

## RAJYA SABHA

# Parliamentary Bulletin

### PART - I

(TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVENTH SESSION)

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

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#### **Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

\*11-01 a.m.

#### **1. 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 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, passed:—

- (i) the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019; and
- (ii) the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Amendment) Bill, 2019.

II. A copy each of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Amendment) Bill, 2019, as passed by Lok Sabha, were laid on the Table.

\*11-16 a.m.

#### **2. Matters raised with Permission**

1. Shri Chunibhai Kanjibhai Gohel raised a matter regarding fishing boats and fishermen detained by Pakistan's Marine Police.

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\* From 11-00 a.m. to 11-01 a.m., some points were raised.

\* From 11-02 a.m. to 11-16 a.m., some points were raised.

◇ 11-20 a.m.

2. Shri Rajmani Patel raised a matter regarding problems arising out of stray animals and non availability of Urea.

11-22 a.m.

3. Shri K. Somaprasad raised a matter regarding closing down of ICAR-CPCRI regional station in Kerala.

11-26 a.m.

4. Shri Harnath Singh Yadav raised a matter regarding decreasing number of Hindi medium candidates in Civil Services exams.

11-29 a.m.

5. Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar raised a matter regarding Farmer's distress and agrarian crisis.

11-32 a.m.

6. Shrimati Kahkashan Perween raised a matter regarding need for financial grant to AMU Kishanganj centre.

11-33 a.m.

7. Shri A. Vijayakumar raised a matter regarding need to install National Flag at Zero Point in Kanyakumari.

11-34 a.m.

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

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◇ From 11-17 a.m. to 11-19 a.m., some points were raised; and from 11-20 a.m. to 11-21 a.m., Shri Chunibhai Kanjibhai Gohel continued his speech.

12-00 Noon

### 3. Government Bills — Introduced

1. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was introduced by Shri Jual Oram, Minister of Tribal Affairs.

2. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019 was introduced by Shri Jual Oram, Minister of Tribal Affairs.

12-02 p.m.

### 4. Government Bill — Passed

#### **The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2019, as passed by Lok Sabha**

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

12-03 p.m.

An Amendment for reference of the Bill to Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha was moved by Shrimati Kanimozhi

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

12-33 p.m. 1. Shri Prabhat Jha

12-36 p.m.

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

2-00 p.m.

### 5. Statement by Minister

On a demand made by some Members, Shri Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs, made a statement regarding the law and order situation in the North Eastern States of the country over the passing of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

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<sup>o</sup> From 12-04 p.m. to 12-22 p.m., some points were raised; from 12-22 p.m. to 12-28 p.m., Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister, continued his speech; and from 12-28 p.m. to 12-33 p.m., some points were raised.

2-12 p.m.

## **6. Ruling by the Chair**

The Deputy Chairman gave the following ruling:—

"Hon'ble Members, before the House adjourned for the lunch, Smt. Kanimozhi, Member Rajya Sabha who has moved a Motion for Reference of the Constitution (One Hundred Twenty Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2019 to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha demanded that her amendment be first put to the vote of the House before the discussion on the motion for consideration of the Bill and the amendment thereto takes place.

I would like to inform that as per well established practice, after the Motion for consideration of a Bill is moved by the Minister-in-charge of the Bill, any Member with prior notice can move an amendment for reference of that Bill to a Select Committee/Joint Committee. Thereafter both the Motion for consideration of the Bill and amendment moved thereto for reference of the Bill to the Select Committee, are taken up for discussion together. After the discussion is over, first the amendment moved by the Member for Select Committee is put up to the vote of the House. If it is carried, Motion for consideration of the Bill is not taken up but in case the Motion for Reference to the Select Committee is negative, the Motion for consideration of the Bill is taken up. I would like to give a few example in this regard.

On 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, the Motion for consideration of the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research Bill, 2011 as passed by the Lok Sabha was moved by the Minister-in-charge of the Bill. Thereafter, an amendment for reference of the said Bill to the Select Committee of the Rajya was moved by some Members. This was followed by the discussion on the motion for consideration of the Bill and the amendments moved thereto which lasted for about two and half hours. After the discussion, the reference of the Bill to the Select Committee was put to the vote of the House. As this amendment was negative, Motion for consideration of the Bill was put to the vote of the House. Similarly, the same procedure was followed in respect of number of Bills such as the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment, 2015, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Bill 1999, the Prevention of Money Laundering Bill, 1999. Thus it is the well established practice that both the Motion for consideration of the Bill and the amendments moved thereto for reference of the Bill to the Select

Committee are first taken up for discussion together before putting to the vote of the House.

Accordingly, Smt. Kanimozhi's amendment for reference of the Bill to the Select Committee will be put to the vote of the House after the discussion is over."

2-34 p.m.

The discussion on the Motion for consideration of the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2019 and the amendment moved for reference of the Bill to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha continued.

*2-34 p.m.	2.	Shri Anand Sharma
3-03 p.m.	3.	Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav
°3-32 p.m.	4.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
3-57 p.m.	5.	Shri Derek O' Brien
4-18 p.m.	6.	Shri Prasanna Acharya
4-35 p.m.	7.	Shri Ram Chandra Prasad Singh
4-48 p.m.	8.	Shri Y.S. Chowdary
4-52 p.m.	9.	Dr. Banda Prakash
5-03 p.m.	10.	Shri Elamaram Kareem
5-12 p.m.	11.	Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha
5-25 p.m.	12.	Dr. Narendra Jadhav
5-30 p.m.	13.	Shri Anil Desai
◊5-38 p.m.	14.	Shrimati Kanimozhi
°5-54 p.m.	15.	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, <i>Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology</i>
6-18 p.m.	16.	Shri Kapil Sibal
ψ6-56 p.m.	17.	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray
7-02 p.m.	18.	Shri C.M. Ramesh
7-05 p.m.	19.	Shri Naresh Gujral

\* From 2-15 p.m. to 2-32 p.m., Shri Prabhat Jha continued his speech; and From 2-32 p.m. to 2-34 p.m., some points were raised.

° From 3-11 p.m. to 3-13 p.m., some points were raised.

◊ From 5-37 p.m. to 5-38 p.m., some points were raised.

° From 5-52 p.m. to 5-54 p.m., some points were raised.

ψ From 6-55 p.m. to 6-56 p.m., some points were raised.

7-11 p.m.	20.	Shri Ramvilas Paswan, <i>Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution</i>
7-34 p.m.	21.	Shri Satish Chandra Misra
7-46 p.m.	22.	Shri Praful Patel
8-00 p.m.	23.	Kumari Selja
8-14 p.m.	24.	Shri Ajay Pratap Singh
8-24 p.m.	25.	Shri D. Raja
8-33 p.m.	26.	Shri P.L. Punia
8-44 p.m.	27.	Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi
8-46 p.m.	28.	Shri Sanjay Singh
8-54 p.m.	29.	Shri Rakesh Sinha
9-04 p.m.	30.	Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar
9-07 p.m.	31.	Shri Husain Dalwai
9-12 p.m.	32.	Shri Abdul Wahab
9-14 p.m.	33.	Shri Ramdas Athawale, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</i>
9-24 p.m.	34.	Shri T.G. Venkatesh
9-26 p.m.	35.	Shri Jose K. Mani
9-29 p.m.	36.	Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao
9-33 p.m.	37.	Shri Ahmed Patel
9-35 p.m.	38.	Shri Ritabrata Banerjee
9-38 p.m.	39.	Shri Amar Singh

9-42 p.m.

Shri Thaawaarchand Gehlot replied to the discussion.

9-54 p.m.

The amendment moved by Shrimati Kanimozhi for reference of the Bill to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha was put to the House and the House divided :—

Ayes — \*\* 18

Noes — \*\* 155

The Amendment was negatived.

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\*\* Subject to correction.

10-05 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was put to the House and the House divided —

Ayes — \*\* 149

Noes — \*\* 7

The Motion was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.

10-08 p.m.

Amendment Nos. 4 to 6 moved by Shri Elamaram Kareem to Clause 2 of the Bill were put to the House and the House divided —

Ayes — \*\* 8

Noes — \*\* 138

The Amendments were negatived.

10-13 p.m.

The question that Clause 2, which stands part of the Bill, was put to the House and the House divided —

Ayes — \*\* 150

Noes — \*\* 10

Clause 2 was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.

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10-14 p.m.

Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 moved by Shri K.K. Ragesh to Clause 3 of the Bill were put to the House and the House divided —

Ayes — \*\* 13

Noes — \*\* 152

The Amendments were negatived.

10-17 p.m.

Amendment No. 8 moved by Shri T.K. Rangarajan to Clause 3 of the Bill was put to the House and the House divided —

Ayes — \*\* 11

Noes — \*\* 150

The Amendment was negatived.

10-19 p.m.

The question that Clause 3, which stands part of the Bill, was put to the House and the House divided —

Ayes — \*\* 161

Noes — \*\* 7

Clause 3 was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.

10-20 p.m.

The question that Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title which stand part of the Bill, was put to the House and the House divided —

Ayes — \*\* 156

Noes — \*\* 9

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\*\* Subject to correction.



Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.

10-21 p.m.

The Motion moved by Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot that the Bill, be passed was put to the House and the House divided —

Ayes — \*\*165

Noes — \*\*7

The Motion was adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the House present and voting.

10-22 p.m.

The Bill was passed by the required majority.

10-23 p.m.

## 7. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were laid on the Table:—

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| 1. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad | Demand to start work on railway lines connecting Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh and Panna, Madhya Pradesh.        |
| 2. Shri Partap Singh Bajwa       | Bestowing title of "Shaheed" to honour Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev and Chandrashekhhar Azad.            |
| 3. Dr. Vikas Mahatme             | Demand to take safety measures at Sonegaon demolition centre for disposal of explosives in Maharashtra.    |
| 4. Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya    | Demand to pay attention toward problem of rising rate of unemployment, lower wages and rural-urban divide. |
| 5. Shri Binoy Viswam             | Demand to increase minimum wages to Rs. 18,000 per month.  |

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| 6. | Shrimati Wansuk Syiem | Demand to enhance budgetary allocation and release of funds for drinking water projects in rural Meghalaya. |
| 7. | Shri Husain Dalwai    | Demand for urgent measures to deal with drought in Maharashtra.   |
| 8. | Shri Anil Desai       | Demand to impound passports and denying visas to pro-Khalistani elements.                                   |

10-24 p.m.

### 8. Valedictory Remarks

The Deputy Chairman made valedictory remarks on the conclusion of the Session.

10-28 p.m.

### 9. National Song

National Song (*Vande Mataram*) was played.

*(The following Members, indulged in gross disorderly conduct in violation of the rules and etiquette of the Rajya Sabha by entering the 'Well' of the House, shouting slogans, displaying placards and persistently and willfully obstructing the proceedings of the House:—*

1. Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy
2. Shri Mohd. Ali Khan
3. Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao
4. Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita
5. Shri Mukut Mithi
6. Shri Husain Dalwai
7. Shri P. Bhattacharya
8. Shrimati Viplove Thakur
9. Shrimati Wansuk Syiem
10. Shri Santiuse Kujur
11. Shri B.K. Hariprasad
12. Shri Madhusudan Mistry
13. Prof. M. V. Rajeev Gowda
14. Shri Ronald Sapa Tlau

15. *Shri P.L. Punia*
16. *Shri Raj Babbar*
17. *Shri Ripun Bora*
18. *Shrimati Raneer Narah*
19. *Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo*
20. *Shrimati Chhaya Verma*
21. *Shri Pradeep Tamta*
22. *Dr. Ameer Yajnik*
23. *Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa*
24. *Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar*
25. *Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah*
26. *Shri Rajmani Patel*
27. *Shri C.M. Ramesh*
28. *Shrimati Thota Seetharama Lakshmi*
29. *Shri T. G. Venkatesh*
30. *Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar*
31. *Shrimati Misha Bharti*
32. *Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha*
33. *Shri Sanjay Singh*
34. *Shri Abdul Wahab*

10-29 p.m.

The House adjourned *sine die*.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General*