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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018**

11-00 a.m.

**1. Reference by the Chair**

The Chairman made a reference on the occasion of 'World Water Day'.

11-02 a.m.

**2. Papers Laid on the Table**

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Statement of discretionary out of turn allotments made in accordance with the guidelines issued *vide* Directorate of Estates O.M. No.12035/2/97-Pol.II (Pt. II) dated the 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1997, under 5% vacancies occurring in each type of General Pool Residential Accommodation in a calendar year, for the year ending 2017.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi, 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 (i) (a) and (b) above.

- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Foundation.
3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPMD), 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 Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPID), [*formerly National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped*] Secunderabad, Telengana, 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 (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), 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 Centre.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.
4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Authority, Punjab, Chandigarh, 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 (a) above.

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education), under Section 28 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956:—

- (1) F. 1-1/2012(AC)., dated the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, publishing the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018.
- (2) F. No.1-8/2017(CPP-II), dated the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, publishing the University Grants Commission (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018.

6.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 23 of the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961:—

- (i) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (ii) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, West Bengal, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (iii) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, Chennai, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (iv) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad, Jharkhand, 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.
- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, 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) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

7.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 24 and sub-section (4) of Section 26 of the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Auroville Foundation, Auroville, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by the Government on the working of the above Foundation.

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

8.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 22 of the National Institutes of Technology Science Education and Research Act, 2007:—

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur, Howrah, West Bengal, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur, Howrah, West Bengal, 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.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for 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 (4) of Section 22 of the National Institutes of Technology Act, 2007:—

- (a) Sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology, Meghalaya, Shillong, 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 delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, 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 (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) First Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, 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 (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Forty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM), 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 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 Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Rohtak, Haryana, 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 (iv) (a) above.
- (v) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, for the year 2016-17.  
(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.  
(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (v) (a) above.

- (vi) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, West Bengal, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vi) (a) above.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, Chennai, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vii) (a) above.
- (viii) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (viii) (a) above.
- (ix) (a) Annual Report of the Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Vidyapeetha.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ix) (a) above.
- (x) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, 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 Sansthan.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (x) (a) above.

11-03 a.m.

### **3. Statement of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways**

Shri Motilal Vora laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statement on further Action Taken by Government on the

recommendations contained in Chapter I of the Fourteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Tenth Report on the subject 'Pending Projects'.

#### **4. Statements of the Committee on Empowerment of Women**

Ms. Dola Sen laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements of the Committee on Empowerment of Women (2017-18):—

- (i) Statement showing final action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I and V of the Second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Empowerment of Women (2014-2015) on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty-first Report of the Committee (2012-2013) on the subject "Working Conditions of Women in Police Force"; and
- (ii) Statement showing final action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I and V of the Fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Empowerment of Women (2015-2016) on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Committee (2014-2015) on the subject "Working Conditions of Women in Railways and Amenities for Women Passengers".

11-04 a.m.

#### **5. President's Message**

The Chairman communicated to the House the following Message dated the 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, received from the Hon'ble President:—

" I have received the expression of Thanks by the Members of the Rajya Sabha for the Address which I delivered to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on 29 January, 2018."

11-05 a.m.

## **6. Leave of Absence**

Shri Beni Prasad Verma (Uttar Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 9<sup>th</sup> of March to the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018, during the current (245<sup>th</sup>) Session.

11-06 a.m.

## **7. Statements by Ministers**

1. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Earth Sciences and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Ninety-sixth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2017-18), pertaining to the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology.

2. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Ninety-eighth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2017-18), pertaining to the Department of Space.



◇ 11-10 a.m.

## 8. Government Bill — Passed

### The Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2018, as passed by Lok Sabha

Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, moved the motion for consideration of the Bill.

11-11 a.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 4 were adopted.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were adopted.

11-13 a.m.

The motion moved by Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar that the Bill be passed was adopted and the Bill was passed.

## 9. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 271 to 285 put down in the List of Questions for oral answers for March 21, 2018, were laid on the Table.

## 10. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2881 to 3040 put down in the List of Questions for written answers for March 21, 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. Shrimati Rajani Patil
3. Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra

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◇ From 11-08 a.m. to 11-10 a.m., some points were raised.

4. *Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy*
5. *Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao*
6. *Shrimati Wansuk Syiem*
7. *Shri Santiuse Kujur*
8. *Shri Ranjib Biswal*
9. *Shri Ripun Bora*
10. *Shri Shamsheer Singh Dullo*
11. *Shri P.L. Punia*
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. *Shri S. Muthukaruppan*
20. *Dr. V. Maitreyan*
21. *Shri K.R. Arjunan*
22. *Shri A. Vijayakumar*
23. *Shri C.M. Ramesh*
24. *Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao*
25. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
26. *Shri T.G. Venkatesh*

<sup>Φ</sup>11-17 a.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General*

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<sup>Φ</sup> From 11-14 a.m. to 11-17 a.m., some points were raised.