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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on  
the 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

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 papers, under sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013:—

(i) (a) Forty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Electronics Limited (CEL), 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) Sixty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), 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.

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

(a) Thirty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Consultancy Development Centre (CDC), 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 Centre.

3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, under sub-section (3) of Section 30 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016:—

- (1) G.S.R. 766 (E), dated the 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, publishing the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018.
- (2) G.S.R. 1133 (E), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, publishing the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (Accounting Procedure) Rules, 2018.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Notification No. S.O. 6147 (E), dated the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 394 (E), dated the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1987, to insert certain entries in the original Notification, issued under clause (a) of Section of 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of Section 39 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, as amended by the Amendment Act, 1988:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), 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.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development (GBPIHED), Almora, Uttarakhand, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Annual Report and Accounts of G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development (GBPIHED), Almora, Uttarakhand, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (c) Annual Report and Accounts of G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development (GBPIHED), Almora, Uttarakhand, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

- (d) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (e) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE), Gwalior, 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 (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), 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 Laboratory.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

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

- (a) Annual Report of the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Hyderabad, for the year 2017-18.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Hyderabad, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

9. 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) Annual Report and Accounts of the WAPCOS 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) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

10. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Administration Report of the Cantonment Boards, New Delhi, for the year 2017-18.
  - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
  - (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Review by Government on the Annual Accounts of the above Institute.

11-02 a.m.

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

I. Secretary-General reported to the House, three messages from Lok Sabha informing Rajya Sabha that the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, passed:—

- (i) the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019;
- (ii) the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and;
- (iii) the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Bill, 2019.

II. A copy each of the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019, the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Bill, 2019, as passed by Lok Sabha, were laid on the Table.

11-03 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) 147th Report on Action Taken by Government on the Recommendations/ Observations of the Committee contained in its 140th Report on Demands for Grants (2018-19) of Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; and

- (ii) 148th Report on Action Taken by Government on the Recommendations/ Observations of the Committee contained in its 141st Report on Demands for Grants (2018-19) of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

#### **4. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture**

Dr. Chandrapal 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) Sixty-fourth Report on the Subject "National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal- A Performance Review" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education); and
- (ii) Sixty-fifth Report on the action taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Fifty-Eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Agriculture (2017-18) on the Subject "ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute-A Performance Review" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education).

#### **5. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture**

Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav 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 Agriculture:—

- (i) Forty-sixth Report on action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries; and
- (ii) Sixtieth Report on action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Fiftieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

## **6. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Fifty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing on Chemicals and Fertilizers on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Forty-ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Assam Gas Cracker Project' of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals).

## **7. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence**

Shri Madhusudan Mistry laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence:—

- (i) Forty-fourth Report of the Committee on Defence on 'action taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Thirty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Creation of Non-Lapsable Capital Fund Account, instead of the present system';
- (ii) Forty-fifth Report of the Committee on Defence on 'action taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Thirty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Resettlement of Ex-Servicemen';
- (iii) Forty-sixth Report of the Committee on Defence on 'action taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Fortieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Defence for the year 2018-19 on General Defence Budget, Border Roads Organisation, Indian Coast Guard, Military Engineer Services, Directorate General Defence Estates, Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Welfare of Ex-Servicemen, Defence Pensions, Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (Demand Nos. 19 and 22)';
- (iv) Forty-seventh Report of the Committee on Defence on 'action taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Forty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants of the Ministry

of Defence for the year 2018-19 on Army, Navy and Air Force (Demand No. 20)';

- (v) Forty-eighth Report of the Committee on Defence on 'action taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Forty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Defence for the year 2018-19 on Capital Outlay on Defence Services, Procurement Policy and Defence Planning (Demand No. 21)'; and
- (vi) Forty-ninth Report of the Committee on Defence on 'action taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Forty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Defence for the year 2018-19 pertaining to Revenue Budget of Ordnance Factories, Defence Research and Development Organisation, DGQA and NCC (Demand No. 20)'.

## **8. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas**

Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-sixth Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas (2017-18) on 'Safety, Security and Environmental Aspects in Petroleum Sector'.

## **9. 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-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development on the subject, 'Rain Water Harvesting in Metropolitan Cities'.

## **10. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution**

Shri Ripun Bora laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (2018-19):—

- (i) Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I and Chapter –V of the Twenty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution on action taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the Twentieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) for the year 2018-19; and
- (ii) Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I and Chapter –V of the Twenty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution on action taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the Twenty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs) for the year 2018-19.

11-07 a.m.

## **11. Report of the Joint Committee on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016**

Shri Swapan Dasgupta laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Report of the Joint Committee on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

11-08 a.m.

## **12. Leave of Absence**

(1) Dr. Tazeen Fatma (Uttar Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, 2019, during the current (247<sup>th</sup>) Session.



(2) Shri Beni Prasad Verma (Uttar Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018 to the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019, during the current (247<sup>th</sup>) Session.

(3) Dr. K. Keshava Rao (Andhra Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018 to the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019, during the current (247<sup>th</sup>) Session.

11-10 a.m.

### **13. Statements by Ministers**

1. Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Three Hundred and Third and Three Hundred and Sixth Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on Demands for Grants (2018-19) and Action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Third Report of the Committee respectively pertaining to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

2. Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary, Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Coal, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fortieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel on Demands for Grants (2018-19) pertaining to the Ministry of Coal.

3. Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of Minority Affairs, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Thirtieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

4. 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 Thirty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on 'Impact of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on Exports' pertaining to the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

11-11 a.m.

**14. Motion for Election to the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)**

A motion for election of one Member to the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) was moved and adopted.

\*11-13 a.m.

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

**15. Starred Questions**

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 256 to 270 were laid on the Table.

**16. Unstarred Questions**

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2721 to 2880 were laid on the Table.

◇2-01 p.m.

**17. Government Bills — Introduced/Withdrawn**

(1) The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill, 2019 was introduced by Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH).

(2) The National Commission for Homoeopathy Bill, 2019 was introduced by Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH).

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\* From 11-12 a.m. to 11-13 a.m., some points were raised.

◇ From 2-00 p.m. to 2-01 p.m., some points were raised.

(3) \*The Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2005 was withdrawn by Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH).

(4) %The Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2005 was withdrawn by Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH).

(5) <sup>Φ</sup>The Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2015 was withdrawn by Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH).

<sup>Φ</sup>2-05 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-20 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 Vishambhar Prasad Nishad*
2. *Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav*
3. *Shri Javed Ali Khan*
4. *Shri Neeraj Shekhar*
5. *Shri Ravi Prakash Verma*
6. *Shri Sanjay Seth*
7. *Shri Surendra Singh Nagar*
8. *Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav*
9. *Shri Md. Nadimul Haque*
10. *Ms. Dola Sen*
11. *Shrimati Shanta Chhetri*

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\* The Bill was introduced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2005.

% The Bill was introduced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2005.

<sup>Φ</sup> The Bill was introduced on the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

<sup>Φ</sup> From 2-04 p.m. to 2-05 p.m., some points were raised.

12. *Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas*
13. *Dr. Santanu Sen*
14. *Shrimati Misha Bharti*
15. *Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha*
16. *Shri Veer Singh*
17. *Shri Rajaram*
18. *Shri Ashok Siddharth*
19. *Shri Sanjay Singh*
20. *Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta*

<sup>∞</sup>2-21 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General*

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<sup>∞</sup> From 2-20 p.m. to 2-21 p.m., some points were raised.