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### Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

11-00 a.m.

#### 1. Obituary Reference

The Chairman made a reference to the passing away of Shri K.V.R.S. Bala Subba Rao (ex-Member).

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

11-03 a.m.

#### 2. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. 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 Section 55 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016:—

- (1) S.O. 1460 (E), dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 371 (E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (2) S.O. 3171 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 371 (E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER), 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 Society.  
(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), 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 Society.  
(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare), under sub-section (3) of Section 36 of the Insecticides Act, 1968:—

- (1) S.O. 1370 (E), dated the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, exempting the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited laboratories of certain organizations from the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968.
- (2) G.S.R. 399 (E), dated the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, publishing the Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2018.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare) and the National Seeds Corporation (NSC) Limited, for the year 2018-19.

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) Notification No. S.O. 251 (E), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, publishing the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Registration of Warehouses (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under Section 52 of the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007.

6. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution), Notification No. S.O. 3127 (E), dated the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 3577 (E), dated the 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification, under sub-section (2) of Section 37 of the National Food Security Act, 2013.

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Central Railside Warehouse Company Limited (CRWC) and the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution) and the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), for the year 2018-19.

8. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports, under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution, :—

- (i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 – Union Government (Railways) – – (Report No.5 of 2018); and
- (ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 – Union Government, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation – [Report No.6 of 2018 (Performance Audit)].

11-04 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 Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018, passed the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018.

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

11-05 a.m.

#### **4. Leave of Absence**

Shri Mohd. Ali Khan (Andhra Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 18<sup>th</sup> of July to 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 2018, during the current (246<sup>th</sup>) Session.

11-06 a.m.

#### **5. 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 week commencing Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2018.

\*11-08 a.m.

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

12-00 Noon

#### **6. Starred Questions**

Starred Question Nos. 31 to 37 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (38 to 45) were laid on the Table.

#### **7. Unstarred Questions**

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 321 to 480 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

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

2-31 p.m.

#### **8. Private Members' Bills — Introduced**

(1) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018, (insertion of new article 21B), was introduced by Shri Ripun Bora.

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\* From 11-07 a.m. to 11-08 a.m., some points were raised.

(2) The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2018, was introduced by Shri Ripun Bora.

(3) The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment) Bill, 2018, was introduced by Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati.

(4) The Contempt of Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2018, was introduced by Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao.

(5) The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018, was introduced by Shri Husain Dalwai.

(6) The Prevention of Gender Pay Gap Bill, 2018, was introduced by Shri Husain Dalwai.

(7) The National Tribal Education Board Bill, 2018, was introduced by Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy.

(8) The Farmers' Right to Guaranteed Remunerative Minimum Support Prices for Agricultural Commodities Bill, 2018, was introduced by Shri K.K. Ragesh.

2-39 p.m.

## 9. Private Member's Bill — Withdrawn

### **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (amendment of article 366).**

Further consideration of the following motion moved by Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018, continued:—

"That the Bill further to amend the Constitution of India, be taken into consideration."

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-39 p.m.	1.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
2-49 p.m.	2.	Shri Bhupender Yadav
3-06 p.m.	3.	Shri D. Raja
3-14 p.m.	4.	Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha
3-18 p.m.	5.	Shri P.P. Chaudhary, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice and in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs</i>

3-33 p.m.

Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray replied to the discussion.

3-45 p.m.

The Bill was withdrawn by leave of the House.

°3-49 p.m.

[On a question of quorum being raised by a Member, the Vice-Chairperson (Shrimati Kahkashan Perween) informed that since there was no quorum in the House, the Rajya Sabha stands adjourned and would meet at 11-00 a.m. on Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018.]

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General*

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° From 3-46 p.m. to 3-49 p.m., some points were raised.