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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 21st 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 Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification No. 30/2018-Customs, dated the 20th March, 2018, seeking to amend Notification No. 27/2011-Customs, dated the 1st March, 2011 so as to reduce export duty on raw sugar, white or refined sugar from 20% to Nil, under Section 159 of Customs Act, 1962, along with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, under Section 62 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006:—

- (1) F. No. PNGRB/M(C)/62/2017, dated the 19th December, 2017, publishing the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Determination of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Pipeline Transportation Tariff) Amendment Regulations, 2017.
- (2) F. No. INFRA/T4S/LNG/05, dated the 18th January, 2018, publishing the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities) Regulations, 2018.

3. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Notification No. G.S.R. 1593 (E), dated the 29th December, 2017, publishing the Rationalisation of Forms and Reports under Certain Labour Laws (Amendment) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 35 of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970; sub-section (3) of Section 35 of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979; and sub-section (3) of Section 62 of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Notification No. G.S.R. 1594 (E), dated the 29th December, 2017, publishing the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Central (Second Amendment) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 35 of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Notification No. G.S.R. 1595 (E), dated the 29th December, 2017, publishing the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Central (Amendment) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 35 of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979.

6. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Notification No. G.S.R. 1596 (E), dated the 29th December, 2017, publishing the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Central (Amendment) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 62 of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996.

7. A Statement (in English and Hindi) of the ILO Recommendation No. 205 (R-205) concerning the Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 106th Session held in Geneva from 5th to 16th June, 2017.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC), Patiala, Punjab, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Cultural Centre.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Fiftieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Museum.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Museum, Kolkata, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Museum.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, (MAKAIAS), Kolkata, for the year 2015-16, 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 (iv) (a) above.
9. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Activity/Post Games Report of the Twelfth South Asian Games, 2016, held at Guwahati and Shillong, from the 5th to 16th of February, 2016.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of the Organising Committee for the Twelfth South Asian Games, 2016, for the period from 29th August, 2015 to 31st March, 2017, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Committee.

10. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. 249/2017/F.No. 3-21/96-PR, dated the 17th October, 2017, publishing the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Grant-in-aid to Panchayati Raj Institutions) (Amendment) Rules, 2017, in the Andaman and Nicobar extraordinary Gazette No. 257, dated the 17th October, 2017, under Section 204 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994.

11. 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-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Rehabilitation Plantations Limited (RPL), Punalur, Kerala, 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.

12. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-rule (b) of Rule 3 of the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950:—

- (1) S.O. 2652 (E), dated the 16th August, 2017, designating Chitpur Railway Station of Kolkata, West Bengal State as an authorized Immigration Check Post (ICP) for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.
- (2) S.O. 2654 (E), dated the 16th August, 2017, designating Vallarpadam Seaport of Kerala State as an authorized Port for entry into/exit from India of International ships/Cruise with valid travel documents.
- (3) S.O. 3137 (E), dated the 27th September, 2017, designating Kawrpuichhuah Land Check Post in Lunglei District of Mizoram State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.
- (4) S.O. 3139 (E), dated the 27th September, 2017, designating Zorinpuit Land Check Post in Lawngtlai District of Mizoram State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.

- (5) S.O. 3606 (E), dated the 16th November, 2017, designating Mundra Seaport in Kutch District of Gujarat State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India of International ships/Cruise with valid travel documents.
- (6) S.O. 3607 (E), dated the 16th November, 2017, designating Vizhinjam Seaport of Kerala State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India of International ships/Cruise with valid travel documents.
- (7) S.O. 3848 (E), dated the 8th December, 2017, designating Vijayawada Airport in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.
- (8) S.O. 291 (E), dated the 19th January, 2018, designating Dhubri River Port in the Dhubri District of Assam State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India for all class of passengers with valid travel documents.
- (9) S.O. 293 (E), dated the 19th January, 2018, designating Silghat River Port in Nagaon District of Assam State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India for all class of passengers with valid travel documents.
- (10) S.O. 295 (E), dated the 19th January, 2018, designating Karimganj River Port in Karimganj District of Assam State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India for all class of passengers with valid travel documents.
- (11) S.O. 297 (E), dated the 19th January, 2018, designating Pandu River Port in Guwahati District of Assam State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India for all class of passengers with valid travel documents.
- (12) S.O. 732 (E), dated the 19th February, 2018, designating Krishnapatnam Port in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.

13. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-clause (2) of Clause 2 of the Foreigners Order, 1948:—

- (1) S.O. 2653 (E), dated the 16th August, 2017, appointing FRRO Kolkata as the “Civil Authority” for the purposes of the Foreigners Order, 1948 for the jurisdiction of the Immigration Check Post located at Chitpur Railway Station under Kolkata city in the State of West Bengal w.e.f. 16th August, 2017.
- (2) S.O. 2655 (E), dated the 16th August, 2017, appointing the FRRO Cochin as the "Civil Authority" for the purposes of the said Order at Vallarpadam Seaport in the State of Kerala w.e.f. 16th August, 2017.
- (3) S.O. 3138 (E), dated the 27th September, 2017, appointing the Superintendent of Police, Lunglei District, Mizoram as the "Civil Authority" for the purposes of the said Order for the Land Immigration Check Post located at Kawrpuichhuah of Lunglei District in the jurisdiction of Mizoram State w.e.f. 1st October, 2017.
- (4) S.O. 3140 (E), dated the 27th September, 2017, appointing the Superintendent of Police, Lawngtlai District, Mizoram as the "Civil Authority" for the purposes of the said Order for the Land Immigration Check Post located at Zorinpui of Lawngtlai District in the jurisdiction of Mizoram State w.e.f. 1st October, 2017.
- (5) S.O. 3605 (E), dated the 16th November, 2017, appointing the Superintendent of Police, District-Kutch West Bhuj, Gujarat as the "Civil Authority" for the purposes of the said Order for the jurisdiction of the Immigration Check Post at Mundra Port under distt. Kutch in the State of Gujarat w.e.f. 15th November, 2017.
- (6) S.O. 3608 (E), dated the 16th November, 2017, appointing FRRO Trivandrum as the “Civil Authority” for the purposes of the said order at Vizhinjam Seaport in the state of Kerala w.e.f. 20th November, 2017.

- (7) S.O. 3849 (E), dated the 8th December, 2017, appointing Deputy Commissioner of Police, L&O-1, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh as the “Civil Authority” for the purposes of the said order for the jurisdiction of the Immigration Check Post at Vijayawada Airport under District Krishna in the State of Andhra Pradesh w.e.f. 11th December, 2017.
- (8) S.O. 292 (E), dated the 19th January, 2018, appointing the Superintendent of Police, Dhubri, Assam as the “Civil Authority” for the purposes of the said order for the jurisdiction of the Immigration Check Post at Dhubri River port under District Dhubri in the State of Assam w.e.f. 22nd January, 2018.
- (9) S.O. 294 (E), dated the 19th January, 2018, appointing the Superintendent of Police, Nagaon, Assam as the “Civil Authority” for the purposes of the said order for the jurisdiction of the Immigration Check Post at Silghat River port under District Nagaon in the State of Assam w.e.f. 22nd January, 2018.
- (10) S.O. 296 (E), dated the 19th January, 2018, appointing the Superintendent of Police, Karimganj, Assam as the “Civil Authority” for the purposes of the said order for the jurisdiction of the Immigration Check Post at Karimganj River port under District Karimganj in the State of Assam w.e.f. 22nd January, 2018.
- (11) S.O. 298 (E), dated the 19th January, 2018, appointing the Senior Superintendent of Police, Guwahati, Assam as the “Civil Authority” for the purposes of the said order for the jurisdiction of the Immigration Check Post at Pandu River port under District Guwahati in the State of Assam w.e.f. 22nd January, 2018.
- (12) S.O. 733 (E), dated the 19th February, 2018, appointing the Superintendent of Police, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh as the “Civil Authority” for the purposes of the said order for the Seaport Immigration Check Post located at Krishnapatnam Port of Nellore District in the jurisdiction of Andhra Pradesh w.e.f. 15th February, 2018.

14. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce), under sub-section (3) of Section 32 of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975:—

- (1) S.O. 354 (E), dated the 24th January, 2018, authorizing Tobacco Board to allow the registered trades and deals to purchase at its auction platforms in the State of Karnataka, excess the cured virginia tobacco produced in the state by Charging certain penalties, up to 30th April, 2018.
- (2) S.O. 355 (E), dated the 24th January, 2018, relaxing the restrictions imposed under sub section (1) of Section 10 of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975 read with sub-section (1) of Section 14 A of the said Act in the State of Karnataka.

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

- (a) Fifty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), 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 (a) above.

11-02 a.m.

2. Statements by Ministers

1. Shri Kiren Rijju, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on "Border Security: Capacity Building and Institutions".

2. Shri P.P. Chaudhary, Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice and Ministry of Corporate Affairs, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on the Action Taken

by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Thirtieth Report of the Committee on "Industrial Policy in the changing Global scenario", pertaining to the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

3. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 256 to 270 put down in the List of Questions for oral answers for March 20, 2018, were laid on the Table.

4. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2721 to 2880 put down in the List of Questions for written answers for March 20, 2018, were also 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. Kumari Selja
2. Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy
3. Shri Mohd. Ali Khan
4. Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao
5. Shrimati Wansuk Syiem
6. Shri Santiuse Kujur
7. Shri Pramod Tiwari
8. Shri Ranjib Biswal
9. Dr. Sanjay Sinh
10. Shri Ripun Bora
11. Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo
12. Shrimati Chhaya Verma
13. Shri Pradeep Tamta
14. Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
15. Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam
16. Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth
17. Dr. R. Lakshmanan
18. Shri T. Rathinavel
19. Dr. V. Maitreyan

20. *Shri K.R. Arjunan*
21. *Shri N. Gokulakrishnan*
22. *Shri A. Vijayakumar*
23. *Shri C.M. Ramesh*
24. *Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao*
25. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
26. *Shri T.G. Venkatesh*
27. *Shri Tiruchi Siva*
28. *Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta*

°11-06 a.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 22nd March, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

° From 11-03 a.m. to 11-06 a.m., some points were raised.