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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 5th April, 2018

11-00 a.m.

1. Oath or Affirmation

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

ANDHRA PRADESH

1. Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy

KARNATAKA

2. Shri Syed Nasir Hussain

11-02 a.m.

2. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), under sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the All India Services Act, 1951:—

- (1) G.S.R. 1534 (E), dated the 21st December, 2017, publishing the Indian Police Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Eighth Amendment Regulations, 2017.

- (2) G.S.R. 1535 (E), dated the 21st December, 2017, publishing the Indian Police Service (Pay) Eighth Amendment Rules, 2017.
- (3) G.S.R. 1536 (E), dated the 21st December, 2017, publishing the Indian Forest Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Eighth Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (4) G.S.R. 1537 (E), dated the 21st December, 2017, publishing the Indian Forest Service (Pay) Eighth Amendment Rules, 2017.
- (5) G.S.R. 1584 (E), dated the 22nd December, 2017, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Third Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (6) G.S.R. 1585 (E), dated the 22nd December, 2017, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Fourth Amendment Rules, 2017.
- (7) G.S.R. 1586 (E), dated the 27th December, 2017, publishing the Indian Forest Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Ninth Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (8) G.S.R. 1587 (E), dated the 27th December, 2017, publishing the Indian Forest Service (Pay) ninth Amendment Rules, 2017.
- (9) G.S.R. 1604 (E), dated the 29th December, 2017, publishing the Indian Police Service (Fixation of cadre Strength) Ninth Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (10) G.S.R. 1605 (E), dated the 29th December, 2017, publishing the Indian Police Service (Pay) Ninth Amendment Rules, 2017.
- (11) G.S.R. 197 (E), dated the 28th February, 2018, publishing the Indian Police Service (Fixation of cadre Strength) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (12) G.S.R. 198 (E), dated the 28th February, 2018, publishing the Indian Police Service (Pay) Amendment Rules, 2018.

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), New Delhi, for the year 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 14 of the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003.

3. 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) Fortieth Annual Report and Accounts of the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC), Guwahati, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, under Section 58 of the Delhi Development Act, 1957:—

- (1) S.O. 4117 (E), dated the 29th December, 2017, regarding fixation/reduction of rates of use conversion charges for use of upper residential floors of various markets (Sarojini Nagar Market, Khaan Market and Green Park Extension etc.) to commercial use as mentioned therein.
- (2) S.O. 1053 (E), dated the 5th April, 2017, regarding the Delhi Development Authority, with the prior approval of the Central Government, making modifications in the Unified Building Bye-Laws (UBBL) for Delhi 2016 as specified in the table therein.
- (3) S.O. 1502 (E), dated the 11th May, 2017, publishing corrigendum to the Notification No. S.O. 1053 (E), dated the 5th April, 2017.
- (4) S.O. 859 (E), dated the 28th February, 2018, regarding the Delhi Development Authority, with the prior approval of the Central Government, making modifications in the Unified Building Bye-Laws (UBBL) for Delhi 2016 as specified in the table therein.

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Lakshadweep Building Development Board (LBDB), Kavaratti, 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) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts and Audit Report of the above Board.
 - (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.
6. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Mahila Samakhya Karnataka, 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 Organisation.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), UT Mission Authority, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Port Blair, 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 (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Nagaland Education Mission Society, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), Nagaland, Kohima, 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 (iii) (a) above.

- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the State Society of UT of Chandigarh, implementing the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), Union Territory of Chandigarh, for the year 2014-15, 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 State Society of UT of Chandigarh, implementing the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), Union Territory of Chandigarh, for the year 2015-16, 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) Annual Report and Accounts of the State Society of UT of Chandigarh, implementing the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), Union Territory of Chandigarh, 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 Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Union Territory Mission Authority, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, 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.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vii) (a) above.
7. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK), New Delhi, 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 (a) above.

8. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Notification No. G.S.R. 721 (E), dated the 29th June, 2017, publishing the Aircraft (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2017, under Section 14A of the Aircraft Act, 1934, along with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Water Development Agency, New Delhi, 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 (a) above.

10. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education), under Section 28 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956:—

- (1) F. No. 2-4/2015 (DEB-III), dated the 23rd June, 2017, publishing the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.
- (2) F. No. 2-4/2015 (DEB-III), dated the 11th October, 2017, publishing the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 (First Amendment).
- (3) F. No. 2-4/2015 (DEB-III), dated the 6th February, 2018, publishing the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018.

11.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 29 and sub-section (4) of Section 30 of the Pondicherry University Act, 1985:—

- (a) Thirty-first Annual Report of the Pondicherry University, Puducherry, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Pondicherry University, Puducherry, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

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

12.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 35 and sub-section (4) of Section 36 of the Visva Bharati (Amendment) Act, 1984:—

(a) Annual Report of the Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, for the year 2016-17.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

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

13.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 22 of the National Institutes of Technology Act, 2007:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, Punjab, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology, Warangal, Telangana, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal, Mangalore, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology, Silchar, Assam, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

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

14.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 31 of the University of Allahabad Act, 2005:—

(a) Twelfth Annual Report of the University of Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2016-17.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

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

15.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 23 of the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961:—

(i) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.

(ii) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), (BHU), Varanasi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.

(iii) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar, Punjab, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.

(iv) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Gandhinagar, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.

(v) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.

(vi) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indore, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.

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

16.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 30 and sub-section (4) of Section 31 of the Central Universities Act, 2009:—

(a) Eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

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

17.(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 EdCIL (India) Limited, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2016-17, 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.

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

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, 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 (i) (a) above.

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Institute of Technology (CIT), Kokrajhar, Assam, for the year 2016-17, 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 (ii) (a) above.

(iii) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, for the year 2016-17.

(b) Annual Accounts of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

- (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) and (b) above.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Tirupati, for the year 2016-17.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Tirupati, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
 - (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) and (b) above.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Thiruvananthapuram, for the year 2016-17, 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 (v) (a) above.
- (vi) (a) Annual Accounts of the Kendriya Hindi Shikshan Mandal, Agra, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Mandal.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vi) (a) above.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Udaipur, Rajasthan for the year 2016-17, 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 (vii) (a) above.
- (viii) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay, for the year 2016-17.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (viii) (a) above.

- (ix) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi, for the year 2016-17.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ix) (a) above.
- (x) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology Ropar, Punjab, for the year 2016-17.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (x) (a) above.
- (xi) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Gandhinagar, for the year 2016-17.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xi) (a) above.
- (xii) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jodhpur, for the year 2016-17.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xii) (a) above.
- (xiii) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology IIT, Indore, for the year 2015-16.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xiii) (a) above.
- (xiv) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, for the year 2016-17.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xiv) (a) above.

- (xv) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xv) (a) above.
- (xvi) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kolkata, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kolkata, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xvi) (a) above.
- (xvii) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xvii) (a) above.
- (xviii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong, for the year 2016-17, 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 (xviii) (a) above.
- (xix) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta, 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 Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xix) (a) above.
- (xx) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR), Bhopal, for the year 2016-17, 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 (xx) (a) above.
- (xxi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR), 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 Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xxi) (a) above.
- (xxii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh, for the year 2016-17, 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 (xxii) (a) above.
- (xxiii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chennai, for the year 2016-17, 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 (xxiii) (a) above.
- (xxiv) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Guwahati, for the year 2016-17.

- (b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Guwahati, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
 - (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xxiv) (a) and (b) above.
- (xxv)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), 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 Council.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xxv) (a) above.
- (xxvi)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Book Trust, India, 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 Trust.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xxvi) (a) above.
- (xxvii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT), Northern Region, Kanpur, 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 (xxvii) (a) above.
- (xxviii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Practical Training (BOPT), Eastern Region, 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 Board.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xxviii) (a) above.
- (xxix)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT), Southern Region, Chennai, 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 (xxix) (a) above.

11-04 a.m.

3. Statement of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour

Shri Nazir Ahmed Laway laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statement of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on Statement showing further action taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations of the Standing Committee on Labour contained in their Thirty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in their Twenty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' of the Ministry of Textiles.

11-05 a.m.

4. Statements by Ministers

1. Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty Eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

2. General (Retd.) V.K.Singh, Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs, laid on the Table, the following statements (in English and Hindi) regarding:—

- (i) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on 'Problems relating to Overseas Indian Marriages: Scheme for providing legal/financial assistance/rehabilitation to Indian women deserted by their Overseas Indian Spouses';
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary

Standing Committee on External Affairs on 'Passport Seva Projects - Targets and Achievements';

- (iii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants (2014-15), pertaining to the erstwhile Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs;
- (iv) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants (2015-16), pertaining to the erstwhile Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs;
- (v) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants (2012-13), pertaining to the erstwhile Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs;
- (vi) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Nineteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants (2013-14), pertaining to the erstwhile Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs; and
- (vii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on "India's Soft Power Diplomacy including role of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Indian Diaspora".

3. Dr. Satya Pal Singh, Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Eighty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

*11-11 a.m.

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

5. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 406 to 420 were laid on the Table.

6. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 4321 to 4480 were laid on the Table.

2-00 p.m.

7. Statutory Resolution — Adopted

The following Resolution moved by Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, on the 4th of April, 2018, was adopted:—

"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%."

°2-11 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-26 p.m.

(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. *Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy*
2. *Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao*
3. *Shri C.M. Ramesh*
4. *Dr. V. Maitreyan*

* From 11-08 a.m. to 11-11 a.m., some points were raised.

° From 2-01 p.m. to 2-11 p.m., some points were raised.

5. *Shri T. Rathinavel*
6. *Shri A.K. Selvaraj*
7. *Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth*
8. *Dr. R. Lakshmanan*
9. *Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao*
10. *Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam*
11. *Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan*
12. *Shrimati Sasikala Pushpa*
13. *Shri N. Gokulakrishnan*
14. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
15. *Ms. Dola Sen*
16. *Shri Md. Nadimul Haque*
17. *Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy*
18. *Shri K.R. Arjunan*
19. *Shri R. Vaithilingam*
20. *Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar*
21. *Shri Ashok Siddharth*
22. *Shri Rajaram*
23. *Shri Rajmani Patel*
24. *Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy*
25. *Shri Tiruchi Siva*
26. *Shri R.S. Bharathi*
27. *Shri T.K.S. Elangovan*
28. *Shrimati Misha Bharti*
29. *Shri Ahmad Ashfaque Karim*
30. *Shri Manoj Kumar Jha*
31. *Shri Veer Singh*
32. *Shri Sanjay Seth*
33. *Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav*
34. *Shri Javed Ali Khan*
35. *Shri A. Vijayakumar*
36. *Shri Ritabrata Banerjee*

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The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 6th April, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

st From 2-26 p.m. to 2-36 p.m., some points were raised.