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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 16th March, 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 Health and Family Welfare, Notification No. F. No. 12017/01/09/Diss, dated the 28th December, 2017, publishing the Indian Red Cross Society Branch Committees Rules, 2017, under sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Indian Red Cross Society Act, 1920.

2.(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) Seventeenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), New Delhi, 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) Performance Review of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), for the year 2016-17.

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

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) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Informatics Centre Services Inc. (NICS), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

(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 papers:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Digital India Corporation (*formerly Media Lab Asia*) 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 Corporation.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Railways, (Railway Board) Notification No. G.S.R. 140 (E), dated the 2nd February, 2018, publishing the Railway Protection Force (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under sub-section (3) of Section 21 of the Railways Protection Force Act, 1957.

6.(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:—

- (i) (a) Thirty-eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Limited, Patna, 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) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.
- (ii) (a) Fourteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hassan Mangalore Rail Development Company Limited (HMRDC), Bengaluru, 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) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

(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:—

(a) Report on the Progress made in the intake of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes against vacancies reserved for them in recruitment and promotion categories on the Railways, for the year 2016-17.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above.

8.(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) Forty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bihar State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Patna, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

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

9. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health and Family Welfare), under Section 93 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006:—

(1) F. No. P/15025/264/13-PA/FSSAI, dated the 25th July, 2017, publishing the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, toxins and Residues) Second Amendment Regulations, 2017.

(2) F. No. 12/PA Regulation/Dir (PA)/FSSAI - 2016, dated the 13th September, 2017, publishing the Food Safety and Standards (Approval for Non-Specified Food and Food Ingredients) Regulations, 2017.

(3) F. No. 1-94(1)/FSSAI/SP(Labelling)/2014, dated the 13th September, 2017, publishing the Food Safety and Standards

(Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Eighth Amendment Regulations, 2017.

- (4) F. No. 2/Stds/CPL&CP/Notification/FSSAI-2016, dated the 19th September, 2017, publishing the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Twelfth Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (5) F. No. A-1(1)/Standards/MMP/2012, dated the 12th October, 2017, publishing the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Thirteenth Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (6) F. No. 1/Additives/Stds/BIS Notification/FSSAI/2016, dated the 21st November, 2017, publishing the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Seventeenth Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (7) No. CPB/03/Standards/FSSAI 2016, dated the 2nd January, 2018, publishing the Food Safety and Standards (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017.

10.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of the Section 18 and Section 19 of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences Act, 1956 :—

- (a) Sixty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), 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.
- (2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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

- (a) Annual Report of the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi, 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 (a) and (b) above.

12.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 23 of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Act, 1998:—

- (a) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Ahmedabad, Gujarat, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Kolkata, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Punjab, 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.

13.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of Section 35 of the Food Corporation Act, 1964:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Food Corporation of India (FCI), 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 Corporation.

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

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, 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 (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh, 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 (ii) (a) above.
- (iii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 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 (iii) (a) above.
- (iv)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, 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 (iv) (a) above.
- (v)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, 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 (v) (a) above.
- (vi)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, University of Kerala, 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 Centre.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vi) (a) above.
- (vii)
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, 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 (vii) (a) above.
- (viii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, 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 (viii) (a) above.
- (ix) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, JSS Institute of Economic Research, Dharwad, Karnataka, 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 (ix) (a) above.
- (x) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Gauhati University, Guwahati, 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 (x) (a) above.
- (xi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Patna University, Patna, 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 (xi) (a) above.
- (xii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, 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 (xii) (a) above.

- (xiii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Dr. H.S. Gour Central University, Sagar, Madhya 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 Centre.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xiii) (a) above.
- (xiv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, 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 (xiv) (a) above.
- (xv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, Karnataka, 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 (xv) (a) above.

15. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare), under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955:—

- (1) S.O. 4120 (E), dated the 30th December, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 2900 (E), dated the 24th October, 2015, to substitute certain entries in the original notification.
- (2) S.O. 359 (E), dated the 24th January, 2018, notifying the specifications of certain customized fertilizers as mentioned therein for a period of four years from the date of the publication of the notification in the Official Gazette.
- (3) S.O. 510 (E), dated the 3rd February, 2018, publishing the Fertiliser (Control) Amendment Order, 2018.

16. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC), 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 Consortium.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

11-02 a.m.

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

I. Secretary-General reported to the House, four messages from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 15th March, 2018—

- (i) passed —
 - (a) The Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2018;
 - (b) The Specific Relief (Amendment) Bill, 2018; and
- (ii) adopted a motion recommending to the Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do appoint three Members of Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee on the Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017 *vice* Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray retired from Rajya Sabha and *vice* Shri Ajay Sancheti and Shri Bhupender Yadav, who will retire from Rajya Sabha on 2nd and 3rd April, 2018 respectively and communicate to the Lok Sabha the names of the Members so appointed by Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee, and
- (iii) adopted a motion further extending the time for presentation of the Report of the Joint Committee on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016, upto the first day of the last week of the Monsoon Session, 2018.

II. A copy each of the the Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2018 and the Specific Relief (Amendment) Bill, 2018, as passed by Lok Sabha, was laid on the Table.

11-03 a.m.

3. Reports of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

Shrimati Wansuk Syiem laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (2017-18):—

- (i) Nineteenth Report on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the subject 'Reservation for and employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC)' pertaining to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue);
- (ii) Twentieth Report on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Tenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the subject 'Status of implementation of reservation policy in those companies who have 50% Government and 50% private equity like PETRONET LNG Limited' pertaining to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and
- (iii) Twenty-first Report on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the subject 'Reservation for and employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)' pertaining to the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications).

11-04 a.m.

4. Leave of Absence

Dr. K. Chiranjeevi (Andhra Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 5th of March to 2nd of April, 2018, during the current (245th) Session.

11-05 a.m.

5. Statement regarding Government Business

Shri Vijay Goel, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, made a statement regarding Government Business for the week commencing Monday, the 19th of March, 2018.

11-07 a.m.

6. Motion for Election to the Central Silk Board

A motion for election of two members to the Central Silk Board was moved and adopted.

11-08 a.m.

7. Motion for Election to the National Tiger Conservation Authority

A motion for election of one member to the National Tiger Conservation Authority, under Section 38L (2) (c) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, was moved and adopted.

11-09 a.m.

8. Observation by the Chair

The Chairman made some observations regarding the continuous disruption of the proceedings of the House.

^ø11-14 a.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-30 p.m.

9. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 226 to 240 were laid on the Table.

10. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2401 to 2491 and 2493 to 2560 were laid on the Table.

^ø From 11-12 a.m. to 11-14 a.m., some points were raised.

∞2-32 p.m.

11. Personal Explanation

Shri Y.S. Chowdary, Member, concluded his personal explanation regarding facts and circumstances leading to his resignation from the Union Council of Ministers.

(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 S.R. Balasubramoniyam*
3. *Shri S. Muthukaruppan*
4. *Dr. V. Maitreya*
5. *Shri C.M. Ramesh*
6. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
7. *Shri Tiruchi Siva*

♦2-48 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Monday, the 19th March, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

∞ From 2-30 p.m. to 2-32 p.m., some points were raised.

♦ From 2-42 p.m. to 2-48 p.m., some points were raised.