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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 17th December, 2018**

11-00 a.m.

1. Felicitations by the Chair

The Chairman, on behalf of the whole House and on his own behalf, congratulated Miss P.V. Sindhu for scripting history by becoming the first Indian to clinch the Gold Medal in Badminton World Federation World Tour Finals held at Guangzhou, China, on the 16th of December, 2018.

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

- (i) (a) Twenty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Vaccines Corporation Limited (IVCOL), Gurugram, Haryana, 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.
- (ii) (a) Sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), 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.
2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 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 National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Imphal, Manipur, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report of the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, for the year 2017-18.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad, Haryana, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune, Maharashtra, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI), Mohali, (Punjab), for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (viii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Center of Innovative and Applied Bioprocessing (CIAB) Mohali, Punjab, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by the Government accepting the above Report.
- (ix) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), Manesar, Haryana, 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 Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad, Telangana, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (xi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Hyderabad, Telangana, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (xii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (NIBMG), Kalyani, West Bengal, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (xiii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (InStem), Bengaluru, Karnataka, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (xiv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Immunology (NII), New Delhi, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

- (xv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, 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 Institute.
- (xvi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the ESSO-Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, Telangana, 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.
- (xvii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, 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.
- (xviii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR), Goa, 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.
- (xix) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the ESSO-National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS), Thiruvananthapuram, 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 Centre.
- (xx) (a) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Science and Technology, Department of Biotechnology) and the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), for the year 2018-19.
(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Memorandum of Understanding.

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 62 of the Biodiversity Act, 2002:—

- (1) S.O. 3845 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2018, notifying that the collection of certain species of plants and animals, which are on

the verge of extinction, mentioned in the table therein, are to be prohibited or regulated for the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

- (2) S.O. 3846 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2018, notifying that the collection of certain species of plants and animals, which are on the verge of extinction, mentioned in the table therein, are to be prohibited or regulated for the State of Assam.

4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Shipping, under sub-section (4) of Section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

- (1) G.S.R. 715 (E), dated the 30th July, 2018, publishing the Mormugao Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (2) G.S.R. 776 (E), dated the 14th August, 2018, publishing the Mumbai Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (3) G.S.R. 777 (E), dated the 14th August, 2018, publishing the New Mangalore Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (4) G.S.R. 778 (E), dated the 14th August, 2018, publishing the Chennai Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (5) G.S.R. 835 (E), dated the 5th September, 2018, publishing the Cochin Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (6) G.S.R. 849 (E), dated the 10th September, 2018, publishing Corrigendum to Notification G.S.R. 687 (E), dated the 15th October, 2013.
- (7) G.S.R. 850 (E), dated the 10th September, 2018, publishing the Tuticorin Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.

- (8) G.S.R 851 (E), dated the 10th September, 2018, publishing the Kolkata Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (9) G.S.R 852 (E), dated the 10th September, 2018, publishing the Kandla Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (10) G.S.R 970 (E), dated the 4th October, 2018, publishing the Mormugao Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (11) G.S.R 971 (E), dated the 4th October, 2018, publishing Corrigendum to Notification No. G.S.R. 77 (E), dated the 6th February, 2009.
- (12) G.S.R 1013 (E), dated the 10th October, 2018, publishing the Vishakhapatnam Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (13) G.S.R 1077 (E), dated the 30th October, 2018, publishing Corrigendum to Notification No. G.S.R. 715 (E).
- (14) G.S.R 1100 (E), dated the 13th November, 2018, publishing the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (15) G.S.R 1101 (E), dated the 13th November, 2018, publishing the Visakhapatnam Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.
- (16) G.S.R 1102 (E), dated the 13th November, 2018, publishing the Paradip Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2018.

5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of Section 103 and Section 106 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

- (i) (a) Administration Report of the Deendayal Port Trust (*formerly Kandla Port Trust*), Kutch, Gujarat, for the year 2017-18.

- (b) Annual Accounts of the Deendayal Port Trust (*formerly Kandla Port Trust*), Kutch, Gujarat, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Port Trust.
 - (d) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Port Trust.
- (ii)
- (a) Annual Administration Report of the Mormugao Port Trust (MPT), Goa, for the year 2017-18.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of the Mormugao Port Trust (MPT), Goa, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Port Trust.
 - (d) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Port Trust.
- (iii)
- (a) Administration Report of the New Mangalore Port Trust, Mangalore, Karnataka, for the year 2017-18.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of the New Mangalore Port Trust, Mangalore, Karnataka, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Port Trust.
 - (d) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Port Trust.
- (iv)
- (a) Administration Report of the Cochin Port Trust (CoPT), Cochin, Kerala, for the year 2017-18.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of the Cochin Port Trust, Cochin, Kerala, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Port Trust.
 - (d) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Port Trust.
- (v)
- (a) Annual Accounts of the Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP), Mumbai, Maharashtra, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (b) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Authority.

- (vi) (a) Annual Administration Report and Accounts of the Chennai Port Trust, Chennai, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Port Trust.
- (vii) (a) One Hundred and Thirty-Ninth Administration Report of the Mumbai Port Trust, Mumbai, for the year 2017-18.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of the Mumbai Port Trust, Mumbai, Maharashtra, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Port Trust.
 - (d) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Port Trust.
- (viii) (a) Administration Report and Accounts of the Mumbai Port Trust Pension Fund Trust, Mumbai, Maharashtra, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Trust.
- (ix) (a) Administrative Report of the Kolkata Port Trust, Kolkata, for the year 2017-18.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of the Kolkata Port Trust, Kolkata, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Port Trust.
- (x) (a) Administration Report of the Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT), Visakhapatnam, for the year 2017-18.
 - (b) Annual Accounts of the Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT), Visakhapatnam, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Port Trust.
 - (d) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Port Trust.
- (xi) (a) Administration Report of the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Navi Mumbai, for the year 2017-18.

- (b) Annual Accounts of the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Navi Mumbai, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Port Trust.
 - (d) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Port Trust.
- (xii) (a) Administration Report of the Paradip Port Trust (PPT), Odisha, for the year 2017-18.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Paradip Port Trust (PPT), Odisha, for the year 2017-18, and the Audit Report thereon.
 - (c) Review by Government on the working of the above Port Trust.
 - (d) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above Port Trust.
- (xiii) (a) Thirty-ninth Administration Report and Accounts of the V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin, 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 Port Trust.

6. 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 of the Shipping Corporation of India Limited (SCI), 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.
- (ii) (a) Eighteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Kamarajar Port Limited (KPL), (*Erstwhile* Ennore Port Limited), Chennai, Karnataka, 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 Port.
- (iii) (a) Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited (HDPEL), Kolkata, 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.
- (iv) (a) First Annual Report and Accounts of the Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited (HCSL), Kolkata, 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.
- (v) (a) Forty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi, Kerala, 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.
- (vi) (a) Forty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCI), Visakhapatnam, Andhra 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.

7. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 5(E) of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948:—

- (a) Annual Administration Report and Accounts of the Calcutta Dock Labour Board (CDLB), 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 Board.
8. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (a) Fifty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Seamen's Provident Fund Organisation (SPFO), 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 Organisation.

^o11-03 a.m.

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

Shri Kumar Ketkar laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-second Report* of the Committee on External Affairs (2017-18) on the subject 'Sino-India Relations including Doklam, border situation and cooperation in international organizations'.

4. Statements 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 Statements showing further action taken by the Government on the following Reports:—

- (i) Fifty-fifth Report on action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the Subject "Comprehensive Agriculture Research based on Geographical Conditions and Impact of Climatic Changes to ensure Food Security in the Country" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education);
- (ii) Fifth-sixth Report on action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Forty-seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare); and
- (iii) Fifth-ninth Report on the action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Forty-eighth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education).

^o From 11-02 a.m. to 11-03 a.m., see item at Sl. No. 5(1).

* The Report was presented to Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha on 1st September, 2018 and Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 4th September, 2018 when the House was not in session and the Speaker had permitted printing, publication and circulation of the Report under Rule 280.

11-04 a.m.

5. 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 contained in the Three Hundred and Third Report and Three Hundred and Sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development pertaining to the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

2. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Earth Sciences and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Three Hundred and Ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2018-19) pertaining to the Department of Biotechnology.

6. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 46 to 60 put down in the List of Questions for oral answers for December 14, 2018, were laid on the Table.

7. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 481 to 640 put down in the List of Questions for written answers for December 14, 2018, were also laid on the Table.

(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. Balasubramoniyar
3. Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth
4. Shri K.R. Arjunan

◇ At 11-02 a.m.

5. *Shri A.K. Selvaraj*
6. *Shri N. Gokulakrishnan*
7. *Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy*
8. *Shri R.S. Bharathi*
9. *Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy*

⁹11-06 a.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 18th December, 2018.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

⁹ From 11-05 a.m. to 11-06 a.m., some points were raised.