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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 3rd August, 2018**

11-00 a.m.

1. Obituary Reference

The Chairman made a reference to the passing away of Shri Bhishma Narain Singh (ex-Member).

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

11-04 a.m.

2. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 29 of the Central Agricultural University Act, 1992:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) 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.

2.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 31 of the Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University Act, 2014:—

- (i) (a) Annual Accounts of the Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (b) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above University.
- (ii) (a) Annual Accounts of the Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (b) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above University.

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

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL), for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore (FACT) Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Limited (FAGMIL), for the year 2018-19.
- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL), for the year 2018-19.

- (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), for the year 2018-19.
- (vi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Projects and Development India Limited (PDIL), for the year 2018-19.
- (vii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF) Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (viii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL), for the year 2018-19.
- (ix) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL), for the year 2018-19.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications), Notification No. F. No. 10-10/2016-BB & PA, dated the 5th July, 2018, publishing the Telecommunication Interconnection (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 (4 of 2018), under Section 37 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.

5.(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) Fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), 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 Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), for the year 2016-17.

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

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications) and the Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications) and the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), for the year 2018-19.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications) and the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), for the year 2018-19.

7. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements showing action taken by Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings given during the Session shown against each:—

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| 1 | Statement No. XXIX | Two Hundred and Eighteenth Session, 2009 |
| 2. | Statement No. XXVII | Two Hundred and Nineteenth Session, 2010 |
| 3. | Statement No. XXVII | Two Hundred and Twentieth Session, 2010 |
| 4. | Statement No. XXIII | Two Hundred and Twenty-first Session, 2010 |
| 5. | Statement No. XXIII | Two Hundred and Twenty-second Session, 2011 |
| 6. | Statement No. XXV | Two Hundred and Twenty-third Session, 2011 |
| 7. | Statement No. XXIV | Two Hundred and Twenty-fourth Session, 2011 |
| 8. | Statement No. XXIII | Two Hundred and Twenty-fifth Session, 2012 |
| 9. | Statement No. XX | Two Hundred and Twenty-seventh Session, 2012 |
| 10. | Statement No. XVII | Two Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session, 2013 |
| 11. | Statement No. XVII | Two Hundred and Thirtieth Session, 2013-14 |
| 12. | Statement No. XV | Two Hundred and Thirty-second Session, 2014 |
| 13. | Statement No. XIV | Two Hundred and Thirty-third Session, 2014 |
| 14. | Statement No. XII | Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth Session, 2015 |
| 15. | Statement No. XII | Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth Session, 2015 |
| 16. | Statement No. XI | Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth Session, 2015 |
| 17. | Statement No. X | Two Hundred and Thirty-seventh Session, 2015 |
| 18. | Statement No. IX | Two Hundred and Thirty-eighth Session, 2016 |
| 19. | Statement No. VIII | Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth Session, 2016 |
| 20. | Statement No. VII | Two Hundred and Fortieth Session, 2016 |
| 21. | Statement No. VI | Two Hundred and Forty-first Session, 2016 |

22. Statement No. IV	Two Hundred and Forty-second Session, 2017
23. Statement No. III	Two Hundred and Forty-third Session, 2017
24. Statement No. II	Two Hundred and Forty-fourth Session, 2017-18
25. Statement No. I	Two Hundred and Forty-fifth Session, 2018

8. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statement on Half Yearly Review of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget, at the end of the Financial year 2017-18, under sub-section (1) of Section 7 of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003,.

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the IRCON International Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL), for the year 2018-19.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), for the year 2018-19.
- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited (IRFCL), for the year 2018-19.
- (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), for the year 2018-19.
- (vi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC) Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (vii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the Braithwaite & Company Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (viii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the RailTel Corporation of India Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (ix) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the RITES Limited, for the year 2018-19.

- (x) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR), for the year 2018-19.
- (xi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (xii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways,) and the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Limited (KMRCL), for the year 2018-19.

10. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare), under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914:—

- (1) S.O. 1248 (E), dated the 20th March, 2018, publishing the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (First Amendment) Order, 2018.
- (2) S.O. 1873 (E), dated the 10th May, 2018, publishing the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2018.
- (3) S.O. 1930 (E), dated the 16th May, 2018, publishing corrigendum to Notification No. S.O. 1873 (E), dated the 10th May, 2018 (in Hindi only).
- (4) S.O. 2059 (E), dated the 24th May, 2018, publishing Corrigendum to Notification No. S.O. 1873 (E), dated the 10th May, 2018.
- (5) S.O. 2286 (E), dated the 5th June, 2018, publishing the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2018.

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

- (1) S.O. 1323 (E), dated the 22nd March, 2018, publishing the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Second Amendment Order, 2018.

- (2) S.O. 1391 (E), dated the 28th March, 2018, notifying the Fertilizer (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985 as a special order for the purposes of Section 12A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
- (3) S.O. 1392 (E), dated the 28th March, 2018, notifying the specifications of provisional fertiliser Phosphogypsum to be manufactured in India for a period of 3 years from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette.
- (4) S.O. 3264 (E), dated the 5th July, 2018, authorizing certain manufacturers of City Compost specified therein, for bulk sale of City Compost, directly to farmers from their plants for a period of three years from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.
- (5) S.O. 3265 (E), dated the 5th July, 2018, publishing the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Third Amendment Order, 2018.

12. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers' Welfare) Notification No. G.S.R. 391 (E), dated the 24th April, 2018, publishing the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights (Community Award from the Gene Fund) Rules, 2018, under Section 97 of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001.

13.(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) Forty-eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Haryana Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Panchkula, 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.
- (ii) (a) Forty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Himachal Pradesh Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Shimla for the year 2015-16, 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.
- (iii) (a) Fiftieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bihar State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Patna, for the year 2015-16, 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.
- (iv) (a) Fiftieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Maharashtra Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Mumbai, for the year 2015-16, 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) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

14.(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) Fifty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL), Gurugram, Haryana, for the year 2015-16, 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) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

15.(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 (NIPER) Act, 1998 :—

- (i) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hajipur, Bihar, for the year 2012-13, and the Audit Report thereon.

- (ii) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hajipur, Bihar, for the year 2013-14, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (iii) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hajipur, Bihar, for the year 2014-15, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (iv) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hajipur, Bihar, 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.

16. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Limited (KAPL), for the year 2018-19.

17. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs), under Section 40 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016:—

- (1) F. No. B.S./11/11/2018, dated the 4th June, 2018, publishing the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018.
- (2) F. No. B.S./11/04/2018, dated the 7th June, 2018, publishing the Bureau of Indian Standards (Advisory Committees) Regulations, 2018.
- (3) F. No. B.S./11/05/2018, dated the 14th June, 2018, publishing the Bureau of Indian Standards (Hallmarking) Regulations, 2018.
- (4) G.S.R. 584 (E), dated the 25th June, 2018, publishing the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

18. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs), Notification No. S.O. 2414 (E), dated the 13th June, 2018, publishing the Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order, 2018, under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

19. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution), under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955:—

- (1) S.O. 2345 (E), dated the 7th June, 2018, publishing the Sugar Price (Control) Order, 2018 *w.e.f.* from the date of publication.
- (2) S.O. 2346 (E), dated the 7th June, 2018, directing that no producer of sugar shall sell or agree to sell or otherwise dispose off or deliver or agree to deliver white sugar or refined sugar in the domestic market or remove white sugar or refined sugar from the godowns of the factory in which it is produced for sale in the domestic market, at a rate below rupees twenty-nine per kilogram till further orders *w.e.f.* from the date of publication.
- (3) S.O. 2347 (E), dated the 7th June, 2018, directing that every producer producing sugar by vacuum pan process shall hold such quantity of white sugar or refined sugar at the end of each month as may be specified by the Central Government for each month with immediate effect.

20. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Legal Affairs) under sub-section (3) of Section 21A of the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Act, 2015, inserted by the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018, :—

- (1) G.S.R. 606 (E), dated the 3rd July, 2018, publishing the Commercial Courts (Pre-Institution Mediation and Settlement) Rules, 2018.
- (2) G.S.R. 607 (E), dated the 3rd July, 2018, publishing the Commercial Courts (Statistical Data) Rules, 2018.

11-06 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 2nd August, 2018, passed the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-third Amendment) Bill,

2017, which was passed by the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 31st of July, 2017, with amendment alternative to the amendment made by the Rajya Sabha and further amendments, as given below:—

"That at pages 2 and 3, the following be inserted:—

Insertion of
new article
338B.

'3. After article 338A of the Constitution, the following article shall be inserted, namely:—

"338B. (1) There shall be a Commission for the socially and educationally backward classes to be known as the National Commission for Backward Classes.

National
Commission
for Backward
Classes.

(2) Subject to the provisions of any law made in this behalf by Parliament, the Commission shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and three other Members and the conditions of service and tenure of office of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and other Members so appointed shall be such as the President may by rule determine.

(3) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and other Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

(4) The Commission shall have the power to regulate its own procedure.

(5) It shall be the duty of the Commission—

(a) to investigate and monitor all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the socially and educationally backward classes under this Constitution or under any other law for the time being in force or under any order of the Government and to evaluate the working of such safeguards;

(b) to inquire into specific complaints with respect to the deprivation of rights and safeguards of the socially and educationally backward classes;

(c) to participate and advise on the socio-economic development of the socially and educationally backward classes and to evaluate the progress of their development under the Union and any State;

(d) to present to the President, annually and at such other times as the Commission may deem fit, reports upon the working of those safeguards;

(e) to make in such reports the recommendations as to the measures that should be taken by the Union or any State for the effective implementation of those safeguards and other measures for the protection, welfare and socio-economic development of the socially and educationally backward classes; and

(f) to discharge such other functions in relation to the protection, welfare and development and advancement of the socially and educationally backward classes as the President may, subject to the provisions of any law made by Parliament, by rule specify.

(6) The President shall cause all such reports to be laid before each House of Parliament along with a memorandum explaining the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations relating to the Union and the reasons for the non-acceptance, if any, of any of such recommendations.

(7) Where any such report, or any part thereof, relates to any matter with which any State Government is concerned, a copy of such report shall be forwarded to the State Government which shall cause it to be laid before the Legislature of the State along with a memorandum explaining the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations relating to the State and the reasons for the non-acceptance, if any, of any of such recommendations.

(8) The Commission shall, while investigating any matter referred to in sub-clause (a) or inquiring into any complaint referred to in sub-clause (b) of clause (5), have all the powers of a civil court trying a suit and in particular in respect of the following matters, namely:—

(a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person from any part of India and examining him on oath;

(b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;

(c) receiving evidence on affidavits;

(d) requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office;

(e) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses and documents; and

(f) any other matter which the President may, by rule, determine.

(9) The Union and every State Government shall consult the Commission on all major policy matters affecting socially and educationally backward classes."

ENACTING FORMULA

That at page 1, line 1,-

for " Sixty-eighth" substitute "Sixty-ninth"

CLAUSE 1

That at page 1, line 3,-

for "2017" substitute "2018" .

II. A copy of the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-third Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha, with amendments alternative to the amendment made by Rajya Sabha and further amendments, was laid on the Table.

11-07 a.m.

4. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture

Shri Ram Nath Thakur laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture:—

- (i) Fifty-fourth Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Twenty-ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Agriculture (2015-16) on "Impact of Chemical Fertilizers and Pesticides on Agriculture and Allied Sectors in the Country" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education);
- (ii) Fifty-fifth Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Thirty-

ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Agriculture (2016-17) on "Comprehensive Agriculture Research based on Geographical Conditions and Impact of Climatic Changes to ensure Food Security in the Country" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education);

- (iii) Fifty-sixth Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Forty-seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Agriculture (2017-18) on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare);
- (iv) Fifty-seventh Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Fifty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Agriculture (2017-18) on the Subject "Variance in Cost and Quality of Agricultural Tools and Implements Being Provided to the Farmers under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Problems Being Faced by the Farmers Due to Imported Power Tillers - A Review" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare);
- (v) Fifty-eighth Report on the Subject "ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute - A Performance Review" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education); and
- (vi) Fifty-ninth Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Forty-eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Agriculture (2017-18) on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education).

5. Statement of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture

Shri Ram Nath Thakur laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statement showing further action taken by the Government on Fortieth

Report on action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Twenty-eight Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the Subject "Augmenting Rural Storage Infrastructure through the Scheme of Rural Godowns" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare.

6. Reports of the Railway Convention Committee

Shri T.K. Rangarajan laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Railway Convention Committee:—

- (i) Twenty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Maintenance of Rolling Stock;
- (ii) Twenty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Internal Resources Generation by Indian Railways;
- (iii) Twenty-sixth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Action Taken by Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Sixteenth Report on Track Upgradation & Modernisation; and
- (iv) Twenty-seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Action Taken by Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Twentieth Report on Vigilance in Indian Railways.

11-08 a.m.

7. Statements by Ministers

1. Shri Radhakrishnan P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Shipping, laid on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Forty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2017-18), pertaining to the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

2. Shri Rajen Gohain, Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways, laid on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eighteenth Report of the

Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on 'Tourism Promotion and Pilgrimage Circuit'.

3. Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti, Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, laid on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations/ observations contained in the Thirty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on Demands for Grants (2017-18), pertaining to the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

4. Shri C.R. Chaudhary, Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, laid on the Table, the following statements (in English and Hindi) regarding:—

- (i) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twentieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution on Demands for Grants (2018-19), pertaining to the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Twenty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution on Demands for Grants (2018-19), pertaining to the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

11-10 a.m.

8. Motion for election to the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit

A motion for election of three Members to the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit was moved and adopted.

11-11 a.m.

9. 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 remaining part of the Monsoon Session, 2018.

ĉ11-19 p.m.

10. Discussion on the Final draft of the National Register of Citizens in Assam

Shri Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs, replied to the discussion on the Final Draft of the National Register of Citizens in Assam, raised by Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of the Opposition* on the 31st of July, 2018. Thereafter some Members sought clarifications.

12-00 Noon

11. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 181 to 188 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Questions (189 to 195) were laid on the Table.

12. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1921 to 2080 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

13. Statements by Minister Correcting Answers to Questions

Shri Rajen Gohain, Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways, laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements:—

- (i) Statement correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 1406 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th December, 2017 regarding 'Backlog of SC, ST and OBC vacancies'; and
- (ii) Statement correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 917 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th February, 2018 regarding 'Employees in various cadres of Railways'.

ĉ From 11-15 a.m. to 11-19 a.m., some points were raised.

1-01 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-31 p.m.

2-31 p.m.

14. Private Members' Bills — Introduced

(1) The Universal Health Insurance and Healthcare Coverage Bill, 2018 was introduced by Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya.

(2) The Illegal Immigrants (Identification and Deportation) Bill, 2018 was introduced by Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya.

(3) The Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2018 was introduced by Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya.

(4) The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Bill, 2018 was introduced by Shri Sanjay Singh.

(5) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (*amendment of article 19*) was introduced by Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy.

(6) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2018 was introduced by Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy.

(7) The Agricultural and other Rural Workers (Protection and Welfare) Bill, 2018 was introduced by Shri Amar Shankar Sable.

(8) The Downtrodden, Backward and Oppressed Youth (Development and Welfare) Bill, 2018 was introduced by Shri Amar Shankar Sable.

^Φ2-41 p.m.

15. Private Member's Bill — Under Consideration

The Parliament (Enhancement of Productivity) Bill, 2017.

Shri Naresh Gujral moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-48 p.m.	1.	Shri Jairam Ramesh
2-56 p.m.	2.	Dr. Ashok Bajpai
3-00 p.m.	3.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy

^Φ From 2-40 p.m. to 2-41 p.m., some points were raised.

3-06 p.m.	4.	Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha
3-13 p.m.	5.	Shri Mahesh Poddar
3-17 p.m.	6.	Shrimati Chhaya Verma
3-21 p.m.	7.	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth
3-31 p.m.	8.	Shri Harivansh
3-38 p.m.	9.	Shri Sanjay Singh
3-46 p.m.	10.	Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya
4-02 p.m.	11.	Shri Husain Dalwai
4-13 p.m.	12.	Shri D. Raja
4-21 p.m.	13.	Shri Kailash Soni
4-28 p.m.	14.	Dr. Sanjay Sinh
4-36 p.m.	15.	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
4-44 p.m.	16.	Shri Ramdas Athawale, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</i>
4-51 p.m.	17.	Shri Rakesh Sinha (<i>speech unfinished</i>)

The discussion was not concluded.

5-00 p.m.

16. Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee

The Vice-Chairman (Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita) announced the recommendations made by the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 3rd of August, 2018.

5-01 p.m.

17. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were laid/made on the Table of the House:—

1.	Shri D. Raja	Urging the Government to direct the CIFRI, Barrackpore to be more pro-active and help save inland fishery resources.
2.	Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya	Demand to promote Ayurveda in Madhya Pradesh under AYUSH mission.
3.	Shri Sanjay Singh	Demand to restore the old pension scheme.
4.	Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar	Demand to adopt appropriate policy for the development of villages to restrict migration towards cities.

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| 5. | Shri Rakesh Sinha | Demand for research and translation of Indian classical texts. |
| 6. | Shri Harnath Singh Yadav | Demand to ensure that MSP reach to the farmers by protecting them from middlemen. |
| *7. | Shri Kailash Soni | Demand to build and maintain the service and internal roads for cities along with main roads and over bridges. |
| 8. | Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh | Demand to expedite the work on new AIIMS projects. |
| 9. | Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy | Request to implement recommendations of Kamalesh Chandra Committee for Gramin Dak Sevaks. |
| 10. | Dr. Sanjay Sinh | Demand to immediately set up a Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh. |
| 11. | Shri P.L. Punia | Demand to restore the provision of SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 or to bring an ordinance to safeguard the interest of SC/ST consequent upon the judgment of the Supreme Court. |
| 12. | Shri T. Rathinavel | Demand to provide certain incentives to sugar industry in Tamil Nadu. |
| 13. | Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad | Demand to direct the State Governments to pay compensation to farmers where deficit of rain hit the sowing of Kharif crops especially in Bundelkhand. |

5-27 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Monday, the 6th August, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

* Laid on the Table.