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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 4th April, 2018

11-00 a.m.

1. Oath or Affirmation

The following Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation and took their seats in the House:—

KARNATAKA

1. Shri G.C. Chandrashekar
2. Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah

ODISHA

3. Shri Prashanta Nanda
4. Shri Soumya Ranjan Patnaik
5. Shri Achyutananda Samanta

RAJASTHAN

6. Dr. Kirodi Lal
7. Shri Madanlal Saini
8. Shri Bhupender Yadav

TELANGANA

9. Shri Prakash Banda
10. Shri Santhosh Kumar Joginipally
11. Shri Badugula Lingaiah Yadav

UTTAR PRADESH

12. Shrimati Jaya Bachchan

11-11 a.m.

2. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) and (2) of Section 41 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the MSME-Tool Room (Central Tool Room and Training Centre) (CTTC), Kolkata, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the MSME-Tool Room (Tool Room and Training Centre)(TRTC), Guwahati, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
- (iii)
 - (a) Twenty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the MSME-Tool Room (Indo German Tool Room) (IGTR), Indore, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.
- (iv)
 - (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the MSME-Tool Room (Central Tool Room) (CTR), Ludhiana, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.
- (v)
 - (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the MSME-Tool Room (Central Institute of Hand Tools) (CIHT), Jalandhar, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (v) (a) above.
- (vi)
 - (a) Forty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the MSME-Tool Room (Central Institute of Tool Design) (CITD), Hyderabad, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vi) (a) above.
- (vii)
 - (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the MSME-Technology Development Centre (Central Footwear Training Institute) (CFTI), Chennai, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vii) (a) above.

3.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of Section 20 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993:—

- (a) Annual Report of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Memorandum of Action Taken on the recommendations contained in the above Report.

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

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification No. SEBI/LAD–NRO/GN/2018/02, dated the 13th March, 2018, publishing the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, under Section 31 of Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services), under Section 53 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013:—

- (1) G.S.R. 987 (E), dated the 2nd August, 2017, publishing the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Salary and Allowances Payable to, and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of, Chairperson and Whole-time Members) (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (2) No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8, dated the 6th October, 2017, publishing the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- (3) No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/10, dated the 28th December, 2017, publishing the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Retirement Adviser) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- (4) G.S.R. 07 (E), dated the 3rd January, 2018, publishing the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Salary and Allowances Payable to, and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of, Chairperson and Whole-time Members) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2017.

- (5) No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8, dated the 2nd February, 2018, publishing the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

6. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services), under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) No. BOI/HO/HR/IR/MSS/L-234, dated February 3- February 9, 2018 (Weekly Gazette), publishing the Bank of India (Officers') Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- (2) No. 160/SWD//Pension, dated the 13th February, 2018, publishing the Syndicate Bank (Employees) Pension (Amendment) Regulations, 2016.
- (3) No. 01/2018, dated February 24 - March 2, 2018 (Weekly Gazette), publishing the United Bank of India (Officers') Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- (4) No. HO/EST/2017-18/470, dated the 27th February, 2018, publishing the UCO BANK (Officers') Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.

7. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services), Notification No. 3950, dated the 20th February, 2018, publishing the Oriental Bank of Commerce (Officers') Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2017, under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980, along with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

8. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 77 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) G.S.R. 186 (E), dated the 27th February, 2018, publishing the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Amendment Order, 2018.

- (2) G.S.R. 187 (E), dated the 27th February, 2018, publishing the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (3) S.O. 821 (E), dated the 27th February, 2018, making certain amendments in the list of psychotropic substances specified in the Schedule of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 by inserting certain entries after serial number 110 O and the entries relating thereto in the said Schedule.
- (4) S.O. 822 (E), dated the 27th February, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1055 (E), dated the 19th October, 2001, to insert certain entries in the original Notification.
- (5) S.O. 823 (E), dated the 27th February, 2018, declaring U-47700 (3,4-dichloro-N-(2-(dimethylamino-cyclohexyl) - N- methyl - benzamide) and Butyrfentanyl (N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] butanamide) to be manufactured drugs.

9. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 46 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Act, 2013:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Authority.

10. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. G.S.R. 62, dated the 24th February, 2018, publishing the National Fire Service College, Nagpur, Director (Group 'A' Post) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under article 309 of the Constitution of India.

11. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion), Notification No. G.S.R. 231 (E), dated the 15th March, 2018, publishing the Gas Cylinders (Second amendment) Rules, 2018, under sub-section (8) of Section 18 of the Explosives Act, 1884.

12.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 21 and sub-section (4) of Section 18 of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act, 1985:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) 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.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report of the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs, Trademarks and Geographical Indications, (CGPDTM), Mumbai, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Chanderi Development Society for Handloom Weavers Samiti, Chanderi, Madhya Pradesh, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Society.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Adityapur Auto Cluster, Jamsshedpur, Jharkhand, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Organisation.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.

14. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports, under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution:—

- (i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2017 – Union Government (Civil) – Union Territories without Legislatures – Compliance Audit Observations – (Report No.3 of 2018); and
- (ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2017 – Union Government (Civil) – Compliance Audit Observations – (Report No.4 of 2018).

11-13 a.m.

3. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs

Shri K. Bhabananda Singh presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs:—

- (i) 210th Report on the Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; and
- (ii) 211th Report on the Cyclone Ockhi - Its Impact on Fishermen and Damage Caused by it.

4. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture

Shri Mohd. Ali Khan laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Fifty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture (2017-18) on the Subject "Variance in Cost and Quality of Agricultural Tools and Implements Being Provided to the Farmers under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Problems Being Faced by the Farmers Due to Imported Power Tillers - A Review" relating to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare).

11-14 a.m.

5. **Statements by Minister**

Shri K.J. Alphans, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Tourism and Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, laid on the Table, the following statements (in English and Hindi) regarding:—

- (i) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on the Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-second Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2013-14), pertaining to the Ministry of Tourism; and
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on the Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-second Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2016-17), pertaining to the Ministry of Tourism.

11-15 a.m.

6. **Motion for Election to the Central Advisory Committee for the National Cadet Corps**

A motion for election of one Member to the Central Advisory Committee for the National Cadet Corps was moved and adopted.

11-16 a.m.

7. **Motion for Election to the Committee on Official Language**

A motion for election of seven Members to the Committee on Official Language was moved and adopted.

^ê11-21 a.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-00 p.m.

^ê From 11-17 a.m. to 11-21 a.m., some points were raised.

8. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 391 to 405 were laid on the Table.

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 376 to 390 put down in the List of Questions for oral answers for April 3, 2018, were also laid on the Table.

9. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 4161 to 4320 were laid on the Table.

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 4001 to 4160 put down in the List of Questions for written answers for April 3, 2018, were also laid on the Table.

♦ 2-08 p.m.

10. Statutory Resolution — Under Consideration

Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, moved the following Resolution:—

"In pursuance of section 8A(1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, read with sub-section (3) of section 7 of the said Act, this House hereby approves of Notification No.36/2018-Customs, dated 2nd April, 2018 which seeks to increase the basic customs duty (BCD) on populated, loaded or stuffed printed circuit boards, falling under tariff item 8517 70 10, of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 from Nil to 10%."

The Resolution not put to the vote of the House.

∞ 2-12 p.m.

11. Government Bill — Under Consideration

The Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013, as reported by the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and

♦ From 2-00 p.m. to 2-08 p.m., some points were raised.

∞ From 2-09 p.m. to 2-12 p.m., some points were raised.

Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

2-13 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-43 p.m.

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The House adjourned and re-assembled at 3-15 p.m.

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The House adjourned and re-assembled at 3-30 p.m.

•3-40 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 3-54 p.m.

3-54 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 4-10 p.m.

4-10 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 4-21 p.m.

⁹4-30 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 4-45 p.m.

4-45 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 4-55 p.m.

4-55 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 5-10 p.m.

• From 3-30 p.m. to 3-40 p.m., some points were raised.

⁹ From 4-21 p.m. to 4-30 p.m., some points were raised.

(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 had to adjourned the House repeatedly:—

1. *Shri C.M. Ramesh*
2. *Dr. V. Maitreyan*
3. *Shri T. Rathinavel*
4. *Shri A.K. Selvaraj*
5. *Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth*
6. *Dr. R. Lakshmanan*
7. *Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao*
8. *Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam*
9. *Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan*
10. *Shri T.G. Venkatesh*
11. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
12. *Shri Tiruchi Siva*
13. *Shri T.K.S. Elangovan*
14. *Shri R.S. Bharathi*
15. *Shrimati Sasikala Pushpa*
16. *Shri N. Gokulakrishnan*
17. *Shri Pradeep Tamta*
18. *Shri Raj Babbar*
19. *Shri Shamsheer Singh Dullo*
20. *Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao*
21. *Shri Rajaram*
22. *Shri P.L. Punia*
23. *Shri Mohd. Ali Khan*
24. *Shri Ronald Sapa Tlau*
25. *Shri Husain Dalwai*
26. *Shrimati Viplove Thakur*
27. *Kumari Selja*
28. *Shri Ripun Bora*
29. *Shrimati Chhaya Verma*
30. *Shrimati Wansuk Syiem*
31. *Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy*
32. *Shri K.C. Ramamurthy*
33. *Shri Madhusudan Mistry*
34. *Shri P. Bhattacharya*
35. *Shri Santiuse Kujur*

36. *Shri Surendra Singh Nagar*
37. *Shri Veer Singh*
38. *Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad*
39. *Shri Sanjay Seth*
40. *Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav*
41. *Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav*
42. *Shri Sanjay Singh*
43. *Shri Narain Dass Gupta*
44. *Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta*
45. *Shri Rajmani Patel*
46. *Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar*
47. *Shri Mohd. Nadimul Haque*
48. *Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas*
49. *Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray*
50. *Dr. Santanu Sen*
51. *Shrimati Shanta Chhetri*
52. *Prof. Jogen Chowdhury*
53. *Shri Ahamed Hassan*
54. *Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah*
55. *Shri Manoj Kumar Jha*
56. *Shri Ahmad Ashfaque Karim*
57. *Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy*

◇ 5-14 p.m.

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

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

◇ From 5-10 p.m. to 5-14 p.m., some points were raised.