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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on  
the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**

11-00 a.m.

**1. National Anthem**

National Anthem was played.

11-02 a.m.

**2. Oath or Affirmation**

The following Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation and took their seats in the House:—

KERALA

1. Shri Elamaram Kareem
2. Shri Jose K. Mani
3. Shri Binoy Viswam

NOMINATED

4. Dr. Sonal Mansingh
5. Shri Raghunath Mohapatra
6. Shri Ram Shakal
7. Shri Rakesh Sinha

11-08 a.m.

### **3. Obituary References**

The Chairman made references to the passing away of —

1. Shri Vishwasrao Ramrao Patil (ex-Member);
2. Shri Mohammed Amin (ex-Member);
3. Shri Ashok Mitra (ex-Member);
4. Shri Balkavi Bairagi (ex-Member);
5. Shri Kameshwar Paswan (ex-Member);
6. Shri Shantaram Naik (ex-Member);
7. Shri Surinder Kumar Singla (ex-Member); and
8. Shri M.M. Jacob (ex-Member).

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

11-22 a.m.

### **4. References by the Chair**

#### **(i) Reference to the victims of suicide bomber attack in Afghanistan**

The Chairman made a reference to suicide bomber attack in Jalalabad of Afghanistan, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2018, in which 20 people, several of them belonging to the Sikh community, were killed and 20 others were injured.

#### **(ii) Reference to the victims of natural calamities in different parts of the country**

The Chairman made a reference to the victims of natural calamities of cloudbursts, landslides, lightning strikes, thunderstorms, dust storms and floods in different parts of the country, in the months of May, June and July, 2018, in which more than one thousand persons lost their lives, several hundreds were injured, and many others were displaced and rendered homeless.

**(iii) Reference to the victims of a bus accident in Pauri District of Uttarakhand**

The Chairman made a reference to the victims of a bus accident in Pauri District of Uttarakhand, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2018, in which 48 persons were reportedly killed and 12 others were injured.

The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those, who lost their lives in these tragedies.

**(iv) Reference on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Shri Nelson Mandela**

The Chairman made a reference on the 100<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Shri Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa.

11-26 a.m.

**5. Announcements by the Chair**

The Chairman made the following announcements:—

- (i) The Chairman made an announcement regarding the arrangements made for simultaneous interpretation of the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha in 5 languages, *namely*, Dogri, Kashmiri, Konkani, Santhali and Sindhi, in addition to already existing arrangements for simultaneous interpretation in 17 languages. He informed the House that Members can now speak in any of the 22 languages listed in the Eighth Schedule.
- (ii) The Chairman also made an announcement regarding the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for promoting cooperation between the Upper House of India and the Republic of Rwanda during the visit of a high level delegation from the Senate of that country led by Rt. Hon. Bernard Makuza, President of the Senate consisting of 2 Senators, Ms. Gertrude Kazarwa, Ms. Marguerite Nyagahura and 3 officials of the Senate from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

11-32 a.m.

## 6. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A statement (in English and Hindi) showing the following Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Two Hundred and Forty-fifth Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President:—

1. The Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
2. #The Finance Bill, 2018.
3. #The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2018.
4. #The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2018.

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Notification No. S.O. 1675 (E), dated the 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 753 (E), dated the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification, under Section 55 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016.

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the Oil India Limited (OIL), for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), for the year 2018-19.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), for the year 2018-19.

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# The Bills could not be returned by the Rajya Sabha and were deemed to have been passed by both Houses under article 109(5) of the Constitution.

- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and M/s Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., for the year 2018-19.

4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Ordinances, under sub-clause (a) of clause (2) of article 123 of the Constitution:—

- (i) The Fugitive Economic Offenders Ordinance, 2018 (No.1 of 2018), promulgated by the President on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2018.
- (ii) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (No.2 of 2018), promulgated by the President on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2018.
- (iii) The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (No.3 of 2018), promulgated by the President on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2018.
- (iv) The Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (No. 4 of 2018), promulgated by the President on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018.
- (v) The National Sports University Ordinance, 2018 (No. 5 of 2018) promulgated by the President on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2018.
- (vi) The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (No.6 of 2018), promulgated by the President on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018.

5.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of Section 26 of the Land Ports Authority of India Act, 2010:—

- (a) Fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Land Ports Authority of India, 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 Authority.

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

6. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation Notification No. S.O. 1577 (E), dated the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, publishing the Airports Authority of India (Conditions of Service of the Chairman and Other Members) Amendment Rules, 2018, under Section 43 of the Airports Authority of India Act, 1994.

7. 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 49 of the Tea Act, 1953:—

- (1) S.O. 2008 (E), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2018, publishing the Tea Warehouses (Licensing) Amendment Order, 2018.
- (2) S.O. 2288 (E), dated the 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, publishing the Tea (Marketing) Control (Amendment) Order, 2018.

8. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce), Notification No. Admin-1/Estt/SPEDA/2018, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, amending Notification No. Admin-1/Estt/SPEDA/2014, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification, under Section 40 of the Spices Board Act, 1986.

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) and the MMTC Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) and the State Trading Corporation of India Limited (STC), for the year 2018-19.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) and the PEC Limited, for the year 2018-19.

11-34 a.m.

## **7. Statement by Minister**

Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, 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/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on 'Administration and Development of Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration'.

<sup>^</sup>11-38 a.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 12-00 Noon.*

<sup>♦</sup>12-02 p.m.

## 8. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 1 to 5 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (6 to 15) were laid on the Table.

## 9. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1 to 160 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-01 p.m.*

2-01 p.m.

## 10. Government Bill — Introduced

The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities (Amendment) Bill, 2018, was introduced by Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.

<sup>\*</sup>2-04 p.m.

## 11. Government Bill — Passed

**The State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha**

Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-05 p.m.	1.	Shri Jairam Ramesh
2-19 p.m.	2.	Shri Ramkumar Verma
2-33 p.m.	3.	Shri N. Gokulakrishnan

<sup>^</sup> From 11-35 a.m. to 11-38 a.m., some points were raised.

<sup>♦</sup> From 12-00 Noon to 12-02 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>\*</sup> From 2-02 p.m. to 2-04 p.m., some points were raised.

2-41 p.m.	4.	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray
2-48 p.m.	5.	Shri Harivansh
2-55 p.m.	6.	Shri Anil Desai
3-04 p.m.	7.	Shri D. Raja
3-11 p.m.	8.	Shri Madhusudan Mistry
3-21 p.m.	9.	Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya
3-29 p.m.	10.	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
3-40 p.m.	11.	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth
3-47 p.m.	12.	Shri Mahesh Poddar
3-57 p.m.	13.	Dr. Anil Agrawal
4-07 p.m.	14.	Shri K.K. Ragesh

4-16 p.m.

Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla replied to the discussion.

4-43 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 8 were adopted.

Clause 1, as amended, was adopted.

The Enacting formula, as amended, was adopted.

The Title was adopted.

4-45 p.m.

The motion moved by Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla that the Bill, as amended, be passed was adopted and the Bill, as amended, was passed.

4-46 p.m.

## 12. Government Bill — Withdrawn

The Armed Forces Tribunal (Amendment) Bill, 2012, was withdrawn by Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre, Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence.



4-47 p.m.

### 13. Government Bill — Passed

#### **The Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha**

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

4-48 p.m.	1.	Shri Mahesh Poddar
4-55 p.m.	2.	Shri Husain Dalwai
4-57 p.m.	3.	Shri Ravi Prakash Verma
5-01 p.m.	4.	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray
5-06 p.m.	5.	Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta
5-11 p.m.	6.	Shri Jairam Ramesh
5-15 p.m.	7.	Shri A. Navaneethkrishnan

5-17 p.m.

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri replied to the discussion.

<sup>6</sup>5-37 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clause 2, as amended, was adopted.

Clause 1, as amended, was adopted.

The Enacting formula, as amended, was adopted.

The Title was adopted.

5-39 p.m.

The motion moved by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri that the Bill, as amended, be passed was adopted and the Bill, as amended, was passed.

5-40 p.m.

### 14. Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee

The Chairman announced the recommendations made by the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018.

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<sup>6</sup> From 5-23 p.m. to 5-32 p.m., some points were raised.

5-41 p.m.

**15. Special Mentions**

The following Special Mentions were made in the House:—

1. Shri Harnath Singh Yadav Demand for policy for allocation of funds to concerned Departments for regular maintenance and repairing of rural roads constructed under MPLADS.
2. Dr. V. Maitreyan Demand to keep 1971 census as the basis by 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission for Tamil Nadu and other States.
3. Shri Binoy Viswam Demand to enhance the food allocation quota for the State of Kerala.

5-47 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

**DESH DEEPAK VERMA,**  
*Secretary-General*