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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 15th March, 2018

11-00 a.m.

1. Obituary Reference

The Chairman made reference to the passing away of Shrimati Hamida Habibullah (ex-Member).

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

11-03 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) Annual Report of the Central Information Commission (CIC), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, under sub-section (4) of Section 25 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
 - (b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Government Employees Consumer Co-operative Society Limited (Kendriya Bhandar), 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 (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Services Officers' Institute (CSOI), New Delhi, 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 (iii) (a) above.
2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Eleventh Annual Report of the National Statistical Commission (NSC), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
 - (b) Action Taken Report on the recommendations contained in the above-said Report.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above.
3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Report on the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, for the year 2016, under sub-section (4) of Section 21 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
 - (b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (i) (a) above.
 - (ii) (a) Annual Report on the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, for the year 2016, under sub-section (4) of Section 15A of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955.
 - (b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Shubam Viklang Vikas Sansthan, Muzzaffarpur, Bihar, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Sansthan.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Kerala Federation of the Blind, Thiruvananthapuram, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Federation.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan), [*formerly National Institute for Orthopaedically Handicapped (NIOH),*] 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 Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Nilachal Seva Pratisthan (NSP), Puri, Odisha, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Pratisthan.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Association for the Blind (NAB), Mumbai, for the year 2011-12, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (v) (a) above.
- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, New Delhi, for the year 2010-11, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Trust.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vi) (a) above.
- (vii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, New Delhi, for the year 2011-12, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Trust.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vii) (a) above.
- (viii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, New Delhi, for the year 2012-13, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Trust.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (viii) (a) above.
- (ix)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Swami Vivekanand National Institute for Rehabilitation Training and Research, Cuttack, Odisha, 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 (ix) (a) above.
- (x)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, 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 (x) (a) above.
- (xi)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan), 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 (xi) (a) above.
- (xii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the SWEVKAR Academy of Rehabilitation Sciences, (SARS), Secunderabad, Telangana, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Academy.
- (xiii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Vimla Mahila Samajam, Ernakulam, Kerala, for the year 2010-11, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Organisation.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xiii) (a) above.
- (xiv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Vimla Mahila Samajam, Ernakulam, Kerala, for the year 2011-12, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Organisation.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xiv) (a) above.
- (xv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the K.S.J. High School, Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2014-15, 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 (xv) (a) above.
5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Twenty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED), 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 Federation.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

6. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education) Notification No. F. 2-42/AICTE/Estt/Spl. Grade for Driver/2017, dated the 12th January, 2018, publishing the All India Council for Technical Education [Staff Car Driver (Special Grade)] Recruitment Rules, 2017, under Section 24 of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987.

7. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education), Notification No. S.O. 758 (E), dated the 21st February, 2018, regarding establishing a central body to be called as the Co-ordination Forum with the members specified in sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (Public-Private Partnership) Act, 2017, with effect from the date of publication of the notification, under Section 48 of the said Act.

8.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 28 and sub-section (4) of Section 29 of the University of Hyderabad Act, 1974:—

- (a) Forty-second Annual Report of the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by the 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.

9.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 30 and sub-section (4) of Section 31 of the Tezpur University Act, 1993:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Tezpur University, Assam, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Tezpur University, Assam, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) 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.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Accounts of the Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (4) of Section 34 of the Rajiv Gandhi University Act, 2006.
- (b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), 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 (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Allahabad, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Allahabad, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) and (b) above.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report of the Pandit Dwarka Prasad Mishra Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITD&M), Jabalpur, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Pandit Dwarka Prasad Mishra Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITD&M), Jabalpur, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

- (d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) and (b) above.

11-04 a.m.

3. Message from Lok Sabha — Reported

Secretary-General reported to the House, a message from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 14th March, 2018, adopted a motion recommending to the Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do elect one Member of Rajya Sabha, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of a single transferable vote, to the Joint Committee on Office of Profit in the vacancy to be caused by the retirement of Shri Naresh Agrawal *w.e.f.* 3rd April, 2018 from Rajya Sabha and communicate to the Lok Sabha the name of the Member so appointed by Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee.

11-05 a.m.

4. Report of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table

Dr. C.P. Thakur presented the Hundred and Fifty Third Report (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, on delayed laying of Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC) and National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).

5. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare

Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav presented the 108th Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare on the Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Ministry of AYUSH.

6. Reports of the Railway Convention Committee

Shri Ranvijay Singh Judev laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Railway Convention Committee (2014):—

- (i) Twenty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Action Taken by Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the

Committee contained in their Eleventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Exploring PPP Avenues in Railway Infrastructure' relating to the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board);

- (ii) Twenty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Action Taken by Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Twelfth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Green Energy Initiatives in Indian Railways' relating to the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board); and
- (iii) Twenty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Action Taken by Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Fifteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Safety Provisions at Unmanned Level Crossings' relating to the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board).

11-06 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 Twenty Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on "Persons affected by alcoholism and Substance (Drug) abuse, their treatment/rehabilitation and role of voluntary organisation", pertaining to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

11-07 a.m.

8. Motion for election to the Council of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

A motion for election of one member to the Council of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore was moved and adopted.

11-08 a.m.

9. Personal Explanation

Shri Y.S. Chowdary, Member, made a personal explanation regarding facts and circumstances leading to his resignation from the Union Council of Ministers. He was, however, interrupted in between.

^o11-12 a.m.

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

10. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 211 to 225 were laid on the Table.

11. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2241 to 2275 and 2278 to 2400 were laid on the Table.

^e2-01 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 3-00 p.m.

^o3-04 p.m.

12. 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.28/2018-Customs, dated 1st March, 2018 which seeks to increase the basic customs duty (BCD) on chickpeas, falling under tariff item 0713 20 00, of the Customs Tariff Act from 40% to 60%."

The Resolution was adopted.

(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 repeatedly adjourned the House:—

1. Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao
2. Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra

^o From 11-11 a.m. to 11-12 a.m., some points were raised.

^e From 2-00 p.m. to 2-01 p.m., some points were raised.

^a From 3-00 p.m. to 3-04 p.m., some points were raised.

3. *Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu*
4. *Shri Ripun Bora*
5. *Shri Pramod Tiwari*
6. *Shrimati Chhaya Verma*
7. *Shrimati Rajani Patil*
8. *Shri Mohd. Ali Khan*
9. *Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy*
10. *Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan*
11. *Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam*
12. *Shri S. Muthukaruppan*
13. *Shri T. Rathinavel*
14. *Dr. V. Maitreyan*
15. *Shri K.R. Arjunan*
16. *Shri Vivek Gupta*
17. *Ms. Dola Sen*
18. *Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia*
19. *Shrimati Shanta Chhetri*
20. *Shri C.M. Ramesh*
21. *Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao*
22. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
23. *Shrimati Kanimozhi*
24. *Shri Tiruchi Siva*
25. *Shri T.K.S. Elangovan*
26. *Shri R.S. Bharathi*
27. *Shri Ritabrata Banerjee*

3-05 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 16th March, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General