

## RAJYA SABHA

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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

11-00 a.m.

#### 1. Obituary Reference

The Chairman made a reference to the passing away of Miss Frida Topno (ex-Member).

The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

°11-05 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 papers:—
  - (i) (a) Thirty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai, 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 (a) above.

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° From 11-03 a.m. to 11-05 a.m., some points were raised.

- (ii) (a) Thirtieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), 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.

2.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 25 and sub-section (4) of Section 26 of the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993:—

- (i) (a) Twentieth Annual Report of the National Council for Teacher Education, (NCTE), New Delhi, for the year 2014-15.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the National Council for Teacher Education, (NCTE), New Delhi, for the year 2014-15, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (ii) (a) Twenty-first Annual Report of the National Council for Teacher Education, (NCTE), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the National Council for Teacher Education, (NCTE), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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

3. A copy each (in English and Hindi), of the following papers, under Section 25 of the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993:—

- (a) Twenty-second Annual Report of the National Council for Teacher Education, (NCTE), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bihar Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad, Patna, implementing the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), 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 (a) above.
- (ii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan Parishad, Lucknow, implementing the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), 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 (a) above.
- (iii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), Mizoram, Aizwal, 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 (a) above.
- (iv)
- (a) Annual Report of the Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA), Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
  - (b) Annual Accounts of the Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA), Delhi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
  - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Organisation.
  - (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above.
- (v)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the State Society of Manipur, implementing the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), 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 (a) above.

- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the State Society of Manipur, implementing the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), 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 (a) above.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Gujarat Council of Elementary Education, implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Mission, Gandhinagar, 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 (a) above.
- (viii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Gujarat Council of Elementary Education, implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Mission, Gandhinagar, 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 (a) above.
- (ix) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Society, Chandigarh, Union Territory of Chandigarh, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Review by Government on the working is the above Society.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi, 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.

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

- (a) Eighth Annual Accounts of the Central University of Kashmir (*formerly* Central University of Jammu and Kashmir), Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (b) Eighth Annual Accounts of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, 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.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report of Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Organisation.
- (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report of the National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above.
- (iii) (a) Eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Vijayawada, Andhra 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 School.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), 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 School.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.
- (v) Corrigendum to the \* Audited Accounts of the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
- (vi) (a) Annual Accounts of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (4) of Section 29 of the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985.
- (b) Chronological statement showing the sequence of laying of the papers mentioned at (a) above.
8. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Forty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), Pune, 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.

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\* The Annual Accounts of the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon was laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

11-06 a.m.

### **3. Reports of the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit**

Shri Mahesh Poddar laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Reports of the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit (Sixteenth Lok Sabha).

### **4. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs**

Shri D. Kupendra Reddy laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twentieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' of the Ministry of External Affairs.

### **5. Statement of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs**

Shri D. Kupendra Reddy laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statement showing Further Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Seventeenth Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Twelfth Report on the subject 'Recruitment, structure and capacity building of IFS Cadre, including need for a separate UPSC examination for cadre, mid-career entry and in-service training and orientation'.

### **6. Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings**

Shri Narendra Budania laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-second Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the subject 'Financing of Renewable Energy Projects by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) based on performance Audit Report No. 12 of 2015' relating to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

11-07 a.m.

## **7. Statement by Minister**

Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

<sup>9</sup>11-09 a.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 12-00 Noon.*

12-00 Noon

## **8. 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 Union Budget, 2018-19, the Chairman dispensed with the Question Hour.

## **9. Starred Questions**

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 61 to 75 were laid on the Table.

## **10. Unstarred Questions**

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 641 to 800 were laid on the Table.

<sup>^</sup>12-16 p.m.

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

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<sup>9</sup> From 11-08 a.m. to 11-09 a.m., some points were raised.

<sup>^</sup> From 12-01 p.m. to 12-16 p.m., some points were raised.



♦2-11 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-21 p.m..*

♠2-31 p.m.

## 11. The Union Budget, 2018-19

General discussion on the Union Budget, 2018-19 commenced.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-31 p.m.	1.	Shri P. Chidambaram
3-22 p.m.	2.	Shri Bhupender Yadav
4-10 p.m.	3.	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
4-33 p.m.	4.	Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam
4-44 p.m.	5.	Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia
5-12 p.m.	6.	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey
5-23 p.m.	7.	Shri Harivansh
5-47 p.m.	8.	Shri Tapan Kumar Sen
♠6-15 p.m.	9.	Shri C.M. Ramesh
6-38 p.m.	10.	Shri Rajaram
6-49 p.m.	11.	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar
7-01 p.m.	12.	Shri Jairam Ramesh

Ω7-07 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 7-17 p.m.*

♠7-35 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 7-44 p.m.*

♠7-52 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 8-07 p.m.*

♦ From 2-00 p.m. to 2-11 p.m., some points were raised.

♠ From 2-21 p.m. to 2-31 p.m., some points were raised.

♠ From 6-00 p.m. to 6-03 p.m., some points were raised.

Ω From 7-03 p.m. to 7-07 p.m., some points were raised.

♠ From 7-17 p.m. to 7-31 p.m., Shri Jairam Ramesh continued his speech; and  
From 7-31 p.m. to 7-35 p.m., some points were raised.

♠ From 7-44 p.m. to 7-52 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>a</sup>8-28 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 9-00 p.m.*

•9-33 p.m. 13. Shri Mahesh Poddar

9-46 p.m. 14. Shri Neeraj Shekhar  
(*Speech unfinished*)

The discussion was not concluded.

9-48 p.m.

### **Special Mentions**

The following Special Mentions were made/laid on the Table of the House:—

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| 1.  | Shri P.L. Punia       | Demand to indicate distinctly the data regarding generation of employment under the current Government in the EPFO network.                 |
| ♦2. | Shrimati Chhaya Verma | Demand to stop the diversion of funds allocated for development work in panchayats for installation of mobile phone towers in Chhattisgarh. |
| 3.  | Shri La. Ganesan      | Demand to set up a 'Fireworks Development Board' to tap the global market.  |

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<sup>a</sup> From 8-07 p.m. to 8-28 p.m., some points were raised.

• From 9-00 p.m. to 9-05 p.m., some points were raised; and

From 9-05 p.m. to 9-33 p.m., Shri Jairam Ramesh continued his Speech.

♦ Laid on the Table.

4. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad Demand to investigate the deficiencies found in the houses allotted under DDA housing schemes, launched recently and address the problems being faced by the allottees of flats.
- ♦5. Shri Ravi Prakash Verma Need to take measures to prevent conflict between villagers and wildlife outside the Dhudhwa National Park, Lakhimpur Khiri, Uttar Pradesh.

*(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 repeatedly adjourned the House:—*

1. Shri C.M. Ramesh
2. Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao
3. Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi
4. Shri T.G. Venkatesh
5. Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao
6. Shri Oscar Fernandes
7. Shri Rajeev Shukla
8. Kumari Selja
9. Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy
10. Shri Narendra Budania
11. Shri Mohd. Ali Khan
12. Shri Shadi Lal Batra
13. Shri Husain Dalwai
14. Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury
15. Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra
16. Shrimati Viplove Thakur
17. Shrimati Rajani Patil
18. Shri B.K. Hariprasad
19. Shri Pramod Tiwari
20. Dr. Sanjay Singh
21. Shri P.L. Punia
22. Shri Ripun Bora

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♦ Laid on the Table.

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23. *Shrimati Chhaya Verma*
24. *Shri Vivek K. Tankha*
25. *Shri Pradeep Tamta*
26. *Shri Kiranmay Nanda*
27. *Shri Alok Tiwari*
28. *Shri Neeraj Shekhar*
29. *Shri Abdul Wahab*
30. *Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy*

9-52 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General*