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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on  
the 7<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 and Accounts of the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), 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 Centre.
2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Notification No. G.S.R. 43 (E), dated the 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, publishing the Press Council (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under sub-section (3) of Section 25 of the Press Council Act, 1978.
3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
  - (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, 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 (i) (a) above.

- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), 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 Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. G.S.R. 389, dated the November 19, 2017- November 25, 2017 (weekly Gazette), publishing the Assam Rifles, Para Medical Staff, Group 'C' Combatised Posts, Recruitment Rules, 2017, under Section 167 of the Assam Rifles Act, 2006.

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. G.S.R. 41, dated the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, publishing the National Fire Service College, Nagpur, Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor (Academic Group 'A' Posts) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017, under Article 309 of the Constitution of India.

6.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of Section 70 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), New Delhi, for the years 2003-04 to 2011-12, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by the Government on the working of the above Institute.

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

7. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Notification No. G.S.R. 1525 (E), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, publishing the Apprenticeship (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 37 of the Apprentices Act, 1961.

8. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce), Notification No. G.S.R. 63 (E), dated the 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 publishing the First Statutes of the Footwear Design and Development Institute, under sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Footwear Design and Development Institute Act, 2017 along with Statement of objects and reasons and explanatory note.

11-01 a.m.

## **2. Reports of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes**

Shri Ram Narain Dudi laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following \*Reports of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes:—

- (i) Ninth Report on the subject 'Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their welfare in Oil and Natural Gas Corporation' pertaining to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas;
- (ii) Tenth Report on the subject 'Need for greater budgetary allocations for various welfare measures/schemes for OBCs' pertaining to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment; and
- (iii) Eleventh Report on the subject 'Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their welfare in Food Corporation of India' pertaining to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

## **3. Statements of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes**

Shri Ram Narain Dudi laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Final Action Taken Statements of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes:—

- (i) Statement showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the First Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee regarding action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Fourth Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Reservation in employment and Welfare measures for

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\* These Reports were presented to the Speaker on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 under Direction 71A of the Directions by the Speaker, Lok Sabha. The Speaker was pleased to order the printing, publication and circulation of the Reports under Rule 280 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha. The Reports were also placed before Chairman, Rajya Sabha on the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

OBCs in the Reserve Bank of India' pertaining to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services); and

- (ii) Statement showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee regarding action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their Welfare in Indian Oil Corporation Limited' pertaining to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

°11-05 a.m.

#### 4. Matters raised with the Permission

1. Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad raised a matter regarding deteriorating security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shri Vivek K. Tankha also spoke.

^11-15 a.m.

2. Sardar Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa raised a matter regarding issue of involvement of a former Union Minister in the 1984 anti-sikh riots in Delhi as revealed in a recent sting operation by a news channel.

♦11-26 a.m.

3. Shri Manish Gupta raised a matter regarding need to eliminate manual scavenging in the country.

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° From 11-02 a.m. to 11-05 a.m., some points were raised.

^ From 11-09 a.m. to 11-12 a.m., some points were raised; and From 11-12 a.m. to 11-14 see item at SI No. 5.

♦ From 11-20 a.m. to 11-22 a.m., some points were raised; and From 11-24 a.m. to 11-26 a.m., some points were raised.

11-28 a.m.

4. Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding deteriorating condition of the real estate sector.

11-31 a.m.

5. Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding concern over quality of education in the country.

11-34 a.m.

6. Shrimati Sampatiya Uikey raised a matter regarding pathetic condition of cooks employed in government schools.

11-35 a.m.

7. Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding need to declare the birthdays of Swami Vivekananda and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as National Holidays.

11-37 a.m.

8. Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to withdraw the increased excise duties on petrol and diesel.

11-40 a.m.

9. Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding concern over deaths and destruction due to underground fire in Koyalanchal, Jharkhand.

11-43 a.m.

10. Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding need to pass the Women Reservation Bill for empowerment of women.

11-46 a.m.

11. Shri Sanjay Singh raised a matter regarding problem being faced by businessmen due to sealing of commercial establishments in Delhi.

11-50 a.m.

12. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy raised a matter regarding need to recognize Doctor of Pharmacy graduates as medical practitioners.

11-53 a.m.

13. Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding concern over missing oil tanker with 22 Indian sailors off the coast of Benin, West African country.

11-55 a.m.

14. Shrimati Sasiskala Pushpa raised a matter regarding need to make Tamil as official language of the Madras High Court.

11-58 a.m.

15. Shri P.L. Punia raised a matter regarding need to pass the SC/ST Reservation (Post and Services) Bill, 2008 in the current Session.

#### ◇5. **Withdrawal of Member**

The Chairman, under Rule 255 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha), directed Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao to withdraw immediately from the House.

Thereafter, the Member withdrew from the House.

12-00 Noon

#### 6. **Dispensing with Question Hour**

On a suggestion made by Shri Naresh Agrawal and some other Members and agreed to by the House to dispense with the Question Hour to take up discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address, the Chairman dispensed with the Question Hour and took up the discussion on the Motion.

#### 7. **Starred Questions**

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 46 to 60 were laid on the Table.

#### 8. **Unstarred Questions**

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 481 to 640 were laid on the Table.

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◇ At 11-12 a.m.

12-01 p.m.

### 9. 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:—

12-01 p.m.	1.	Shri R.S. Bharathi
12-08 p.m.	2.	Shri Ahmed Patel
<sup>ε</sup> 12-36 p.m.	3.	Shri Jayant Sinha, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation</i>
<sup>à</sup> 12-52 p.m.	4.	Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav
1-15 p.m.	5.	Shri Derek O' Brien
1-29 p.m.	6.	Shri K.K. Ragesh
1-37 p.m.	7.	Shri Satish Chandra Misra
<sup>ò</sup> 1-54 p.m.	8.	Shri D. Raja
2-09 p.m.	9.	Shri B.K. Hariprasad
2-21 p.m.	10.	Shri K.T.S. Tulsi
2-26 p.m.	11.	Shri Joy Abraham
2-35 p.m.	12.	Shrimati Rajani Patil
2-45 p.m.	13.	Shri Sanjay Singh
<sup>•</sup> 3-05 p.m.	14.	Shri Abdul Wahab
3-10 p.m.	15.	Shri Sanjiv Kumar
3-14 p.m.	16.	Shri Anand Sharma

3-56 p.m.

Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, replied to the debate.

<sup>ε</sup> From 12-34 p.m. to 12-36 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>à</sup> From 12-49 p.m. to 12-52 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>ò</sup> From 1-51 p.m. to 1-54 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>•</sup> From 3-03 p.m. to 3-05 p.m., some points were raised.

5-08 p.m.

All amendments other than Amendment No. 228 moved by Shri T.K. Rangarajan were either negated or withdrawn by leave of the House.

5-31 p.m.

Amendment No. 228 moved by Shri T.K. Rangarajan was put to the vote of the House and the House divided —

Ayes — ^57

Noes — ^86

The Amendment was negated.

5-44 p.m.

The Motion of Thanks on the Presidents Address was, thereafter, adopted.

5-45 p.m.

### 10. Statutory Resolution — Adopted

Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs, 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.25/2018-Customs, dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 which seeks to increase the rate of basic customs duty (BCD) on *chana* (chickpeas) falling under tariff item 0713 20 00, of the Customs Tariff Act from 30% to 40%."

The Resolution was adopted.

<sup>sr</sup>5-59 p.m.

### 11. Withdrawal of Member

The Deputy Chairman, under Rule 255 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha), directed Shri C.M. Ramesh to withdraw immediately from the House.

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<sup>^</sup> Subject to correction.

<sup>sr</sup> From 5-46 p.m. to 5-59 p.m., some points were raised.



6-01 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 6-16 p.m.*

<sup>∞</sup>6-21 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 6-31 p.m.*

*(Due to gross disorderly conduct in violation of the rules and etiquette of Rajya Sabha by the following Members, by entering the 'Well' of the House, displayed placards, shouted slogans and persistently and willfully obstructed the proceedings of the House, the Chair adjourned the House twice:—*

1. *Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao*
2. *Shri C.M. Ramesh*
3. *Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao*
4. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
5. *Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy*
6. *Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury*

<sup>o</sup>6-32 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General*

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<sup>∞</sup> From 6-16 p.m. to 6-21 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>o</sup> From 6-31 p.m. to 6-32 p.m., some points were raised.