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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on  
the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 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:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Indian Red Cross Society, New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Red Cross Society, New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Society.
- (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), under Section 25 of the Coinage Act, 2011:—

- (1) G.S.R. 516 (E), dated the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, publishing the Printing of One Rupee Currency Notes Rules, 2017.
- (2) G.S.R. 641 (E), dated the 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Coinage (Issue of Commemorative coin on the occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Shrimad Rajchandra) Rules, 2017.

- (3) G.S.R. 829 (E), dated the 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Coinage of One Thousand Rupees and Ten Rupees Coins to commemorate the occasion of Shree Jagannath Nabakalebara Festival 2015 Rules, 2017.
- (4) G.S.R. 1146 (E), dated the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, publishing the Coinage (Issue of Commemorative coins on the occasion of Birth Centenary of Dr. M.S. Subbulakshmi Rules, 2017.
- (5) G.S.R. 1147 (E), dated the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, publishing the Coinage of One Hundred Rupees and Five Rupees Coins to commemorate the occasion of Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Birth Centenary Rules, 2017.

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:—

- (a) Twelfth Annual Report and Accounts of the Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL), New Delhi, 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 Corporation.

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

4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Service), under sub-section (3) of Section 114 of the Insurance Act, 1938 and Section 27 of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999:—

- (1) F. No. IRDAI/Reg/4/141/2017, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, publishing the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Insurance Web Aggregators) Regulations, 2017.
- (2) F. No. IRDAI/Reg/5/142/2017, dated the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, publishing the IRDAI (Outsourcing of Activities by Indian Insurers) Regulations, 2017.

- (3) F. No. IRDAI/Reg/7/144/2017, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, publishing the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Insurance Surveyors and Loss Assessors) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2017.

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) S.O. 1155 (E), dated the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 993 (E), dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2012, to substitute/insert certain entries in the original Notification.
- (2) S.O. 1156 (E), dated the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, publishing the Levy of Fees (Customs Documents) Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (3) G.S.R. 352 (E), dated the 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 655 (E), dated the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (4) G.S.R. 453 (E), dated the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 1099 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (5) G.S.R. 729 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Shipping Bill and Bill of Export (Forms) Regulations, 2017.
- (6) G.S.R. 730 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Shipping Bill (Electronic Declaration) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- (7) G.S.R. 803 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017.
- (8) G.S.R. 804 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 193 (E), dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1997, to insert certain entries in the original Notification.

- (9) G.S.R. 810 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Bill of Entry (Forms) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- (10) G.S.R. 811 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Courier Imports and Exports (Clearance) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- (11) G.S.R. 812 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Courier Imports and Exports (Electronic Declaration and Processing) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- (12) G.S.R. 2057 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 2281 (E), dated the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (13) S.O. 2671 (E), dated the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 2186 (E), dated the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, specifying classes of importers who shall pay customs duty electronically.
- (14) G.S.R. 1064 (E), dated the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, regarding appointment of Principal Chief Commissioners of Customs or Chief Commissioners of Customs, for the areas falling within the jurisdiction of the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs.
- (15) G.S.R. 1136 (E), dated the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, regarding appointment of Principal Chief Commissioners of Customs or Chief Commissioners of Customs, for the areas of jurisdiction falling within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Customs (Audit), mentioned in the corresponding entry.
- (16) G.S.R. 1154 (E), dated the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 1064 (E), dated the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (17) G.S.R. 1210 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, regarding appointment of Commissioner of Customs (Appeals), who shall have the jurisdiction in relation to an order or decision of the officer subordinate to that officer as mentioned.

- (18) G.S.R. 1347 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, appointing the place in column (3) of the table, situated in the State or Union Territory as the case may be, for the purpose as specified in the corresponding entry.
- (19) G.S.R. 1348 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 1064 (E), dated the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (20) S.O. 3895 (E), dated the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 748 (E), dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2001, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (21) No. 117/2017-Customs (N.T.), dated the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, determining the rate of Exchange for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for imported and export goods *w.e.f.* 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.
- (22) No. 118/2017-Customs (N.T.), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017, determining the rate of Exchange for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for imported and export goods *w.e.f.* 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017.
- (23) G.S.R. 1579 (E), dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 593 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2011, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (24) G.S.R. 1580 (E), dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 943 (E), dated the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009, to substitute certain entries in the original Notifications.
- (25) G.S.R. 1608 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 423 (E), dated the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (26) G.S.R. 1609 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 499 (E), dated the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2011, substituting certain entries in the original Notification.
- (27) S.O. 4105 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 748 (E), dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2001, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.

- (28) No. 1/2018-Customs (N.T.), dated the 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, determining the rate of Exchange for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for imported and export goods *w.e.f.* 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.
- (29) G.S.R. 14 (E), dated the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 1341 (E), dated the 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, substituting certain entries in the original Notification.
- (30) G.S.R. 15 (E), dated the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 785 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, to substitute certain entries in the original Notifications.
- (31) G.S.R. 22 (E), dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, amending certain notifications as specified therein to substitute certain entries in the original Notifications.
- (32) S.O. 233 (E), dated the 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 748 (E), dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2001, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (33) No. 06/2018-Customs (N.T.), dated the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, determining the rate of Exchange for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for imported and export goods *w.e.f.* 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

6. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification No. G.S.R. 50 (E), dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 1178 (E), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification, under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962 and sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1944, along with Explanatory Memorandum.

7. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification No. G.S.R. 1538 (E), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 924 (E), dated the 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, to insert certain entries in the original Notification, under sub section (7) of Section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, along with Explanatory Memorandum.

8. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 24 of the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) G.S.R. 616 (E), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2017, appointing the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2017, as the date on which the provisions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 17, 21 and Section 22 of the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 shall come into force.
- (2) G.S.R. 701 (E), dated the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, appointing the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2017, as the date on which the provisions of Sections 6 to 16, 18 to 20 and 23 to 26 of the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 come into force.
- (3) G.S.R. 741 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, notifying [www.gst.gov.in](http://www.gst.gov.in) as the Common Goods and Services Tax Electronic Portal for facilitating registration, payment of tax, furnishing of returns, computation and settlement of integrated tax and electronic way bill *w.e.f.* 22.06.2017.
- (4) G.S.R. 742 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) Rules, 2017.
- (5) G.S.R. 743 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (Chandigarh) Rules, 2017.
- (6) G.S.R. 744 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Rules, 2017.
- (7) G.S.R. 745 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (Daman and Diu) Rules, 2017.
- (8) G.S.R. 746 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (Lakshadweep) Rules, 2017.

- (9) G.S.R. 748 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, notifying that the registered person having annual turnover as specified in Column (2) of the Table therein shall mention the number of digits of Harmonised System of Nomenclature Codes as specified in corresponding entry therein in the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) Rule, 2017.
- (10) G.S.R. 749 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, notifying that the registered person having annual turnover as specified in Column (2) of the Table therein shall mention the number of digits of Harmonised System of Nomenclature Codes as specified in corresponding entry therein in the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (Chandigarh) Rule, 2017.
- (11) G.S.R. 750 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, notifying that the registered person having annual turnover as specified in Column (2) of the Table therein shall mention the number of digits of Harmonised System of Nomenclature Codes as specified in corresponding entry therein in the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Rule, 2017.
- (12) G.S.R. 751 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, notifying that the registered person having annual turnover as specified in Column (2) of the Table therein shall mention the number of digits of Harmonised System of Nomenclature Codes as specified in corresponding entry therein in the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (Daman and Diu) Rule, 2017.
- (13) G.S.R. 752 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, notifying that the registered person having annual turnover as specified in Column (2) of the Table therein shall mention the number of digits of Harmonised System of Nomenclature Codes as specified in corresponding entry therein in the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (Lakshadweep) Rule, 2017.
- (14) G.S.R. 1328 (E), dated the 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, notifying automatically extended to notifications of issued under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 relating to the subjects referred in Section 21 of the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax.



9. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification No. G.S.R. 964 (E), dated the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Goods and services Tax Settlement of funds Rules, 2017, under Section 166 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017; Section 24 of the Integrated Goods and Services Act, 2017; and Section 24 of the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2107, along with Explanatory Memorandum.

10. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. G.S.R. 747 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, seeking to fix the rate of interest per annum for the purposes of Section 21 as specified in Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, under Section 24 of the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017; and Section 166 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, along with Explanatory Memorandum.

11. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 166 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) G.S.R. 1598 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, seeking to extend the due dates for quarterly furnishing of FORM GSTR-1 for taxpayers with aggregate turnover of upto Rs. 1.5 crore.
- (2) G.S.R. 1599 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, seeking to extend the due dates for quarterly furnishing of FORM GSTR-1 for taxpayers with aggregate turnover of upto Rs. 1.5 crore.
- (3) G.S.R. 1600 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, seeking to waive the late fee payable for failure to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 by the due date.
- (4) G.S.R. 1601 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, appointing the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018, as the date from which the provisions of serial numbers 2(i) and 2(ii) of notification No. 27/2017-Central Tax dated the 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 published *vide* G.S.R. 1121 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 shall come into force.
- (5) G.S.R. 1602 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, publishing the Central Goods and Services Tax (Fourteenth Amendment) Rules, 2017.

- (6) G.S.R. 02 (E), dated the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 647 (E), dated the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.

12. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. G.S.R. 03 (E), dated the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 648 (E), dated the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 to substitute certain entries in the original Notification, under Section 166 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017; and Section 24 of the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, along with Explanatory Memorandum.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi, Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh, 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.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare Trust, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Centre.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

<sup>Δ</sup>15.(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) Sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. (SECI), New Delhi, 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.

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<sup>Δ</sup> At 11-03 a.m.

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

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

<sup>Δ</sup>16. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gurugram, for the year 2013-14, 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 National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gurugram, for the year 2014-15, 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 and Accounts of the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gurugram, 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 (iii) (a) above.

<sup>∞</sup>17. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. 24/2018-Customs, dated the 6th February, 2018, seeking to further amend Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated 30th June, 2017, so as to increase import duty on sugar [Raw sugar, Refined or White sugar, Raw sugar if imported by bulk consumer] under tariff head 1701, from the present 50% to 100% with immediate effect and

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<sup>Δ</sup> At 11-03 a.m.

<sup>∞</sup> At 5-10 p.m.

without an end dated, under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, along with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

<sup>∞</sup>18. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. 25/2018-Customs, dated the 6th February, 2018, seeking to increase BCD tariff rate on chana (chickpeas), falling under Tariff heading 0713 20 00 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) from 30% to 40%, under sub-section (7) of Section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, along with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

11-02 a.m.

## **2. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence**

Shri Harivansh laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Final Action Taken Statements of the Government on the Recommendations contained in Chapter I of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence (2017-18):-

- (i) Tenth Report of the Committee on Defence (2015-16) on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Twenty-second Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Threat Perception and preparedness of the Forces including incursion on borders, coordination mechanism with the Central Armed Police Forces and Border connectivity through Road, Air and Rail' pertaining to the Ministry of Defence;
- (ii) Eleventh Report of the Committee on Defence (2015-16) on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Committee (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2014-15)' of the Ministry of Defence on Army (Demand No. 22);
- (iii) Thirteenth Report of the Committee on Defence (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Action Taken on the Fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Defence (2015-16) on 'Demands for Grants

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<sup>∞</sup> At 5-10 p.m.

(2014-15)' of the Ministry of Defence on Ordnance Factories and Defence Research and Development Organization (Demand Nos. 25 & 26);

- (iv) Seventeenth Report of the Committee on Defence (2015-16) on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Ninth Report of the Committee on Defence (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands For Grants (2015-16)' of the Ministry of Defence on Ordnance Factories and Defence Research and Development Organisation (Demand No. 26 and 27);
- (v) Eighteenth Report of the Committee on Defence (2015-16) on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Seventh Report of the Committee (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2015-16)' of the Ministry of Defence on Army (Demand No. 23);
- (vi) Twenty-fifth Report of the Committee on Defence (2015-16) on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Twentieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry of Defence on Army, Navy and Air Force (Demand No. 22); and
- (vii) Twenty-sixth Report of the Committee on Defence (2015-16) on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Twenty-first Report of the Committee on Defence (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry on Defence on 'Ordnance Factory Board, Defence Research and Development Organisation, Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme, Directorate General Quality Assurance and National Cadet Corps' (Demand No. 20).

<sup>o</sup>11-05 a.m.

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

### 3. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 31 to 45 were laid on the Table.

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<sup>o</sup> From 11-03 a.m. to 11-04 a.m., see items at Sl No. 1(15) & 1(16); and From 11-04 a.m. to 11-05 a.m., some points were raised.

#### 4. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 321 to 480 were laid on the Table.

<sup>Ω</sup>2-10 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 3-00 p.m.*

<sup>€</sup>3-07 p.m.

#### 5. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address

Further discussion on the following Motion moved by Shri Amit Anil Chandra Shah on the 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 and the amendments moved thereto continued:-

“That an Address be presented to the President in the following terms—

“That the Members of the Rajya Sabha assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the President for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on January 29, 2018.”

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

3-07 p.m.	1.	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth
*3-38 p.m.	2.	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey
3-57 p.m.	3.	Shri Ram Chandra Prasad Singh
4-27 p.m.	4.	Shri Swapan Dasgupta
4-38 p.m.	5.	Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap
4-51 p.m.	6.	Shri Meghraj Jain
<sup>Φ</sup> 5-11 p.m.	7.	Shri Sanjay Raut
5-26 p.m.	8.	Shri Ramdas Athawale, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</i>
*5-40 p.m.	9.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
<sup>◇</sup> 6-05 p.m.	10.	Shri La. Ganesan

<sup>Ω</sup> From 2-00 p.m. to 2-10 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>€</sup> From 3-00 p.m. to 3-07 p.m., some points were raised.

\* From 3-32 p.m. to 3-38 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>Φ</sup> From 5-10 p.m. to 5-11 p.m., see item at Sl. No. 1(17) & 1(18).

♦ From 5-38 p.m. to 5-40 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>◇</sup> From 5-56 p.m. to 6-05 p.m., see item at Sl. No. 6.

6-21 p.m. 11. Shri C.M. Ramesh

The discussion was not concluded.

## ⊕6. Observations by the Chair

The Chairman made some observations regarding functioning of the House.

6-23 p.m.

## 7. Messages from Lok Sabha — Reported

Secretary-General reported to the House, four messages from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, adopted the following motions recommending to the Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do agree to: —

- (i) nominate seven Members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the House for the term beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 2018 and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019 and communicate to the Lok Sabha the names of the Members so nominated by Rajya Sabha;
- (ii) nominate seven Members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Undertakings of the House for the term beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 2018 and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019 and communicate to the Lok Sabha the names of the Members so nominated by Rajya Sabha;
- (iii) nominate ten Members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the House for the term beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 2018 and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019 and communicate to the Lok Sabha the names of the Members so nominated by Rajya Sabha; and
- (iv) elect two Members of Rajya Sabha, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, to the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit in the vacancies caused by the disqualification of Shri Sharad Yadav *w.e.f.* from 4<sup>th</sup> of December, 2017 and to be caused on the retirement of Shri C.P. Narayanan *w.e.f.* from 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2018 respectively from

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⊕ At 5-56 p.m.

Rajya Sabha and communicate to the Lok Sabha the names of the Members so elected by Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee.

6-25 p.m.

### 8. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were made:—

1. Dr. V. Maitreyan Demand to set up Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) facility for manufacturing light combat aircraft at Salem in Tamil Nadu.
2. Shri R. Vaithilingam Demand to take steps for expeditious release of funds under centrally aided schemes to the State of Tamil Nadu.
3. Shri Ram Nath Thakur Demand to remove anomalies existing in various pension schemes launched in the country.

*(The following Members indulged in gross disorderly conduct in violation of the rules and etiquette of Rajya Sabha by entering the 'Well' of the House, displayed placards, shouted slogans and willfully obstructed the proceedings of the House:—*

1. Shri C.M. Ramesh
2. Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao
3. Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi

6-32 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
Secretary-General