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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on  
the 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**

11-00 a.m.

**1. Reference by the Chair**

The Chairman made a reference on the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kargil Vijay Diwas.

11-01 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 papers:—

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Atomic Energy) and the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Atomic Energy) and the Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI), for the year 2018-19.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Atomic Energy) and the Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), for the year 2018-19.
- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Atomic Energy) and the Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL), for the year 2018-19.

- (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Atomic Energy) and the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), for the year 2018-19.

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities) Notification No. G.S.R. 410 (E), dated the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, publishing the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under Section 36 of the National Trust for the Welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Shri Hanuman Prasad Poddar Andh Vidyalaya, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2010-11, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.  
 (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Vidyalaya.  
 (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 Association for the Blind, Delhi, 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 (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Voluntary Organization of Rural Development Society (Navajeevan Residential Special School for the Deaf), Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, for the year 2011-12, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.  
 (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Organization.  
 (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.

- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Voluntary Organization of Rural Development Society (Navajeevan Residential Special School for the Deaf), Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, for the year 2013-14, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Organization.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Parents's Association for the Welfare of the Mentally Handicapped Persons (PAWMENCAP), Hyderabad, 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 Association.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (v) (a) above.
- (vi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India [Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment] and the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), for the year 2018-19.

11-02 a.m.

### **3. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce**

Shri Naresh Gujral presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce:—

- (i) 143<sup>rd</sup> Report on Action Taken by Government on the Recommendations/ Observations of the Committee contained in its 137<sup>th</sup> Report on "Trade with Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)";
- (ii) 144<sup>th</sup> Report on Action Taken by Government on the Recommendations/ Observations of the Committee contained in

its 139<sup>th</sup> Report on 'Impact of Good and Services Tax (GST) on Exports'; and

(iii) 145<sup>th</sup> Report on 'Impact of Chinese Goods on Indian Industry'.

#### **4. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour**

Shri Ram Narain Dudi laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Thirty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on 'The Employees' State Insurance Corporation - Coverage of Establishments, Recovery of Arrears and Functioning of the Hospitals and Dispensaries under the Scheme' pertaining to the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

11-03 a.m.

#### **5. Statement by Minister**

Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning and Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixtieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2018-19), pertaining to the Ministry of Planning.

11-04 a.m.

#### **6. Observation by the Chair**

The Chairman made the following observation:—

"Hon'ble Members may recall that yesterday on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, while taking up the clause by clause consideration of the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018, Shri Anand Sharma and some other Members raised an objection that the amendments proposed by Shri Elamaram Kareem, Member, to the Bill were not circulated to the Members. I have made an inquiry and found that the amendments proposed by Shri Kareem were received in the Secretariat on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 only and the same were circulated to Members in the morning of 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 along with other Parliamentary papers. Similarly, amendments proposed by Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad, Member, were received on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018 and circulated to Member on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2018."

11-05 a.m.

**7. Matters raised with Permission**

1. Shri Shwait Malik raised a matter regarding delay in the execution of Amritsar-Ferozpur railway link.

11-08 a.m.

2. Shri Ram Nath Thakur raised a matter regarding need to provide flood and drought relief to the affected State of Bihar.

11-09 a.m.

3. Shri P. Bhattacharya raised a matter regarding environmental pollution in the country.

11-12 a.m.

4. Ms. Dola Sen raised a matter regarding plight of tea garden workers in West Bengal.

11-15 a.m.

5. Shri Ram Chandra Prasad Singh raised a matter regarding adverse impact of indigo plantation on soil fertility.

11-17 a.m.

6. Shri K.G. Kenye raised a matter regarding food adulteration.

11-20 a.m.

7. Shri K. Somaprasad raised a matter regarding shortage of loco-pilots and assistant loco-pilots in Kerala.

11-22 a.m.

8. Shri Ram Vichar Netam raised a matter regarding increasing menace of elephants in Surguja District of Chhattisgarh.

11-26 a.m.

9. Dr. Vikas Mahatme raised a matter regarding need to grant SC status for *Dhangar* community in Maharashtra.

11-28 a.m.

10. Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding need to increase minimum working age of young girls from 14 years to 18 years.

11-30 a.m.

11. Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe raised a matter regarding Satellite cities and their problems.

11-33 a.m.

12. Shri Bhupender Yadav raised a matter regarding drinking water crisis in the country.

11-36 a.m.

13. Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda raised a matter regarding strike declared by the All India Motor Transport Congress.

<sup>^</sup>14. Shrimati Chhaya Verma raised a matter regarding rehabilitation of farmers affected by land acquisition for Lara Power Project in Chhattisgarh.

©11-39 a.m.

## 8. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were made in the House:—

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| 1. Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya     | Demand to take action against the industrial units and urban authorities in Punjab responsible for allowing polluted water to flow into the Harike Barrage which is the main source of water supply to Rajasthan. |
| 2. Shri Rathwa Naranbhai Jemlabhai | Demand to complete the pending railways project in tribal areas of Gujarat and provide necessary financial resources for that purpose.  |
| 3. Shri Sanjay Singh               | Demand to recruit the Shiksha Mitras on the post of Assistant Teacher in Uttar Pradesh.   |

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<sup>^</sup> At 11-59 a.m.

© From 11-38 a.m. to 11-39 a.m., some points were raised.

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| 4. Shri Prasanna Acharya       | Demand for the establishment of Permanent Bench of Odisha High Court in Western Odisha.  |
| 5. Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth | Demand to upgrade the ESIC Hospital in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu to 100 bedded along with filling up the vacancies in it on a war footing. |
| 6. Shri P.L. Punia             | Demand to immediately release outstanding amount of honorarium of workers engaged in Saakshar Bharat programme.                          |
| 7. Shri Rewati Raman Singh     | Demand to protect river Ganga and its origin place, the Himalayas from destruction due to Global warming and man-made activities.        |
| 8. Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav     | Demand to re-name the Azamgarh Railway Station after the name of the great urdu poet Kaifi Azmi.   |
| 9. Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda     | Demand for enforcement of the rights of Transgenders.  |

<sup>^</sup>12-00 Noon

### 9. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 91 to 97, 103 and 105 were orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Questions (98 to 102 and 104) were laid on the Table.

### 10. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 961 to 972 and 974 to 1120 were laid on the Table.

1-00 p.m.

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

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<sup>^</sup> From 11-59 a.m. to 12-00 Noon, see item at Sl. No. 7(14).

2-00 p.m.

### **11. Calling Attention to Matter of Urgent Public Importance**

Shri V. Muraleedharan called the attention of the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology on the misuse of social media platforms to spread rumours and fake news leading to rising incidents of violence and lynching in the country.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, made a statement.

Thereafter, some Members sought clarifications on the statement.

3-24 p.m.

### **12. Government Bills — Deferred/Passed/Under Consideration**

#### **(i) The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities (Amendment) Bill, 2018**

Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, moved the motion for consideration of the Bill.

<sup>c</sup>3-57 p.m.

As suggested by some Members and agreed to by the House, the consideration of the Bill was deferred.

3-58 p.m.

#### **(ii) The Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2018, as passed by Lok Sabha**

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

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

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| 4-03 p.m. | 1. | Shri Madhusudan Mistry |
| 4-11 p.m. | 2. | Shri Mahesh Poddar     |

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<sup>c</sup> From 3-27 p.m. to 3-57 p.m., some points were raised.



4-22 p.m.	3.	Shri Sanjay Seth
4-29 p.m.	4.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
4-32 p.m.	5.	Shri Manish Gupta
4-39 p.m.	6.	Shri Ram Chandra Prasad Singh
4-42 p.m.	7.	Shri K. Somaprasad
4-47 p.m.	8.	Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap
4-50 p.m.	9.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
4-52 p.m.	10.	Shri K.C. Ramamurthy
5-01 p.m.	11.	Dr. Ashok Bajpai
5-05 p.m.	12.	Shrimati Vandana Chavan
5-07 p.m.	13.	Shri Veer Singh
5-11 p.m.	14.	Shri Binoy Viswam
5-16 p.m.	15.	Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta

5-21 p.m.

Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla replied to the discussion.

5-26 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses 2 and 3 were adopted.

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

5-28 p.m.

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

5-29 p.m.

**(iii) The National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018, as passed by Lok Sabha**

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development, moved the motion for consideration of the Bill.

5-32 p.m.

Dr. D.P. Vats took part in the discussion.

The discussion was not concluded.

5-52 p.m.

**13. 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 26<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018, passed the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018.

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

5-53 p.m.

**14. Cancellation of Sitting of Rajya Sabha**

The Chairman informed the House that the sitting of the Rajya Sabha scheduled for Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, stands cancelled on account of Guru Purnima.

5-54 p.m.

**15. Government Bill — Referred to Select Committee**

**The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment) Bill, 2018.**

Shri Vijay Goel, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, moved the following motion:—

“That the Bill further to amend the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, as passed by Lok Sabha, be referred to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha consisting of the following Members:—

- 1) Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde
- 2) Shrimati Ambika Soni
- 3) Dr. Banda Prakash
- 4) Shri Binoy Viswam
- 5) Shri Biswajit Daimary
- 6) Shri Hishey Lachungpa
- 7) Shri Jairam Ramesh
- 8) Shrimati Jaya Bachchan
- 9) Shrimati Kakhshan Perween

- 10) Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar
- 11) Shri K. K. Ragesh
- 12) Shri Madhusudan Mistry
- 13) Shri Manish Gupta
- 14) Shri Narain Dass Gupta
- 15) Dr.Narendra Jadhav
- 16) Shri Naresh Gujral
- 17) Shri N. Gokulakrishnan
- 18) Shri Parimal Nathwani
- 19) Shri Prasanna Acharya
- 20) Shri Prem Chand Gupta
- 21) Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap
- 22) Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati
- 23) Shri Sanjay Raut
- 24) Ms. Saroj Pandey
- 25) Shri Satish Chandra Misra
- 26) Dr. Subramanian Swamy
- 27) Shri Swapan Dasgupta
- 28) Shri Tiruchi Siva.

The Committee shall fulfill its task and report to the Rajya Sabha before the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, 2018 and if needed, extension of time be granted”.

5-55 p.m.

The motion was adopted.

5-56 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General*