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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 25th July, 2018

11-00 a.m.

1. 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 Petroleum and Natural Gas, under Section 62 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006:—

- (1) PNGRB/Monitoring/QS/CGD/01, dated the 20th March, 2018, publishing the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Code of Practice for Quality of Service for City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (2) F. No. S. Admn/II/XI/2012, dated the 26th March, 2018, publishing the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Appointment of Consultants) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (3) F. No. PNGRB/M(C)/48, dated the 26th March, 2018, publishing the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Imbalance Management Services) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (4) F. No. PNGRB/Auth./CGD/Amd/2018, dated the 6th April, 2018, publishing the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Amendment Regulations, 2018.

- (5) F. No. PNGRB/Auth./CGD/Amd/2018/2, dated the 27th April, 2018, publishing the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorising Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Amendment Regulations, 2018.

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), for the year 2018-19.

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

- (a) Financial Estimates and Performance Budget of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), New Delhi, for the year 2018-19, under Section 36 of the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.
- (b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above.

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

- (a) Fifty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), Hyderabad, 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.

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the NMDC Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the MOIL Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the MSTC Limited, for the year 2018-19.

- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the MECON Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the KIOCL Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (vi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), for the year 2018-19.
- (vii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), for the year 2018-19.

6. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, framed under sub-section (1) of Section 6 of the Anand Marriage Act, 1909, along with delay statement:—

- (1) No. ADM/LAW/29/2017/1747, dated the 7th September, 2017, publishing the Dadra & Nagar Haveli Anand Marriages Registration Rules, 2017.
- (2) No. 266/2017/F. No. 27-4/2014-Rev, dated the 6th November, 2017, publishing the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Anand Marriages Registration Rules, 2017.

7. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. G.S.R. 256 (E), dated the 21st March, 2018, publishing the Enemy Property (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under sub-section (3) of Section 23 of the Enemy Property Act, 1968.

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

- (a) Annual Accounts of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (4) of Section 34 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
- (b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

9. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. G.S.R. 78, dated the 17th March, 2018, publishing the National Fire Service College, Nagpur, (Laboratory Technician Grade-I) Recruitment Rules, 2018, framed under Article 309 of the Constitution of India.

10. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, issued under sub-clause (2) of Clause 2 of the Foreigners Order No. 1948 and the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950:—

- (1) S.O. 2389 (E), dated the 12th June, 2018, designating Kannur Airport of Kerala State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.
- (2) S.O. 2391 (E), dated the 12th June, 2018, designating Moreh Land Check Post in Tengnoupal District of Manipur State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.
- (3) S.O. 2393 (E), dated the 12th June, 2018, designating Surat Airport of Gujarat State as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.

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

- (a) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Civil Aviation) and the Airports Authority of India, for the year 2018-19.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Memorandum of Understanding.

12. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Textiles, under Section 13B of the Central Silk Board Act, 1948:—

- (1) S.O. 1771 (E), dated the 26th April, 2018, notifying the election of Shri Neeraj Shekhar and Shrimati Sampatiya Uikey, Members of Rajya Sabha, to serve as Members of the Central Silk Board for a period of three years from the date of the notification.

- (2) S.O. 2184 (E), dated the 30th May, 2018, notifying the nomination of certain person to serve as Member of the Central Silk Board for a period of three years from the dates mentioned therein.
- (3) S.O. 2930 (E), dated the 15th June, 2018, notifying the nomination of certain person to serve as Member of the Central Silk Board for a period of three years from the date of the notification.
- (4) S.O. 2352 (E), dated the 8th June, 2018, notifying the minimum quality standards and conditions for notified kind or varieties of silkworm seed as mentioned therein.

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Textiles) and the Cotton Corporation of India Limited, for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Textiles) and the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) Limited, for the year 2018-19.

14. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) and the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), for the year 2018-19.

11-02 a.m.

2. Message from Lok Sabha — Reported

Secretary-General reported to the House, a message from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 24th of July, 2018, agreed without any amendment to the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2018, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 19th July, 2018.

11-03 a.m.

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

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav 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-second Report on action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Forty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the Subject "Implementation of Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure" of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries; and
- (ii) Fifty-third Report on the Subject "Scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture - An Analysis" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries).

4. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel

Shri Ram Vichar Netam laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Action Taken Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel (2017-18): —

- (i) Statement showing Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I of the Thirty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Twenty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on "Science & Technology/Research & Development in Mining Sector" of the Ministry of Mines;
- (ii) Statement showing Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I of the Thirty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Twenty-ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on "Demands for Grants (2017-18)" of the Ministry of Steel;

- (iii) Statement showing Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I of the Thirty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Twenty-eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on “Demands for Grants (2017-18)” of the Ministry of Mines;
- (iv) Statement showing Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapters I and V of the Thirty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Twenty-seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on “Demands for Grants (2017-18)” of the Ministry of Coal; and
- (v) Statement showing Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I of the Forty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in Thirty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on “Skill Development in Mining Sector” of the Ministry of Mines.

5. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas

Shri A. Vijayakumar laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas (2017-18) on the subject ‘Safety, Security and Environmental Aspects in Petroleum Sector’.

11-04 a.m.

6. Leave of Absence

Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy (Andhra Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 18th of July to 10th of August, 2018, during the current (246th) Session.

11-05 a.m.

7. Statements by Ministers

1. Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, laid on the Table, the following statements (in English and Hindi) regarding:—

- (i) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-Seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel on "Physical and Financial Performance of Steel Authority of India Limited and Mecon Limited" pertaining to the Ministry of Steel; and
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-Eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel on Demands for Grants (2018-19), pertaining to the Ministry of Steel.

2. Shri Kiren Rijiju, 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 contained in the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on "Devastation caused by Natural Disaster, Hudhud Cyclone in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha".

3. 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, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Fortieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on Demands for Grants (2018-19) (Demand No. 11), pertaining to the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

11-06 a.m.

8. Motion for election to the Tea Board

A motion for election of one Member to the Tea Board was moved and adopted.

*11-15 a.m.

9. Matters raised with Permission

1. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad raised a matter regarding compensation for land acquisition on Jhansi Khajuraho highway.

11-18 a.m.

2. Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding need to withdraw the decision to sell the Bengal Chemicals.

11-19 a.m.

3. Dr. Narendra Jadhav raised a matter regarding threat to India's national security on account of Chinese MNCs.

11-22 a.m.

4. Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to include public funded 'Centers of Excellence' in the list of 'Institutions of Eminence'.

11-25 a.m.

5. Shri Madhusudan Mistry raised a matter regarding regularisation of forest land to cultivators.

11-28 a.m.

6. Shri Subhasish Chakraborty raised a matter regarding transfer of funds to West Bengal Government.

11-30 a.m.

7. Kumari Selja raised a matter regarding increasing incidents of atrocities against women.

Shrimati Jaya Bachchan also spoke.

11-37 a.m.

8. Shri Digvijaya Singh raised a matter regarding environmental concerns related to Narmada River.

* From 11-07 a.m. to 11-15 a.m., some points were raised.

11-42 a.m.

9. Shri Binoy Viswam raised a matter regarding situation arising out of continuous rains in the State of Kerala.

11-44 a.m.

10. Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar raised a matter regarding need for an urgent review of environmental regulations in Cities and States.

11-47 a.m.

11. Shri K.C. Ramamurthy raised a matter regarding non-functioning of Gandhi chairs in various institutions.

11-49 a.m.

12. Dr. Sanjay Singh raised a matter regarding National Register of citizens in Assam.

Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, responded.

11-53 a.m.

13. Shri Prasanna Acharya raised a matter regarding non- payment of insurance claim for crop loss in Odisha.

11-55 a.m.

14. Shri Derek O' Brien raised a matter regarding need to include Corporate Social Responsibility Fund in the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

11-56 a.m.

15. Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar raised a matter regarding need to establish a High Court bench in Meerut (Uttar Pradesh).

11-58 a.m.

16. Sardar Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa raised a matter regarding condition of Hindus and Sikhs of Afghanistan residing in India.

12-00 Noon

10. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 76 to 82 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (83 to 90) were laid on the Table.

11. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 801 to 960 were laid on the Table.

12-59 p.m.

12. Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee

The Chairman announced the recommendations made by the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 25th of July, 2018.

1-01 p.m.

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

2-01 p.m.

13. Government Bill — Passed

The Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018, as passed by Lok Sabha

Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways, Minister of Coal, Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs, moved the motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

° 2-12 p.m.	1.	Shri Vivek K. Tankha
♦ 2-37 p.m.	2.	Shri Bhupender Yadav
2-58 p.m.	3.	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray
3-08 p.m.	4.	Shri Neeraj Shekhar
3-19 p.m.	5.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
3-25 p.m.	6.	Shri Prasanna Acharya
3-30 p.m.	7.	Shri Harivansh

° From 2-10 p.m. to 2-12 p.m., some points were raised.

♦ From 2-26 p.m. to 2-32 p.m., some points were raised.

3-40 p.m.	8.	Shri Elamaram Kareem
3-46 p.m.	9.	Dr. Narendra Jadhav
3-51 p.m.	10.	Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda
3-59 p.m.	11.	Shri Anil Desai
4-05 p.m.	12.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
4-12 p.m.	13.	Mahant Shambhuprasadji Tundiya
4-23 p.m.	14.	Shri Binoy Viswam
4-38 p.m.	15.	Shri P.L. Punia
4-50 p.m.	16.	Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav
4-57 p.m.	17.	Shri Majeed Memon
5-05 p.m.	18.	Shri Veer Singh
5-09 p.m.	19.	Shri Sanjay Singh
5-14 p.m.	20.	Shri Jose K. Mani

5-19 p.m.

Shri Piyush Goyal replied to the discussion.

5-40 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 26 and the Schedule were adopted.

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

5-46 p.m.

The motion moved by Shri Piyush Goyal that the Bill be passed was adopted and the Bill was passed.

[∞]5-52 p.m.

14. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were laid on the Table:—

1. Shrimati Wansuk Syiem Demand to clean up governance at the Northeast Indira Gandhi Regional Institute for Health and Medical Sciences.
2. Shri Kailash Soni Demand to get the proposed ₹ 1425 crore for electrification in the Madhya Pradesh released at the earliest.

[∞] From 5-47 p.m. to 5-52 p.m., some points were raised.

3. Shri Tiruchi Siva Demand to grant Statehood to Puducherry immediately.
4. Shri T. Rathinavel Demand to expedite the release of ₹ 5600 crores of unsettled IGST to the Government of Tamil Nadu.
5. Shri D. Raja Demand to urge the Government to direct the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation to immediately grant funds for inter-caste marriages to the applicants waiting since 2016.
6. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy Demand to quicken the process of establishment of Tribal University at Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh.
7. Shri Jose K. Mani Demand to curb persecution of minority community institutions on frivolous and untenable grounds.
8. Shrimati Chhaya Verma Demand to offer opportunities to labourers for at least 52 days work along with timely payment of their wages under the MGNREGA scheme.

5-54 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 26th July, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General