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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 14th March, 2018

11-00 a.m.

1. Obituary References

The Chairman made references to the passing away of —

1. Shri V.P.M. Samy (ex-Member); and
2. Prof. Stephen Hawking (Renowned British Physicist and Cosmologist).

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

11-04 a.m.

2. References by the Chair

(i) Reference to the victims of a naxal attack on the 212 Battalion of CRPF in Sukma District of Chhattisgarh

The Chairman made a reference to the naxal attack on the 212 battalion of CRPF in Kistaram area of Sukma District in Chhattisgarh on the 13th of March, 2018, in which 9 CRPF personnel were reportedly killed and 2 others were injured.

(ii) Reference to the victims of a massive forest fire in Theni District of Tamil Nadu

The Chairman made a reference to the massive forest fire, in the Kurangani hills in Theni district of Tamil Nadu, on the 10th of March, 2018, in which 10 trekkers reportedly lost their lives and 14 others were injured.

The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those, who lost their lives in these tragedies.

11-07 a.m.

3. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Notification No. G.S.R. 728 (E), dated the 29th June, 2017, publishing the Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Amendment Order, 2017, under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955..

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Notification No. G.S.R. 170 (E), dated the 15th February, 2018, publishing the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (Amendment) Scheme, 2018, under sub-section (2) of Section 7 of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

3.(1) 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-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (ANIIDCO), Port Blair, 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) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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

4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce), under Section 40 of the Spices Board Act, 1986:—

- (1) F. No. MKT-REGN/0002/2017, dated the 17th January, 2018, publishing the Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (2) G.S.R. 152 (E), dated the 9th February, 2018, publishing the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Secretary, (Spices Board) Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (3) G.S.R. 156 (E), dated the 12th February, 2018, publishing the Spices Board Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (4) G.S.R. 157 (E), dated the 12th February, 2018, publishing the Spices Board (Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (5) G.S.R. 158 (E), dated the 12th February, 2018, publishing the Spices Board (Quality Marking) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (6) G.S.R. 159 (E), dated the 12th February, 2018, publishing the Cardamom (Licensing & Marketing) (Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (7) G.S.R. 160 (E), dated the 12th February, 2018, publishing the Spices Board (Meeting) Amendment Rules, 2018.

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

- (i) (a) Fifty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Basic Chemicals, Cosmetics and Dyes Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL), 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 Council.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.

- (ii) (a) Fifty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the CAPEXIL (*formerly Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council*), Kolkata, 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 (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report of the Shellac and Forest Products Export Council (SHEFEXIL), Kolkata, for the year 2016-17.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of Shellac and Forest Products Export Council (SHEFEXIL), Kolkata, 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 (iii) (a) and (b) above.
- (iv) (a) Sixty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Plastics Export Promotion Council (PLEXCONCIL), 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 Council.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.

11-08 a.m.

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

Shri Naresh Gujral presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce:—

- (i) 140th Report on Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; and

- (ii) 141st Report on Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

5. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice

Shri Bhupender Yadav presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice:—

- (i) Ninety-fifth Report on Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; and
- (ii) Ninety-sixth Report on Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Ministry of Law and Justice.

* 11-10 a.m.

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

6. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 196 to 210 were laid on the Table.

7. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2081 to 2159 and 2161 to 2240 were laid on the Table.

2-00 p.m.

8. Messages from Lok Sabha reported and Government Bills Laid on the Table

I. Secretary-General reported to the House, three messages from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 14th March, 2018, passed: —

- (i) The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2018;
- (ii) The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2018; and
- (iii) The Finance Bill, 2018.

II. A copy each of the above Bills, as passed by Lok Sabha, was laid on the Table.

* From 11-09 a.m. to 11-10 a.m., some points were raised.

(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. *Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan*
3. *Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam*
4. *Shri S. Muthukaruppan*
5. *Dr. R. Lakshmanan*
6. *Shri T. Rathinavel*
7. *Dr. V. Maitreyan*
8. *Shri K.R. Arjunan*
9. *Shrimati Sasikala Pushpa*
10. *Shri Md. Nadimul Haque*
11. *Shri Vivek Gupta*
12. *Shri Ahamed Hassan*
13. *Ms. Dola Sen*
14. *Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia*
15. *Shrimati Shanta Chhetri*
16. *Shri C.M. Ramesh*
17. *Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao*
18. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
19. *Shri T.G. Venkatesh*
20. *Shri Tiruchi Siva*
21. *Shri T.K.S. Elangovan*
22. *Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy*
23. *Shri Ritabrata Banerjee*

2-01 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 15th March, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General