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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 23rd July, 2018

11-00 a.m.

1. Obituary Reference

The Chairman made a reference to the passing away of Shri Gopal Das 'Neeraj', noted poet and lyricist.

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 (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Science and Technology (Department of Science and Technology), Notification No. SERB/RR-Secy/01/2016, dated the 9th March, 2018, publishing the Science and Engineering Research Board (Secretary, Terms and Conditions of Service and Recruitment) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, under Section 22 of the Science and Engineering Research Board Act, 2008.

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

- (a) Thirty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), Bengaluru, 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) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, 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 (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Environment Education (CEE), 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 Centre.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Notification No. S.O. 2236 (E), dated the 1st June, 2018, publishing the Cauvery Water Management Scheme, 2018, under sub-section (7) of Section 6A of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956.

5.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Betwa River Board Act, 1976:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Betwa River Board (BRB), Jhansi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(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) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management (NERIWALM), Tezpur, Assam, 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 (i) (a) above.

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee, Uttarakhand, 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 (ii) (a) above.

(iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation) and the WAPCOS Limited, for the year 2018-19.

(iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation) and the National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC), for the year 2018-19.

7. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Shipping, under sub-section (4) of Section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

(1) G.S.R. 351 (E), dated the 9th April, 2018 publishing the Mumbai Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.

(2) G.S.R. 519 (E), dated the 1st June, 2018, publishing the Tuticorin Port Trust (Issue of Entry Permit for Vehicles/Equipments/Persons) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

8. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under sub-section (4) of Section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, along with Explanatory Memorandum and delay statement:—

- (1) G.S.R. 1482 (E), dated the 7th December, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Eighteenth Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (2) G.S.R. 1483 (E), dated the 7th December, 2017, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Seventeenth Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (3) G.S.R. 178 (E), dated the 20th February, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (First Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (4) G.S.R. 201 (E), dated the 5th March, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Second Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (5) G.S.R. 243 (E), dated the 20th March, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (6) G.S.R. 367 (E), dated the 13th April, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (7) G.S.R. 368(E), dated the 13th April, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (8) G.S.R. 454 (E), dated the 15th May, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (9) G.S.R. 490 (E), dated the 25th May, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (10) G.S.R. 518 (E), dated the 1st June, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (11) G.S.R. 527 (E), dated the 6th June, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2018.

9.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 24 of the Inland Waterways Authority of India Act, 1985:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh, 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.

10. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Shipping), and the Kamarajar Port Limited, for the year 2018-19.

11. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:-

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence) and the Bharat Electronics Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and the BEL Optronics Devices Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence) and the Goa Shipyard Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence) and the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence) and the Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (vi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence) and the Hindustan Shipyard Limited, for the year 2018-19.

11-04 a.m.

3. Announcement by the Chair

The Chairman made an announcement regarding launch of a secure, web-based facility, e-Notices application to allow Members to submit various Parliamentary Notices online, from any location. The existing system of giving physical notices, in Notice Office however, would also continue.

11-06 a.m.

4. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development

Shri K. C. Ramamurthy laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development on Action Taken by the Government on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

11-07 a.m.

5. Statements by Minister

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Earth Sciences and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, laid on the Table, the following statements (in English and Hindi) regarding:—

- (i) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Ninety-fourth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Earth Sciences;
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Tenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2018-19) pertaining to the Department of Science and Technology; and
- (iii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Fifteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2018-19) pertaining to the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

◇ 11-10 a.m.

6. Matters raised with Permission

1. Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth raised a matter regarding need to rescue farmers from debt trap and secure fair prices for their produce.

11-14 a.m.

2. Shri Anand Sharma raised a matter regarding misuse of Central Agencies by the Government against political leaders and Senior Civil Servants.

◊ 11-19 a.m.

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

12-00 Noon

7. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 46 to 54 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (55 to 60) were laid on the Table.

8. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 481 to 640 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

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

2-00 p.m.

9. Government Bills — Deferred/Passed/Under Consideration

(i) The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment) Bill, 2018, as passed by Lok Sabha

Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Culture and Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, moved the motion for consideration of the Bill. At

◇ From 11-08 a.m. to 11-10 a.m., some points were raised.

◊ From 11-17 a.m. to 11-19 a.m., some points were raised.

this stage, some Members demanded for reference of this Bill to a Select Committee of Rajya Sabha.

The following Members spoke in the matter:—

2-02 p.m.	1.	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, <i>Leader of the Opposition</i>
2-03 p.m.	2.	Shri Jairam Ramesh
2-04 p.m.	3.	Shri Vijay Goel, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation</i>
♦2-09 p.m.	4.	Shri Bhupender Yadav
2-10 p.m.	5.	Shri Anand Sharma
2-11 p.m.	6.	Shrimati Ambika Soni
2-12 p.m.	7.	Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav
ĉ2-24 p.m.	8.	Shri Swapan Dasgupta
2-25 p.m.	9.	Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati

2-27 p.m.

On suggestions from Members and agreed to by the House, the consideration of the Bill was deferred.

2-28 p.m.

(ii) The Specific Relief (Amendment) Bill, 2018, as passed by Lok Sabha

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, moved the motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-32 p.m.	1.	Shri Surendra Singh Nagar
2-38 p.m.	2.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
2-41 p.m.	3.	Shri Harivansh
2-43 p.m.	4.	Shri K. Somaprasad
2-45 p.m.	5.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
2-48 p.m.	6.	Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta

♦ From 2-05 p.m. to 2-09 p.m., some points were raised.

ĉ From 2-13 p.m. to 2-24 p.m., some points were raised.

2-51 p.m.	7.	Shri P. Bhattacharya
2-56 p.m.	8.	Shrimati Viplove Thakur
2-57 p.m.	9.	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray

2-59 p.m.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad replied to the discussion.

3-13 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 14 were adopted.

Clause 1, the Enacting formula and the Title were adopted.

3-15 p.m.

The motion moved by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad that the Bill be passed was adopted and the Bill was passed.

3-16 p.m.

(iii) The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha and as reported by the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

3-21 p.m.	1.	Shri B.K. Hariprasad
3-34 p.m.	2.	Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe
3-55 p.m.	3.	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
4-08 p.m.	4.	Shri Manish Gupta
4-20 p.m.	5.	Shri Pratap Keshari Deb
4-28 p.m.	6.	Shri Harivansh
4-37 p.m.	7.	Shri Elamaram Kareem
^ø 4-55 p.m.	8.	Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap
5-03 p.m.	9.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
5-11 p.m.	10.	Shrimati Chhaya Verma

^ø From 4-51 p.m. to 4-55 p.m., some points were raised.

5-16 p.m.	11.	Shri Amar Shankar Sable
5-30 p.m.	12.	Shri T.K. Rangarajan
5-36 p.m.	13.	Shri T.K.S. Elangovan
5-42 p.m.	14.	Dr. Vikas Mahatme
5-49 p.m.	15.	Shri Veer Singh
5-55 p.m.	16.	Shri Sanjay Singh

The discussion was not concluded.

6-05 p.m.

10. 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 23rd of July, 2018, passed the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

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

6-06 p.m.

11. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were made in the House:—

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| 1. | Shri Ram Nath Thakur | Demand for expediting the work relating to the new railway line between Samastipur and Bhagwanpur. |
| 2. | Shrimati Kahkashan Perween | Demand to reduce the rate of GST on Haj pilgrimage. |
| 3. | Shri Ajay Pratap Singh | Demand to allot 414 hectare of land to M/s SASAN Power Ltd. Mohar and Mohar Amlori, so that the coal production for power plants in Madhya Pradesh does not hinder. |
| 4. | Dr. V. Maitreyan | Demand to expedite the doubling of the railway line between Thanjavur and Villupuram section Tiruchirapalli division of Southern Railway. |

5. Shri B.K. Hariprasad Concern over compromising sovereignty of the country by signing agreements viz., COMCASA, BECA and LEMOA with US.
6. Shri A.K. Selvaraj Demand to restore the post-matric scholarship scheme for SC/ST students and also expedite the release of arrears under the Scheme to the State Government of Tamil Nadu.

(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, and willfully obstructed the proceedings of the House, the Chair adjourned the House at 11-19 a.m.:—

1. Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar
2. Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi
3. Shri T.G. Venkatesh

6-16 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 24th July, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General