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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on  
the 9<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 (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) Notification No. S.O. 4065, dated the 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 371 (E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification, under Section 55 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016.

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications) Notification No. F. No. 10-10/2016-BB&PA, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, publishing the Telecommunication Interconnection Regulations, 2018 (1 of 2018), under Section 37 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.

3.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 23 and sub-section (3) of Section 24 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), 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 Authority.

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

4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, under Section 55 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016:—

- (1) No. 13012/79/2017/Legal-UIDAI (No. 1 of 2017), dated the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, publishing the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2017 (No. 1 of 2017).
- (2) No. 13012/79/2017/Legal-UIDAI (No. 2 of 2017), dated the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2017 (No. 2 of 2017).
- (3) No. 13012/79/2017/Legal-UIDAI (No. 3 of 2017), dated the 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2017 (No. 3 of 2017).

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Notification No. S.O. 2923 (E), dated the 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, publishing the Aadhaar (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2016, under sub-section (2) of Section 58 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Pune, 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.
- (ii) (a) Twenty - Second Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), 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 (a) above.
- (iii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune, 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.
- (iv)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the ERNET 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 Society.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

7. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare), Notification No. G.S.R. 1588 (E), dated the 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, publishing the Insecticides (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 36 of the Insecticides Act, 1968.

8. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare) Notification No. S.O. 4082 (E), dated the 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, publishing the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Tenth Amendment) Order, 2017, under Section 4D of the Destructive Insects & Pests Act, 1914.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) (*Formerly* National Illness Assistance Fund), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) 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 papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IICPT), Thanjavur, 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 Institute.
  - (ii) (a) Seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Kundi, Sonapat (Haryana), 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.
11. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Performance Report of the above Academy, for the year 2015-16.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.
12. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of Ch. Charan Singh National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), Jaipur, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Performance Review of the above Institute, for the year 2016-17.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

11-02 a.m.

## **2. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development**

Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development:—

- (i) 300<sup>th</sup> Report on the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Second Amendment) Bill, 2017; and
- (ii) 301<sup>st</sup> Report on Action Taken Notes by Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Two Hundred Ninetieth Report on Demands for Grants (2017-2018) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of School Education and Literacy).

## **3. Reports of the Public Accounts Committee**

Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Public Accounts Committee (2017-18):—

- (i) Eighty-seventh Report on the subject "Maintenance of Bridges in Indian Railways" pertaining to the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board);
- (ii) Eighty-eighth Report on the subject "Excesses Over Voted Grants and Charged Appropriations (2015-16)"; and
- (iii) Eighty-ninth Report on the subject "Non-Compliance by Department of Posts" pertaining to the Ministry of Communications (Department of Post).

11-03 a.m.

## **4. Recommendation of the Business Advisory Committee**

The Chairman announced the recommendation made by the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018.

11-04 a.m.

## 5. Leave of Absence

Shri Kunal Kumar Ghosh (West Bengal) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 29<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 to the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018, during the current (245<sup>th</sup>) Session.

11-05 a.m.

## 6. Statement by Minister

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirtieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on the Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Twenty-fourth Report on 'Cluster Development Programme for Pharma Sector (CDP-PS)' pertaining to the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

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

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

12-00 Noon

## 7. Dispensing with Question Hour

On a suggestion made by some 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.

## 8. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 76 to 90 were laid on the Table.

## 9. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 801 to 960 were laid on the Table.

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<sup>o</sup> From 11-06 a.m. to 11-11 a.m., some points were raised.

<sup>o</sup> 12-04 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-31 p.m.*

2-31 p.m.

## 10. Private Members' Resolutions — Deferred

On a suggestion made by Shri Vijay Goel, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation that the Private Members' Business (Resolutions) listed for today, the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 may be deferred to take up the discussion on the Union Budget, 2018-19, and agreed to by the House, the Vice-Chairman (Shri Basawaraj Patil) announced that all the Resolutions listed for today would be taken up in the same order on the first day allotted to the Private Member's Business (Resolutions) in the second part of the current Session.

2-33 p.m.

## 11. The Union Budget, 2018-19

Further discussion on the Union Budget, 2018-19, continued:—

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

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| 2-33 p.m.              | 1.  | Shri Neeraj Shekhar,<br><i>(continued his speech from 08-02-2018)</i> |
| •2-52 p.m.             | 2.  | Shri S. Muthukaruppan   |
| 3-03 p.m.              | 3.  | Shri Derek O' Brien   |
| <sup>e</sup> 3-23 p.m. | 4.  | Shri C.P. Narayanan   |
| 3-27 p.m.              | 5.  | Shrimati Vandana Chavan   |
| 3-35 p.m.              | 6.  | Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap  |
| 3-42 p.m.              | 7.  | Shri D. Raja  |
| 3-55 p.m.              | 8.  | Shri Rajeev Shukla  |
| 4-05 p.m.              | 9.  | Shri Sanjay Seth  |
| 4-11 p.m.              | 10. | Shri N. Gokulakrishnan  |
| 4-16 p.m.              | 11. | Shri Naresh Gujral  |
| 4-24 p.m.              | 12. | Dr. K. Keshava Rao  |

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<sup>o</sup> From 12-01 p.m. to 12-04 p.m., some points were raised.

• From 2-50 p.m. to 2-52 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>e</sup> From 3-20 p.m. to 3-23 p.m., some points were raised.

- 4-40 p.m. 13. Shri Shamsher Singh Manhas  
 4-51 p.m. 14. Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury  
 5-05 p.m. 15. Shri Tiruchi Siva  
 ♦ 5-20 p.m. 16. Dr. Vikas Mahatme  
 5-30 p.m. 17. Shri Raj Babbar  
 5-42 p.m. 18. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy  
 5-48 p.m. 19. Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda  
 5-58 p.m. 20. Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta  
 6-14 p.m. 21. Shrimati Viplove Thakur  
 6-21 p.m. 22. Shri Ashok Siddharth  
 6-25 p.m. 23. Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu  
 6-32 p.m. 24. Shri Ripun Bora

<sup>sr</sup>6-45 p.m.

Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, replied to the discussion.

The discussion was concluded.

## <sup>∞</sup>12. Observations by the Chair

The Chairman made some observations regarding the first part of the current Session.

7-58 p.m.

## 13. Statutory Resolution — Adopted

The following Resolution moved by Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 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.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%."

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♦ From 5-18 p.m. to 5-20 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>sr</sup> From 6-41 p.m. to 6-45 p.m., see item at Sl. No. 12.

<sup>∞</sup> At 6-41 p.m.



7-59 p.m.

#### 14. Special Mentions

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

1. Shrimati Viplove Thakur Demand to resolve the problems being faced by home loan customers due to poor functioning of Private Banks in the country.
2. Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap Demand for construction of Satluj-Yamuna-Link canal as per the orders of the Supreme Court to make water available to Haryana.
3. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy Demand to set up an enquiry in the alleged violation of pollution norms at SEZs in and around Vishakhapatnam District of Andhra 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 adjourned the House twice:—*

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 V. Vijayasai Reddy

8-01 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General*

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At page 38727, line 14, *for* 'Adopted', *read* 'Under-consideration' and line 22 stands deleted.