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Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 2nd January, 2019

11-00 a.m.

1. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. 609 (E), dated the 5th July, 2018, publishing the Border Security Force, Air Wing Officers (Group 'A' Combatised posts) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under sub-section (3) of Section 141 of the Border Security Force Act, 1968.

2. 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) F. No. PNGRB/Auth./CGD/Amd/2018/3, dated the 9th November, 2018, publishing the “Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorising Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) third Amendment Regulations, 2018”.
- (2) F. No. PNGRB/Auth./CGD/Amd/2018/4, dated the 26th November, 2018, publishing the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Fourth Amendment Regulations, 2018.

- (3) F. No. INFRA/T4S/SC-6/4/18, dated the 26th November, 2018, publishing “the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Retail Outlets dispensing Petroleum, Auto LPG and CNG) Regulations, 2018”.

3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013:—

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the GAIL (India) Limited, New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.
- (ii) (a) Fourteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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

- (a) Annual Report of the Society for Petroleum Laboratory (SFPL), Noida, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2017-18.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Notification No. G.S.R. 1125 (E), dated the 16th November, 2018, publishing the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Central (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under sub-section (3) of Section 35 of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.

6. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Notification No. G.S.R. 1126 (E), dated the 15th November, 2018, publishing the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Central (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under sub-section (3) of Section 35 of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979.

7. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Notification No. G.S.R. 828 (E), dated the 4th September, 2018, publishing the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Central (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under sub-section (3) of Section 62 of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996.

8. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Notification No. G.S.R. 1182 (E), dated the 7th December, 2018, publishing the Employees' Provident Funds (Amendment) Scheme, 2018, under sub-section (2) of Section 7 of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

9. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 36 of the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.

10. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section 1 (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013:—

- (a) Sixty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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

- (a) Annual Report of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Mumbai, for the year 2017-18.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Mumbai, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

12.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of Section 20 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993:—

- (a) Annual Report of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
- (b) Memorandum of Action Taken on the recommendations contained in the above Report.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

13. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-section (4) of Section 18 of the Citizenship Act, 1955:—

- (1) G.S.R. 722 (E), dated the 30th July, 2018, publishing the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Amendment Rules, 2018.
- (2) G.S.R. 1049 (E), dated the 22nd October, 2018, publishing the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (3) G.S.R. 1158 (E), dated the 3rd December, 2018, publishing the Citizenship (Second) Amendment Rules, 2018.

14. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. G.S.R. 1121 (E), dated the 16th November, 2018, publishing the Central Reserve Police Force, Assistant Sub Inspector (Steno) and Head Constable (Ministerial) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2018, under sub-section (3) of Section 18 of the Central Reserve Police Force Act, 1949.

15. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-section (3) of Section 154 of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force Act, 1992:-

- (1) G.S.R. 531 (E), dated the 7th June, 2018, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Engineering Cadre, Group 'A' Post, Recruitment Rules, 2018.

- (2) G.S.R. 591 (E), dated the 28th June, 2018, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Constable (Water Carrier, Safai Karamchari, Cook, Washerman and Barber), Group 'C' Posts Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (3) G.S.R. 619 (E), dated the 9th July, 2018, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Combatant (Ministerial Cadre and Stenographer Cadre), Group 'C' Posts Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (4) G.S.R. 655 (E), dated the 18th July, 2018, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, General Duty Cadre (Group 'A' Posts) Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (5) G.S.R. 739 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2018, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Education and Stress Counsellor Cadre, Group 'C' Posts, Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (6) G.S.R. 1018 (E), dated the 10th October, 2018, publishing Corrigendum to Notification No. G.S.R. 655 (E), dated the 17th July, 2018 published in the Gazette of India, dated the 18th July, 2018.
- (7) G.S.R. 1015 (E), dated the 10th October, 2018, publishing the Ministry of Home Affairs Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Tailor, Cobbler and Gardener Cadre, Group 'B' and Group 'C' Posts Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (8) G.S.R. 1016 (E), dated the 10th October, 2018, publishing the Ministry of Home Affairs, Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Deputy Commandant (Official Language) and Assistant Commandant (Official Language), Group 'A' Posts, Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (9) G.S.R. 1017 (E), dated the 10th October, 2018, publishing the Ministry of Home Affairs, Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Head Constable and Constable Animal Transport Cadre (Group 'C' post) Recruitment Rules, 2018.

- (10) G.S.R. 1014 (E), dated the 10th October, 2018, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Hindi Translator, Group 'B' Posts Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (11) G.S.R. 1099 (E), dated the 12th November, 2018, publishing the Ministry of Home Affairs, Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Animal Transport Cadre, Group 'A' (Gazetted) and Group 'B' (Non-Gazetted) Posts, Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (12) G.S.R. 1112 (E), dated the 14th November, 2018, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Telecommunication Cadre (Group 'A' posts) Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (13) G.S.R. 1113 (E), dated the 14th November, 2018, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Transport Cadre (Group 'A' posts) Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (14) G.S.R. 1114 (E), dated the 14th November, 2018, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Electronic Data Processing Cadre (Group 'A' posts) Recruitment Rules, 2018.

16. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under article 309 of the Constitution:—

- (1) G.S.R. 206, dated the 7th July, 2018, publishing the National Fire Service College, Nagpur (Senior Instructor) Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (2) G.S.R. 313, dated the 29th September, 2018 publishing the National Fire Service College, Nagpur, Artist-cum-Draughtsman Recruitment Rules, 2018.

17. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-section (3) of Section 155 of Sashastra Seema Bal Act, 2007:—

- (1) G.S.R. 220, dated July 15 - July 21, 2018 (weekly Gazette), publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal (Combatised Engineering Cadre Group 'C' Posts Recruitment Rules, 2018 alongwith delay statement.

- (2) G.S.R. 283, dated the 1st September, 2018 publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Group 'C' Combatised (Non-Gazetted) Para-Veterinary Posts Recruitment Rules, 2018.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT), Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 (b) Performance Review of the above Institute, for the year 2017-18.
- (ii) (a) Eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Haryana, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 (b) Performance Review of the above Institute, for the year 2017-18.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Meat and Poultry Processing Board (NMPPB), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

19. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Notification F. No. AAI/OPS/707/GHR-2018, dated the 30th October, 2018, publishing the Airports Authority of India (Ground Handling Services) Regulations, 2018, under Section 43 of the Airports Authority of India Act, 1994.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Aero Club of India (ACI), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

21. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Textiles, Notification F. No. 1205(1)/NIFT/Estt./HO/Ordinances/2017, dated the 5th April, 2018, publishing the National Institute of Fashion Technology Ordinances, 2017, under sub-section (2) of Section 34 of the National Institute of Fashion Technology Act, 2006, along with delay statement.

22. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013:—

- (i) (a) Forty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Jute Corporation of India Limited, (JCI), Kolkata, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
- (ii) (a) Thirty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC), Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
- (iii) (a) Forty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Limited (CCIC), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

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

- (i) (a) Thirty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (ii) (a) Thirty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (iv) (a) Forty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), Chennai, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Wool Development Board (CWDB), Jodhpur, Rajasthan, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.
- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wool Industry Export Promotion Council (WOOLTEXPRO), Mumbai, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (vii) (a) Fifty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Wool Research Association (WRA), Thane, Maharashtra, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.
- (viii) (a) Fifty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council (W&WEPC), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (ix) (a) Sixty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC), Mumbai, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

- (x) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Ahmedabad Textile Industry's Research Association (ATIRA), Ahmedabad, Gujarat, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.
- (xi) (a) Thirty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (xii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Jute Industries' Research Association (IJIRA), Kolkata, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.

24. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion), under Section 40 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016:—

- (1) S.O. 5243 (E), dated the 12th October, 2018, publishing the Bureau of Indian Standards Kitchen Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2018.
- (2) S.O. 5244 (E), dated the 12th October, 2018, publishing the Bureau of Indian Standards Domestic Water for Use with Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Quality Control) Order, 2018.

25. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce), under sub-section (3) of Section 35 of the Footwear Design and Development Institute Act, 2017:—

- (1) G.S.R. 841 (E), dated the 6th September, 2018, publishing the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Footwear Design and Development Institute, Managing Director Recruitment Rules, 2018.
- (2) G.S.R. 842 (E), dated the 6th September, 2018, publishing the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Footwear Design and Development Institute, Secretary Recruitment Rules, 2018.

- (3) G.S.R. 843 (E), dated the 6th September, 2018, publishing the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Footwear Design and Development Institute, Executive Director Recruitment Rules, 2018.

26. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce), Notification No. S.O. 3867 (E), dated the 4th August, 2018, authorizing the Tobacco Board to admit, from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette and upto the 31st October, 2018 the registered traders and dealers of the Tobacco Board to purchase at its auction platforms in the State of Andhra Pradesh, the excess flue cured Virginia tobacco produced by the registered growers and flue cured Virginia tobacco produced by unregistered growers in the State of Andhra Pradesh, subject to the conditions mention therein, issued under Section 20A read with sub-section (2) of Section 8 of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975.

27. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce), Notification No. S.O. 3868 (E), dated the 4th August, 2018, relaxing the operation of the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 10 read with sub-section (1) of Section 14A of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975 in the State of Andhra Pradesh, for the period commencing from the date of publication of the notification in the official Gazette and ending on 31st October, 2018 and permitting the sale of excess flue cured Virginia tobacco crop of the registered growers and flue cured Virginia tobacco crop of the unregistered growers at the auction platforms authorized by the Tobacco Board, issued under sub-section (1) of Section 30 read with clause (g) of sub-section (2) of Section 8 of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975.

28. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 21 and sub-section (4) of Section 18 of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act, 1985:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Authority.

29.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013:—

- (i) (a) Forty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Organisation.
- (ii) (a) Twelfth Annual Report and Accounts of the Jammu and Kashmir Development Finance Corporation Limited (JKDFC), Jammu, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (iii) (a) Forty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the PEC Limited, New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Performance Review of the above Company, for the year 2017-18.
- (iv) (a) Sixtieth Annual Report and Accounts of the ECGC Ltd.(formerly *Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited*), Mumbai, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) (ii) above.

30. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Marine Products Export Development Authority Act, 1972:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Kochi, Kerala, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Authority.

31. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 25 of the Spices Board Act, 1986:—

(a) Annual Report of the Spices Board India, Cochin, Kerala, for the year 2017-18.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Spices Board India, Cochin, Kerala, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

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

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCCBM), Ballabgarh, Haryana, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(ii) (a) Fifty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association (IRMRA), Mumbai, Maharashtra, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(iii) (a) Fifty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Basic Chemicals, Cosmetics and Dyes Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL), Mumbai, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(iv) (a) Sixtieth Annual Report and Accounts of the CAPEXIL (*formerly* Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council), Kolkata, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(v) (a) Annual Report of the Shellac and Forest Products Export Promotion Council (SHEFEXIL), Kolkata, for the year 2017-18.

- (b) Annual Accounts of the Shellac and Forest Products Export Promotional Council (SHEFEXIL), Kolkata, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (vi) (a) Sixty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Plastics Export Promotion Council (PLEXCONCIL), Mumbai, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (vii) (a) Fifty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Federation.
- (viii) (a) Sixty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the EEPC INDIA, Kolkata, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (ix) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Quality Council of India (QCI), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (x) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Productivity Council (NPC), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (xi) (a) Fifty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Mumbai, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (xii) (a) Fifty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (xiii) (a) Sixty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Cashew Export Promotion Council of India, (CEPCI), Kollam, Kerala, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (xiv) (a) Sixty-fourth Annual Report of the Tea Board India, Kolkata, for the year 2017-18.
 - (b) Sixty-fourth Annual Accounts of the Tea Board India, Kolkata, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.
- (xv) Fifty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (xvi) (a) Annual Report of the Rubber Board, Kottayam, Kerala, for the year 2017-18.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of the Rubber Board, Kottayam, Kerala, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

11-03 a.m.

2. Messages from Lok Sabha — Reported and Government Bills Laid on the Table

I. Secretary-General reported to the House, two messages from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 31st December, 2018, passed:—

- (i) the Appropriation (No.6) Bill, 2018; and
- (ii) the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

II. A copy each of the Appropriation (No.6) Bill, 2018 and the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2018, as passed by Lok Sabha, were laid on the Table.

11-04 a.m.

3. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests

Shri Anand Sharma presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests:—

- (i) 317th Report on the Action Taken by the Department on the recommendations/observations contained in Three Hundred Ninth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2018-2019) of the Department of Biotechnology;
- (ii) 318th Report on the Action Taken by the Department on the recommendations/observations contained in the Three Hundred Tenth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grant (2018-2019) of the Department of Science and Technology;
- (iii) 319th Report on the Action Taken by the Department on the recommendations/observations contained in the Three Hundred Eleventh Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2018-2019) of the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research;
- (iv) 320th Report on the Action Taken by the Department on the recommendations/observations contained in Three Hundred Twelfth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2018-2019) of the Department of Space;
- (v) 321st Report on the Action Taken by the Ministry on the recommendations/observation contained in Three Hundred Thirteenth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2018-2019) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change;
- (vi) 322nd Report on the Action Taken by the Department on the recommendations/observations contained in the Three Hundred Fourteenth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2018-2019) of the Department of Atomic Energy; and
- (vii) 323rd Report on the Action Taken by the Ministry on the recommendations/observation contained in the Three Hundred Fifteenth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2018-2019) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

4. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs

Shri Swapan Dasgupta laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs (2018-19) on the subject 'Issues relating to migrant workers including appropriate legislative framework and skill development initiatives for prospective emigrants.'

5. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology

Shri Binoy Viswam laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology (2018-19):—

- (1) Fifty-fifth Report on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Forty-seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Department of Telecommunications;
- (2) Fifty-sixth Report on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Forty-fourth Report on 'Cable TV Digitization and Interoperability of Set Top Boxes' of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;
- (3) Fifty-seventh Report on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Forty-sixth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology; and
- (4) Fifty-eighth Report on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Fifty-third Report on 'Expansion of Rural BPOs and Challenges Faced by them' of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

6. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology

Shri Binoy Viswam laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Statements showing further action taken by the Government on the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology:—

- (1) Fortieth action taken Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in their Thirty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on ‘Demands for Grants (2017-18)’ of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications);
- (2) Fifty-first action taken Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in their Forty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on ‘Demands for Grants (2018-19)’ of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;
- (3) Fifty-second action taken Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in their Forty-eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on ‘Demands for Grants (2018-19)’ of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Posts); and
- (4) Fifty-fourth action taken Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in their Forty-ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on ‘Review of Functioning of Song and Drama Division’ of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

7. Reports of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes

Shri Ram Narain Dudi laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes:—

- (i) Seventeenth Report on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Tenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on “Need for greater budgetary allocations for various welfare measures/schemes for OBCs” pertaining to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment;

- (ii) Eighteenth Report on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Twelfth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on “Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their welfare in National Highways Authority of India” pertaining to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; and
- (iii) Nineteenth Report on action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on “Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their welfare in NTPC Ltd.” pertaining to the Ministry of Power.

8. Statement of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes

Shri Ram Narain Dudi laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the following Statement showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I and Chapter V of the Eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes on the action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on ‘Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs and for their welfare in universities and other higher educational/technical institutions’ pertaining to the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

9. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers

Shri Elamaram Kareem laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers:—

- (i) Final action taken Statement on Forty-eighth action taken Report on the observations/recommendations contained in the Forty-third Report on the subject “Demand for Grants 2018-19” of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Fertilizers).

- (ii) Final action taken Statement on Fiftieth action taken Report on the observations/recommendations contained in the Forty-first Report on the subject “Freight Subsidy Policy” of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Fertilizers).

11-07 a.m.

10. Statements by Ministers

1. Shri Giriraj Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, laid on the Table, the following statements (in English and Hindi) regarding:—

- (i) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Eighty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Demands for Grants (2018-19) pertaining to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME); and
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Eighty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

2. Shri Kiren Rijju, 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 Two Hundred and Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Third Report of the Committee on 'Border Security: Capacity Building and Institutions'.

3. Shri Anantkumar Hegde, Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on Demands for Grants (2018-19) pertaining to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

11-09 a.m.

11. Motion for Election to the Coffee Board

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

11-10 a.m.

12. Observation by the Chair

The Chairman made some observations regarding the continuous disruption of the proceedings of the House and appealed to all Members and parties of the House to allow peaceful conduct of the House so that important issues could be discussed and Government Legislative Business could be disposed of, during the remaining four days of the Session.

11-16 a.m.

13. Matters raised with Permission

1. Dr. Santanu Sen raised a matter regarding concern over certain provisions of the Consumer Protection Bill, 2018.

11-18 a.m.

2. Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding privatisation of the Airports in India.

◇ 11-22 a.m.

3. Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha raised a matter regarding autonomy and independence of institutions.

11-25 a.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 11-40 a.m.

11-40 a.m.

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

◇ From 11-20 a.m. to 11-22 a.m., some points were raised.

*12-01 p.m.

14. Starred Questions

Starred Question No. 211 was orally answered. Answers to remaining Questions (212 to 225) were laid on the Table.

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 196 to 210 put down in the List of Questions for oral answers for January 1, 2019, were also laid on the Table.

15. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2241 to 2400 were laid on the Table.

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2081 to 2240 put down in the List of Questions for written answers for January 1, 2019, were also laid on the Table.

°12-09 p.m.

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

*2-06 p.m.

16. Statutory Resolution

Shri Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs, moved the following Resolution:—

" That this House approves the Proclamation issued by the President on 19th December, 2018 under article 356 of the Constitution of India in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir".

The discussion, however, could not commence.

* From 12-00 Noon to 12-01 p.m., some points were raised.

° From 12-08 p.m. to 12-09 p.m., some points were raised.

* From 2-00 p.m. to 2-06 p.m., some points were raised.

2-11 p.m.

17. **Withdrawal of Members**

The Chairman, under Rule 255 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha), directed Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan, Shri S. Muthukaruppan, Shri N. Gokulakrishnan, Shri A. K. Selvaraj, Dr. R. Lakshmanan, Dr. V. Maitreyan, Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth, Shri S. R. Balasubramoniyam, Shri A. Vijayakumar, Shri R. S. Bharathi, Shri Tiruchi Siva, Shrimati Kanimozhi and Shri T. K. S. Elangovan, to withdraw immediately from the House.

2-12 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-28 p.m.

^ø 2-29 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 3-00 p.m.

(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, displayed placards, shouted slogans and persistently and willfully obstructed the proceedings of the House, the Chair adjourned the House for the day:—

1. *Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan*
2. *Shri S. R. Balasubramoniyam*
3. *Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth*
4. *Shri S. Muthukaruppan*
5. *Dr. R. Lakshmanan*
6. *Dr. V. Maitreyan*
7. *Shri A.K. Selvaraj*
8. *Shri N. Gokulakrishnan*
9. *Shri A. Vijayakumar*
10. *Shrimati Kanimozhi*
11. *Shri Tiruchi Siva*
12. *Shri T. K. S. Elangovan*
13. *Shri R. S. Bharathi*

^ø From 2-28 p.m. to 2-29 p.m., some points were raised.

∞3-04 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 3rd January, 2019.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

∞ From 3-00 p.m. to 3-04 p.m., some points were raised.