shri Sanjay Seth*
10. *Shri Sanjay Singh*
11. *Shri Narain Dass Gupta*
12. *Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta*
13. *Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao*

5-03 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Monday, the 5th February, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General