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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 6th March, 2018

11-00 a.m.

1. Felicitations to Indian Sportspersons for winning medals at the ISSF World Cup Shooting Championships, 2018

The Chairman, on behalf of the whole House and on his own behalf, congratulated Miss Manu Bhaker and Shri Shahzar Rizvi for winning Gold medals in the 10m Air Pistol Women and Men events respectively and Ms. Mehuli Ghosh, Shri Jitu Rai and Shri Ravi Kumar for winning Bronze Medals in the 10m Air Rifle and Air Pistol events at the ongoing ISSF World Cup Shooting Championships, 2018 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

11-02 a.m.

2. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Notification No. S.O. 07 (E), dated the 2nd January, 2018, appointing the 7th day of July, 2018, as the date on which the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 shall come into force, under sub-section (1) of Section 124 of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017.

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. G.S.R. 151 (E), dated the 20th February, 2017, publishing the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Amendment Rules, 2017, under Section 48 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, along with Explanatory Memorandum.

3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
 - (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Dental Council of 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 Council.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.
4. 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) Twenty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), 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.
5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
 - (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Civil Aviation) and the Pawan Hans Limited (PHL), for the year 2017-18.
 - (ii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

11-03 a.m.

3. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture

Shri Derek O'Brien presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture:—

- (i) Two Hundred Fifty Seventh Report on the Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation;
- (ii) Two Hundred Fifty Eighth Report on the Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Ministry of Culture;

- (iii) Two Hundred Fifty Ninth Report on the Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways;
- (iv) Two Hundred Sixtieth Report on the Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Ministry of Shipping; and
- (v) Two Hundred Sixty First Report on the Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Ministry of Tourism.

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

Shri Meghraj Jain laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture (2017-18):—

- (i) Forty-seventh Report on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare);
- (ii) Forty-eighth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education);
- (iii) Forty-ninth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries); and
- (iv) Fiftieth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

5. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways

Shri Motilal Vora laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Nineteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (2017-18) on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Railways.

6. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development

Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development (2017-18):—

- (i) Forty-second Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Thirty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' of the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Rural Development);
- (ii) Forty-third Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Thirty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' of the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Land Resources);
- (iii) Forty-fourth Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Thirty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation; and
- (iv) Forty-fifth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

♦ 11-06 a.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 11-30 a.m.

♦ 11-31 a.m.

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

♦ From 11-04 a.m. to 11-06 a.m., some points were raised.

♦ From 11-30 a.m. to 11-31 a.m., some points were raised.

7. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 106 to 120 were laid on the Table.

8. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1121 to 1280 were laid on the Table.

◇2-06 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 3-30 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 repeatedly adjourned the House:—

1. Shri Mohd. Ali Khan
2. Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao
3. Shri Husain Dalwai
4. Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury
5. Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra
6. Shrimati Viplove Thakur
7. Shrimati Rajani Patil
8. Shri B.K. Hariprasad
9. Shri Pramod Tiwari
10. Dr. Sanjay Sinh
11. Shri P.L. Punia
12. Shri Ripun Bora
13. Shri Shamsheer Singh Dullo
14. Shrimati Chhaya Verma
15. Shri Pradeep Tamta
16. Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
17. Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam
18. Shri S. Muthukaruppan
19. Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth
20. Dr. R. Lakshmanan
21. Shri T. Rathinavel

◇ From 2-00 p.m. to 2-06 p.m., some points were raised.

22. *Dr. V. Maitreyan*
23. *Shri K.R. Arjunan*
24. *Shri A.K. Selvaraj*
25. *Shrimati Sasikala Pushpa*
26. *Shri R. Vaithilingam*
27. *Shri A. Vijayakumar*
28. *Shri Md. Nadimul Haque*
29. *Shri Vivek Gupta*
30. *Prof. Jogen Chowdhury*
31. *Shri Ahamed Hassan*
32. *Ms. Dola Sen*
33. *Shri Manish Gupta*
34. *Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia*
35. *Shrimati Shanta Chhetri*
36. *Shri C.M. Ramesh*
37. *Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao*
38. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
39. *Shri T.G. Venkatesh*
40. *Shrimati Kanimozhi*
41. *Shri Tiruchi Siva*
42. *Shri T.K.S. Elangovan*
43. *Shri R.S. Bharathi*
44. *Shri Ritabrata Banerjee*
45. *Shri Abdul Wahab*

[^]3-34 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 7th March, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

[^] From 3-30 p.m. to 3-34 p.m., some points were raised.