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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on  
the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**

11-00 a.m.

### 1. Felicitations by the Chair

The Chairman, on behalf of the whole House and on his own behalf, congratulated Miss Hima Das for winning the Gold Medal in the 400-metre event at the IAAF World under-20 Athletics Championships, held at Tampere in Finland, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018.

11-01 a.m.

### 2. Announcement by the Chair

The Chairman made an announcement regarding provision of Wi-Fi facility inside the Rajya Sabha Chamber, using which Members can access and browse all Government websites *including* the websites of Parliament on their mobile phones, tablets, laptops, etc.

11-03 a.m.

### 3. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Space) and the Antrix Corporation Limited (ACL), for the year 2018-19.

2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Parents' Association for the Welfare of the Mentally Handicapped Persons (PAWMENCAP), Hyderabad, Telangana, for the year 2010-11, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
    - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.
    - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
  - (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Development & Welfare Association of the Blind, Nalgonda, Telangana, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
    - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.
    - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
  - (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Shanthiniketan, Ranga Reddy, Telangana, for the year 2011-12, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
    - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institution.
    - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.
  - (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Association for the Blind (NAB), Mumbai, Maharashtra, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
    - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.
    - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.
  - (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sneha Society for Rural Reconstruction, Nizamabad, Telangana, for the year 2010-11, 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.

- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sneha Society for Rural Reconstruction, Nizamabad, Telangana, for the year 2013-14, 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 (vi) (a) above.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sneha Society for Rural Reconstruction, Nizamabad, Telangana, for the year 2014-15, 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 (vii) (a) above.
- (viii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sneha Society for Rural Reconstruction, Nizamabad, Telangana, for the year 2015-16, 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 (viii) (a) above.

11-05 a.m.

#### **4. 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 Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018, passed the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill 2018.

II. A copy of the above Bill, as passed by Lok Sabha, was laid on the Table.

11-06 a.m.

### **5. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs**

Shri Shamsher Singh Manhas presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs:—

- (i) 212<sup>th</sup> Report on Action Taken by Government on the Recommendations/Observations Contained in the 204th Report on Administration and Development of Union Territory of Lakshadweep; and
- (ii) 213<sup>th</sup> Report on Security Situation in the North Eastern States of India.

### **6. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice**

Shri Majeed Memon presented the Ninety-seventh Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on Draft Public Servants (Declaration of Assets and Liabilities and Minimum Value of Assets for Condonation or Exemption) Rules, 2017.

### **7. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar laid on the Table, a copy each of the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers:—

- (i) Forty-sixth Report on the subject 'Promotion and Coordination of basic, applied and other research in areas related to the Pharmaceutical Sector' of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Pharmaceuticals);
- (ii) Forty-seventh Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fortieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Implementation of New Urea Policy - 2015' of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Fertilizers); and

- (iii) Forty-eighth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Forty third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants 2018-19' of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Fertilizers).

## **8. Reports of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development**

Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo laid on the Table, a copy each of the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development:—

- (i) Forty-ninth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Thirty-ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY)' of the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Land Resources);
- (ii) Fiftieth Report on 'Improvement in the functioning of Panchayats' of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj; and
- (iii) Fifty-first Report on 'Swachh Bharat Mission -Gramin (SBM-G) in States/UTs' of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

## **9. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development**

Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo laid on the Table, a copy each of the following Statements (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development:—

- (i) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I and final replies included in Chapter-V of the Twenty-Seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Sixteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'BPL Survey (currently Socio-Economic & Caste Census (SECC), 2011' in respect of the Department of Rural Development (Ministry of Rural Development);
- (ii) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I and final replies included in Chapter-V of the Twenty-eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the

recommendations of the Committee contained in Twenty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' in respect of the Department of Rural Development (Ministry of Rural Development);

- (iii) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I and final replies included in Chapter-V of the Thirty-seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Twenty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR)' in respect of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj;
- (iv) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I and final replies included in Chapter-V of the Thirty-eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Thirty-sixth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)' in respect of the Department of Rural Development (Ministry of Rural Development);
- (v) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I and final replies included in Chapter-V of the Forty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Thirty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' in respect of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj;
- (vi) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I and final replies included in Chapter-V of the Forty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Thirty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' in respect of the Department of Land Resources (Ministry of Rural Development); and
- (vii) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I and final replies included in Chapter-V of the Forty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Thirty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' in respect of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

## 10. Reports of the Public Accounts Committee

Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita laid on the Table, a copy each of the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Public Accounts Committee (2018-19):—

- (i) One-hundred-third Report on the subject "Assessment of Entities Engaged in Health and Allied Sector" of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue);
- (ii) One-hundred-fourth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Twenty-seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on "Exemption to Charitable Trusts and Institutions" of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue);
- (iii) One-hundred-fifth Report on the subject "Creation of Tourist Infrastructure in Andaman & Nicobar Islands" of the Ministry of Home Affairs; and
- (iv) One-hundred-sixth Report on the subject "Improper Management of Defence Land" of the Ministry of Defence.

11-09 a.m.

## 11. Matters raised with Permission

1. Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav raised a matter regarding new guidelines issued by UGC allegedly diluting reservation for SC/STs and OBCs in appointments to the Institutes of Higher Learning.

Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of the Opposition and Shri Ashok Siddharth also spoke.

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development, responded.

11-23 a.m.

2. Shri T.K. Rangarajan raised a matter regarding reported attack on Swami Agnivesh in Jharkhand.

Shri Sanjay Singh also spoke.

11-27 a.m.

3. Dr. Sanjay Sinh raised a matter regarding need to increase the honorarium of *Anganwadi* workers and helpers in Uttar Pradesh.

11-28 a.m.

4. Shri K.T.S. Tulsi raised a matter regarding stricter H1B visa norms by the Unites States of America for Indian citizens.

11-31 a.m.

5. Shri Prasanna Acharya raised a matter regarding incidents of fratricides and suicides by Defence Personnel.

11-34 a.m.

6. Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding challenges arising out of the misuse of social media.

Shri Anand Sharma also spoke.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, responded.

11-39 a.m.

7. Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray raised a matter regarding growing incidents of mob lynching.

Shri D. Raja and Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha also spoke.

11-43 a.m.

8. Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth raised a matter regarding need to allow students who wrote NEET exam in Tamil to participate in medical counselling.

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development, responded.

11-48 a.m.

9. Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia raised a matter regarding sudden stoppage of Central fund for Keleghai-Kapaleswari-Baghai River Re-excavation and Flood Management Programme in West Bengal.

11-51 a.m.

10. Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar raised a matter regarding growing drug menace amongst the children in Bengaluru.

11-54 a.m.

11. Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati raised a matter regarding increased room tariffs in hotels due to higher GST slabs.

11-56 a.m.

12. Shri Shwait Malik raised a matter regarding deaths of youth in Punjab due to drug mafia.

12-00 Noon

## 12. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 16 to 23 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (24 to 30) were laid on the Table.

## 13. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 161 to 320 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

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

2-01 p.m.

## 14. Government Bill — Passed

**The Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013, as reported by the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha**

Further consideration of the motion moved by 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 on the 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, continued.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-01 p.m.	1.	Shri Anand Sharma
2-31 p.m.	2.	Shri Shwait Malik
2-48 p.m.	3.	Shri Ravi Prakash Verma

3-03 p.m.	4.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
3-08 p.m.	5.	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray
3-21 p.m.	6.	Shri Prasanna Acharya
3-29 p.m.	7.	Shri Ram Chandra Prasad Singh
3-36 p.m.	8.	Shri K.K. Ragesh
3-44 p.m.	9.	Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha
3-50 p.m.	10.	Shri Anil Desai
3-56 p.m.	11.	Shri D. Raja
4-05 p.m.	12.	Shri Digvijaya Singh
•4-18 p.m.	13.	Shri Ram Vichar Netam
4-30 p.m.	14.	Shri Majeed Memon
4-36 p.m.	15.	Shri Vivek K. Tankha
4-44 p.m.	16.	Shri Bhupender Yadav
4-53 p.m.	17.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
5-00 p.m.	18.	Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda
5-05 p.m.	19.	Shri Tiruchi Siva
5-12 p.m.	20.	Shri Ripun Bora
5-16 p.m.	21.	Dr. Ashok Bajpai
*5-26 p.m.	22.	Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta
5-32 p.m.	23.	Shri Madhusudan Mistry

5-33 p.m.

Dr. Jitendra Singh replied to the discussion.

6-00 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clause 2, as amended, was adopted.

Clause 3, as amended, was adopted.

Clause 4, as amended, was adopted.

Clause 5, as amended, was adopted.

Clause 6, as amended, was adopted.

Clause 7, as amended, was adopted.

Clauses 8 and 9 were adopted.

Clause 10, as amended, was adopted.

Clause 11 was adopted.

Clause 12, as amended, was adopted.

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• From 4-08 p.m. to 4-10 p.m., some points were raised; and  
From 4-15 p.m. to 4-17 p.m., some points were raised.

\* From 5-23 p.m. to 5-26 p.m., some points were raised.

Clause 13 was adopted.  
 Clause 14, as amended, was adopted.  
 Clause 15, as amended, was adopted.  
 Clauses 16 and 17 were adopted.  
 Clause 18, as amended, was adopted.  
 Clause 19, as amended, was adopted.  
 Clause 1, as amended, was adopted.  
 The Enacting formula, as amended, was adopted.  
 The Title was adopted.

6-12 p.m.

The motion moved by Dr. Jitendra Singh that the Bill, as amended, be passed was adopted and the Bill, as amended, was passed.

6-13 p.m.

### 15. Special Mentions

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

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| 1.              | Shri C.M. Ramesh            | Demand to set up a steel plant in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.  |
| 2.              | Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy     | Demand to set up 500-Bedded E.S.I. Hospital at Sheela Nagar in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh                       |
| 3.              | Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya | Demand to expedite the allocation of funds for the construction of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Memorial in Jaipur. |
| <sup>ø</sup> 4. | Shri Anil Desai             | Demand to provide milk and milk products to poor children through <i>Aanganwadi</i> and mid-day meal programme.    |

6-19 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General*

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<sup>ø</sup> Laid on the Table.