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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 12th March, 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:—
 - (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, for the year 2015-16, 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 (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Coimbatore, 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 (ii) (a) above.

- (iii) *Statement giving reasons for not laying the Annual Report and Accounts of the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Coimbatore, for the year 2016-17, within the stipulated period.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, 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. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Mines, under sub-section (1) of Section 28 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957:—

- (1) G.S.R. 1325 (E), dated the 24th October, 2017, notifying the M/s. Odisha Mining Corporation Limited and M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited for the purposes of the second proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
- (2) G.S.R. 1469 (E), dated the 30th November, 2017, publishing the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2017.

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

- (a) Thirty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), 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.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Shipping, Notification No. S.O. 767 (E), dated the 22nd February, 2018, appointing the 1st day of April, 2018 as the date on which the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017 shall come into force, under sub-section (4) of Section 16 of the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017.

* Annual Report and Accounts of the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Coimbatore, for the year 2016-17, was laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 5.3.2018.

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under Section 10 of the National Highways Act, 1956:—

- (1) S.O. 242 (E), dated the 16th January, 2018, regarding rate of fee to be collected from users of the stretch from K.M. 0.000 to K.M. 122.880 and from K.M. 144.500 to K.M. 153.034 (Jaisalmer – Barmer Section) on National Highway No. 15 (New NH No. - 68) in the State of Rajasthan.
- (2) S.O. 243 (E), dated the 16th January, 2018, amending certain notifications as mentioned in Table-1 therein and specifying that the rate of fee to be collected on the BOT (Toll) Projects shall be rounded off and levied in multiple of the nearest ₹ 5/- instead of nearest rupee.

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

- (i) Annual Accounts of the Indian Roads Congress (IRC), New Delhi, for the year 2012-13, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (ii) Annual Accounts of the Indian Roads Congress (IRC), New Delhi, for the year 2013-14, and the Audit Report thereon.

◇7. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification No. 28/2018-Customs, dated the 1st March, 2018, seeking to amend the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, so as to increase the basic customs duty (BCD) tariff rate on Chickpeas, falling under Tariff heading 0713 20 00, from 40% to 60%, under Section 8A(1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, read with sub-section (3) of Section 7 of the said Act, along with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

11-02 a.m.

2. Statements by Ministers

1. Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre, Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence on Demands for Grants (2016-17) on the subject 'Capital Outlay on Defence Services (Demand No. 23)', pertaining to the Ministry of Defence.

◇ At 2-01 p.m.

♦2. Shri S.S. Ahluwalia, Minister of State in the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on Demands for Grants (2017-18), pertaining to the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

*11-04 a.m.

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

3. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 166 to 180 were laid on the Table.

4. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1761 to 1920 were laid on the Table.

(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 adjourned the House for the day:—

1. Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao
2. Shrimati Wansuk Syiem
3. Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo
4. Shri Ranjib Biswal
5. Shri Pramod Tiwari
6. Shri B.K. Hariprasad
7. Shrimati Chhaya Verma
8. Shri Pradeep Tamta
9. Shri R. Lakshmanan
10. Shri K.R. Arjunan
11. Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi
12. Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan

♦ At 2-00 p.m.

* From 11-03 a.m. to 11-04 a.m, some points were raised.

13. *Shri A.K. Selvaraj*
14. *Shri Sanjay Singh*
15. *Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta*
16. *Shri Narain Dass Gupta*
17. *Shrimati Kanimozhi*
18. *Shri Tiruchi Siva*
19. *Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam*
20. *Shri S. Muthukaruppan*
21. *Shri T.K.S. Elangovan*
22. *Shri R.S. Bharathi*
23. *Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy*

•2-02 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 13th March, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

• From 2-00 p.m. to 2-01 p.m., see item at SI No. 2 (2), and;
From 2-01 p.m. to 2-02 p.m., see item at SI No. 1 (7) .