

RAJYA SABHA

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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018**

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:—
  - (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
    - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.
    - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
  - (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), 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 Board.
    - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, under Section 38A of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, along with Explanatory Note:—

- (1) G.S.R. 495 (E), dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017, publishing the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Care and Maintenance of Case Property Animals) Rules, 2017.
- (2) G.S.R. 185 (E), dated the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, publishing corrigendum to Notification No. G.S.R. 495 (E), dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017.

3. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Notification No. G.S.R. 207 (E), dated the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, publishing the Regulation of Persistent Organic Pollutants Rules, 2018, under Section 26 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA), 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 Agency.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Mines, under sub-section (1) of Section 28 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957:—

- (1) G.S.R. 40 (E), dated the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, notifying the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited for the purposes of the second proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
- (2) G.S.R. 208 (E), dated the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, publishing the National Mineral Exploration Trust (Amendment) Rules, 2018.

6. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under Section 10 of the National Highways Act, 1956:—

- (1) S.O. 1004 (E), dated the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, regarding rate of fee to be collected from users of the stretch from K.M. 23.000 to K.M. 108.800 (Hyderabad – Dindi Section) on National Highway No. 765 in the State of Telangana.
- (2) S.O. 1028 (E), dated the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, regarding rate of fee to be collected from users of the stretch from K.M. 332.100 to K.M. 426.100 (Guna – Biaora Section) on National Highway No. 3 in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

7.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 24 of the National Highways Authority of India Act, 1988:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), 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 Authority.

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

11-01 a.m.

## **2. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce**

Shri Joy Abraham presented the 142<sup>nd</sup> Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations/ observations of the Committee contained in its 138<sup>th</sup> Report on 'Activities and Functioning of Spices Board'.

11-02 a.m.

## **3. Statements by Ministers**

1. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Earth Sciences and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of

implementation of recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Ninety-fifth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2017-18), pertaining to the Department of Biotechnology.

2. Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, Minister of State in Ministry of Rural Development, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty First Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on Demands for Grants (2016-17), pertaining to the Department of Rural Development.

*(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, displayed placards, shouted slogans and persistently and willfully obstructed the proceedings of the House, the Chair adjourned the House for the day:—*

1. Kumari Selja
2. Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy
3. Shri Narendra Budania
4. Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao
5. Shrimati Rajani Patil
6. Dr. Sanjay Singh
7. Shri Pradeep Tamta
8. Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav
9. Shri Javed Ali Khan
10. Shri Ravi Prakash Verma
11. Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav
12. Shrimati Wansuk Syiem
13. Shrimati Chhaya Verma
14. Shri Pramod Tiwari
15. Shri Alok Tiwari
16. Shri Santiuse Kujur
17. Shri P. Bhattacharya
18. Shri Ranjib Biswal
19. Shri Mohd. Ali Khan
20. Shri Surendra Singh Nagar
21. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad

22. *Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan*
23. *Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam*
24. *Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth*
25. *Dr. R. Lakshmanan*
26. *Shri T. Rathinavel*
27. *Dr. V. Maitreyan*
28. *Shrimati Sasikala Pushpa*
29. *Shri N. Gokulakrishnan*
30. *Shri Md. Nadimul Haque*
31. *Shri Vivek Gupta*
32. *Shri Ahamed Hassan*
33. *Shrimati Shanta Chhetri*
34. *Shri Ritabrata Banerjee*
35. *Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao*
36. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
37. *Shri T.G. Venkatesh*
38. *Shri Veer Singh*
39. *Shri Tiruchi Siva*
40. *Shri T.K.S. Elangovan*
41. *Shri R.S. Bharathi*

\*11-06 a.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General*

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