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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 2nd August, 2018**

11-00 a.m.

1. Felicitations by the Chair

The Chairman, on behalf of the whole House and on his own behalf, congratulated Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Member and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, former Member and Deputy Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, along with Shri Hukmdev Narayan Yadav, Shri Dinesh Trivedi and Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, Members of the Lok Sabha, who were conferred the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award, on the 1st of August, 2018.

Shri Vijay Goel, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, associated with the sentiments expressed.

11-07 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 Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Social Justice and Empowerment), Notification No. G.S.R. 588 (E), dated the 27th June, 2018 publishing the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Rules, 2018, under sub-section (2) of Section 23 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Services Society, 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 (a) above.

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs) and the Hindustan Prefab Limited (HPL), for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs) and the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO), for the year 2018-19.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs) and the NBCC (India) Limited, for the year 2018-19.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu (SPASTN), Chennai, for the year 2011-12, 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 (i) (a) above.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) and the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), for the year 2018-19.

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Tribal Affairs) and the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), for the year 2018-19.

6. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Tamil Nadu State Mission of Education For All (TNSMEA), implementing the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, 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 Mission.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
 - (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan State Mission Authority, Kavaratti, Lakshadweep, 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 Authority.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
 - (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Puducherry, 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 Mission.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.
 - (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Mission, U.T. Administration of Daman and Diu, Daman, 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 Mission.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.
 - (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Primary Education Development Society of Kerala, implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 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 Society.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (v) (a) above.

7.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of Section 16 and sub-section (4) of Section 29 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Performance Review of the above Commission, for the year 2016-17.

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

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the CHILDLINE India Foundation, 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 Foundation.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) 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:—

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology, Nagaland, Dimapur, 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.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology Puduchery, Karaikal, 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.

- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology, Manipur, Imphal, 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.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology, Mizoram, Aizawl, 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.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT), Allahabad, 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) Annual Accounts of the Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

(2) Statements (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 University of Delhi, Delhi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (3) of Section 39 of the Delhi University Act, 1922.
 - (b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report of the Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat, for the year 2015-16.
 - (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) Second Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), 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 Institute.

- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.
- (iv) (a) Fifty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, 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 and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Raipur, Chhattisgarh 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 (v) (a) above.
- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Foundry and Forge Technology (NIFFT), Ranchi, 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.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vi) (a) above.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology (SLIET), Sangrur, 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 Institute.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vii) (a) above.

11-08 a.m.

3. Message from Lok Sabha — Reported and Government Bill Laid on the Table

I. Secretary-General reported to the House, a message from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 1st August,

2018, passed the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

II. A copy of the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2018, as passed by Lok Sabha, was laid on the Table.

11-09 a.m.

4. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel

Shri Ram Vichar Netam laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel:—

- (i) Forty-second Report on Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-sixth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the Subject "Production, Marketing and Distribution of Coal" relating to the Ministry of Coal;
- (ii) Forty-third Report on Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the Subject "Physical and Financial Performance of SAIL and MECON Ltd." relating to the Ministry of Steel;
- (iii) Forty-fourth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on "Demands for Grants (2018-19)" relating to the Ministry of Steel;
- (iv) Forty-fifth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on "Demands for Grants" relating to the Ministry of Mines; and
- (v) Forty-sixth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the observations/ recommendations contained in the Fortieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on "Demands for Grants (2018-19)" relating to the Ministry of Coal.

11-10 a.m.

5. **Ruling by the Chair**

The Chairman gave the following ruling:—

"Hon. Members, yesterday, two points of order were raised. One point of order was raised by Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray. He himself has answered the point of order also saying that 'if the Chairman permits, the Member can resume his speech.' So, that matter ended there.

The second point of order was raised by Shri Anand Sharma. After laying of Papers on the Table, Anand Sharmaji, Member and Deputy Leader of the Indian National Congress Party in the Rajya Sabha, raised a point of order, quoting Rule 238(v), which reads as under:

'A Member, while speaking, shall not reflect upon the conduct of persons in high authority unless a discussion is based on a substantive motion drawn in proper terms.'

That is the rule. Shri Anand Sharma has alleged that one of the hon. Members of Parliament, while participating in the discussion on the draft National Register of Citizens of Assam on the 31st of July, 2018, used derogatory and unparliamentary words against Shri Rajiv Gandhi and subsequent Prime Ministers and demanded that the hon. Member should apologize and those words should be expunged from the records. He was agitated over the issue and I had promised to look into the records. I have gone through the records and found that no mention of persons of high authority, as alleged by Shri Sharma, was actually made by Shri Amit Shah. Rather it was Shri Anand Sharma who, while making the said allegation, used one unparliamentary word, which he attributed to Mr. Shah and, therefore, that word needs to be expunged from the parliamentary records.

But, today morning, Shri Anand Sharma met me in my Chamber. I discussed that issue with him and brought to his notice what had been said. He agreed with me and that is why, I am closing the matter there itself.

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In fact, Mr. Shah did not refer to any Prime Minister other than Shri Rajiv Gandhi, and that too, as a matter of fact only. Now, Sharmaji is saying, 'by implication'. One should not read into it by implication. Let us close this matter here. I treat this matter as closed."

◇ 11-13 a.m.

6. Matters raised with Permission

1. Shri Shwait Malik raised a matter regarding illegal immigration facilitated by unregistered travel agents in Punjab.

11-15 a.m.

2. Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding release of water by the Damodar Valley Corporation without consulting other States.

11-18 a.m.

3. Shri Ahamed Hassan raised a matter regarding delayed payments to the farmers under PMFBY due to the requirement of mandatory linking of their accounts with Aadhaar.

11-21 a.m.

4. Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya raised a matter regarding need for consultation with the States in the implementation of the *Sabko Aawas Yojna*.

11-22 a.m.

5. Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar raised a matter regarding need for cold storage and processing centers for food grains.

11-24 a.m.

6. Shri Binoy Viswam raised a matter regarding unjustifiable fare hike by Airline companies in the Gulf Sector.

11-26 a.m.

7. Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth raised a matter regarding need to increase measures for railway safety.

11-29 a.m.

8. Shri Sakaldeep Rajbhar raised a matter regarding lack of quality healthcare facilities for poor women and children in Balia district of Uttar Pradesh.

◇ From 11-12 a.m. to 11-13 a.m., some points were raised.

11-31 a.m.

9. Shrimati Kahkashan Perween raised a matter regarding poor quality of food served in the Ranchi Rajdhani Express.

11-33 a.m.

10. Shri Prasanna Acharya raised a matter regarding need for recognition and grant of central pension to the victims of internal Emergency of 1975.

11-36 a.m.

11. Shri Santiuse Kujur raised a matter regarding need for inclusion of six communities of Assam in the ST list.

11-39 a.m.

12. Shri Partap Singh Bajwa raised a matter regarding brain drain in the country and demand for increased funding for Higher Education.

11-42 a.m.

13. Shrimati Shanta Chhetri raised a matter regarding deadline of linking of Aadhaar Card with mobile phone numbers.

11-44 a.m.

14. Shri Ram Nath Thakur raised a matter regarding poor condition of Shri Satbir Singh, a Kargil war veteran.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Defence, responded.

11-46 a.m.

15. Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding attacks and murders of Indian Journalists.

11-50 a.m.

16. Dr. Santanu Sen raised a matter regarding need for One Company-One Drug-One Price policy in the country.

11-52 a.m.

17. Shri V. Muraleedharan raised a matter regarding need to resolve the financial crisis of Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. in Travancore.

11-55 a.m.

18. Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar raised a matter regarding problems being faced by small scale Dairy farmers.

11-57 a.m.

19. Dr. Banda Prakash raised a matter regarding need to revive Information Technology Investment Region (ITIR) project in Telangana.

11-59 a.m.

20. Shri K. Bhabananda Singh raised a matter regarding prevailing unrest in Manipur.

12-00 Noon

7. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 166 to 172 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Questions (173 to 180) were laid on the Table.

8. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1761 to 1920 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

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

(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, shouted slogans and persistently and willfully obstructed the proceedings of the House, the Chair adjourned the House for the day:—

1. Shri Ahamed Hassan
2. Ms. Dola Sen
3. Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia
4. Shrimati Shanta Chhetri
5. Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas
6. Dr. Santanu Sen
7. Shri Subhasish Chakraborty
8. Shri Ritabrata Banerjee

°2-10 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 3rd August, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

° From 2-00 p.m. to 2-10 p.m., some points were raised.