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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on
the 31st December, 2018**

11-00 a.m.

1. Obituary Reference

The Deputy Chairman made a reference to the passing away of Shri Mrinal Sen (ex-Member).

The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

♦ 11-04 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:—

(a) Twenty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Immunologicals and Biologicals Corporation Limited (BIBCOL), Bulandshahr, 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) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

♦ From 11-03 a.m. to 11-04 a.m., some points were raised.

2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Maharashtra Association for the Cultivation of Science (MACS), Agharkar Research Institute, 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.
 - (ii) (a) Fourteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital, 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.
 - (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow, 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) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru, 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.
 - (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, 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.
 - (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru, 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.
 - (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), Navi 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.

- (viii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati, 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.
- (ix) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST), Mohali, Punjab, 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.
- (x) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad, 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.
- (xi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, 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 Institute.
- (xii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Satyendra Nath Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, 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 Centre.
- (xiii) (a) Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the National Innovation Foundation India, Ahmedabad, for the year 2017-18.
(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Foundation.
- (xiv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Vigyan Prasar, Noida, 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 Institution.
- (xv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Academy.
- (xvi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE), Gurugram, Haryana, for the year 2017-18, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Academy.
- (xvii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), 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 Academy.
- (xviii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Science Congress Association, 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.
- (xix) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), Allahabad, 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 Academy.
- (xx) (a) Seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), 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.
- (xxi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru, 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.
- (xxii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bose Institute, 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 Institute.
- (xxiii) (a) Twenty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Jakkur, Bengaluru, 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.
- (xxiv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), 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.
- (xxv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, (WIHG), Dehradun, 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.
- (xxvi) (a) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology) and the Bharat Immunologicals and Biologicals Corporation Limited (BIBCOL), 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 (4) of Section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960:—

- (1) G.S.R. 844 (E), dated the 6th September, 2018, publishing the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Pet Shop) Rules, 2018.
- (2) G.S.R. 1141 (E), dated the 28th November, 2018, publishing corrigendum to Notification No. G.S.R. 844 (E), dated the 6th September, 2018 to make certain changes in the Hindi version only, along with Explanatory Memorandum.

4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification No. S.O. 5120 (E), dated the 3rd October, 2018, notifying in supersession of the Notification No. S.O. 93 (E), dated the 29th January, 1998, the re-constitution of the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority, under Section 26 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Notification No. S.O. 5799 (E), dated the 19th November, 2018, regarding Reconstitution of Central Pollution Control Board, under sub-section (3) of Section 63 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

6.(1) 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 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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

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

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

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, 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) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute (IPIRTI), Bengaluru, Karnataka 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.

(iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Zoo Authority (CZA), 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 Authority.

8. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 20 of the Press Council Act, 1978:—

(a) Thirty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Press Council of India, 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.

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

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, 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 Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), 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.

(iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) and the Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL), New Delhi, for the year 2018-19.

10. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statement on Half Yearly Review of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget, at the end of the first half of the Financial year 2018-19 and the Statement explaining deviations in meeting the obligations of the Government, under sub-section (1) of Section 7 and sub-section (3) (b) of Section 7 of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003.

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

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), 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 Institute.

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), 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 Foundation.

- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART), 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.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (NRLPS), 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 Society.

12. 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-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML), 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 Company.
- (ii) (a) Thirty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), Bhubaneswar, 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.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), 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) Forty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), Nagpur, 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.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre (JNARDDC), Nagpur, 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.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Miners' Health (NIMH), Nagpur, 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.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM), Bengaluru, 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.

14.(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 Andhra Pradesh State Irrigation Development Corporation Limited (APSIDC LTD.), Hyderabad, for the year 2014-15, 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) Forty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Andhra Pradesh State Irrigation Development Corporation Limited (APSIDC LTD.), Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16, 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) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

15. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under Section 10 of the National Highways Act, 1956:—

- (1) S.O. 3528 (E), dated the 20th July, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (2) S.O. 3529 (E), dated the 20th July, 2018, directing that the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited shall exercise the function relating to the development and maintenance of the stretch of National Highways in the State of Tripura, as specified in the table therein.
- (3) S.O. 3834 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (4) S.O. 3835 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (5) S.O. 3991 (E), dated the 16th August, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee for the project of Tolling, Operation, Maintenance and Transfer of Porbandar to Jetpur Section from K.M. 1.960 to K.M. 117.600 of National Highway No 8B on ToT basis in the State of Gujarat.
- (6) S.O. 3992 (E), dated the 16th August, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee for the project of Tolling, Operation, Maintenance and Transfer of Ichchapuram to Narsannapeta Section from K.M. 484.000 to K.M. 580.700 of National Highway No. 16 (old NH-5) on ToT basis in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
- (7) S.O. 3993 (E), dated the 16th August, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee for the project of Tolling, Operation, Maintenance and Transfer of Diwancheruvu to Siddhantham Section from K.M. 901.500 to K.M. 950.542 of National Highway No. 16 (old NH-5) on ToT basis in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

- (8) S.O. 3994 (E), dated the 16th August, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee for the project of Tolling, Operation, Maintenance and Transfer of Puintola to Ichapuram Section from K.M. 419.600 to K.M. 484.000 of National Highway No. 16 (old NH-5) on ToT basis in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.
- (9) S.O. 4023 (E), dated the 20th August, 2018, declaring New National Highway Nos. 227F, 227J and 227L and inserting their description in the Schedule to the Act.
- (10) S.O. 4024 (E), dated the 20th August, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 689 (E), dated the 4th April, 2011, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (11) S.O. 4025 (E), dated the 20th August, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (12) S.O. 4026 (E), dated the 20th August, 2018, directing that the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited shall exercise the function relating to the development and maintenance of the stretches of the National Highways in the State of Tripura, as specified in the Table therein.
- (13) S.O. 4193 (E), dated the 28th August, 2018, declaring new National Highway Nos. 766E and 766EE and inserting their description in the Schedule of the Act.
- (14) S.O. 4195 (E), dated the 28th August, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (15) S.O. 4203 (E), dated the 29th August, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 689 (E), dated the 4th April, 2011, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (16) S.O. 4204 (E), dated the 29th August, 2018, declaring New National Highway No. 334DD and inserting its description in the Schedule to the Act.

- (17) S.O. 4259 (E), dated the 7th September, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee for the project of Salasar-Nagaur Section from K.M. 151.141 to K.M. 270.735 of National Highway No. 65 (New NH-58) on Hybrid Annuity mode in the State of Rajasthan.
- (18) S.O. 4358 (E), dated the 7th September, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee for Chittorgarh-Kota Section from K.M. 891.929 to K.M. 1052.429 of National Highway No. 27 (old NH-76) in the State of Rajasthan.
- (19) S.O. 4713 (E), dated the 10th September, 2018, declaring New National Highways No. 911A and inserting its description in the Schedule to the Act.
- (20) S.O. 4714 (E), dated the 10th September, 2018, amending Notificaiton No. S.O. 689 (E), dated the 4th April, 2011, to substitute certain entry in original Notification.
- (21) S.O. 4809 (E), dated the 13th September, 2018, declaring new National Highway No. 167BG and inserting its description in the Schedule of the Act.
- (22) S.O. 4895 (E), dated the 19th September, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (23) S.O. 4897 (E), dated the 19th September, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 689 (E), dated the 4th April, 2011, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (24) S.O. 4898 (E), dated the 19th September, 2018, declaring certain new National Highways as specified therein and inserting their description in the Schedule of the Act.
- (25) S.O. 4969 (E), dated the 25th September, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee for Chappra-Rewaghat-Muzaffarpur Section from K.M. 1.300 to K.M. 74.349 of National Highway No. 722 (old NH-102) in the State of Bihar.

- (26) S.O. 4970 (E), dated the 25th September, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee for Gulabpura to Uniara Section from K.M. 69.267 to K.M. 282.936 of National Highway No. 148D in the State of Rajasthan.
- (27) S.O. 5154 (E), dated the 4th October, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee of Manoharpur-Dausa Section from K.M. 0.000 to K.M. 62.318 of National Highway No. 11A (old NH-148) in the State of Rajasthan.
- (28) S.O. 5155 (E), dated the 4th October, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee for Phalodi-Jaisalmer Section from K.M. 163.400 to K.M. 323.857 of National Highway No. 15 in the State of Rajasthan.
- (29) S.O. 5156 (E), dated the 4th October, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 3991 (E), dated the 16th August, 2018 replacing the district named Jamnagar wherever mentioned in the original Notification by the name Porbandar.
- (30) S.O. 5214 (E), dated the 11th October, 2018, declaring new National Highway No. 148C and inserting its description in the Schedule of the Act.
- (31) S.O. 5215 (E), dated the 11th October, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (32) S.O. 5420 (E), dated the 26th October, 2018, notifying the levy of user fee for the UP/Haryana Border-Yamunanagar-Saha-Barwala-Panchkula Section from K.M. 70.830 to K.M. 118.754 of National Highway No. 73 (New NH-344) in the State of Haryana.
- (33) S.O. 5565 (E), dated the 30th October, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (34) S.O. 5567 (E), dated the 30th October, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.

- (35) S.O. 5569 (E), dated the 30th October, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (36) S.O. 5662 (E), dated the 9th November, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (37) S.O. 5663 (E), dated the 9th November, 2018, directing that the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited shall exercise the function relating to the development and maintenance of stretch from K.M. 671.00 to K.M. 791.00 of National Highway No. 150 in the State of Nagaland.
- (38) S.O. 5664 (E), dated the 9th November, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (39) S.O. 5665 (E), dated the 9th November, 2018, directing the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited shall exercise the function relating to the development and maintenance of stretch from K.M. 330.00 to K.M. 430.00 of National Highway No. 39 in the State of Manipur.
- (40) S.O. 5666 (E), dated the 9th November, 2018, directing the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited shall exercise the function relating to the development and maintenance of stretches of National Highways 54 and 51 given in the table therein.
- (41) S.O. 5667 (E), dated the 9th November, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1096 (E), dated the 4th August, 2005, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (42) S.O. 5837 (E), dated the 27th November, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 5666 (E), dated the 8th November, 2018 to substitute certain entries in the Notification.

16. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Notification No. G.S.R. 920 (E), dated the 25th September, 2018, publishing the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Amendment Rules, 2018, under sub-section (3) of Section 9 of the National Highways Act, 1956.

17. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under Section 37 of the National Highways Authority of India Act, 1988:—

- (1) S.O. 3833 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2018, regarding entrustment of the stretch of National Highway as specified in the Table therein to the National Highways Authority of India.
- (2) S.O. 3836 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2018, regarding entrustment of certain stretches of the National Highways as specified in the Table therein, to the National Highways Authority of India.
- (3) S.O. 4194 (E), dated the 28th August, 2018, regarding entrustment of National Highway No. 135A, (The highway starting from its junction with NH-35 near Mirzapur connecting to Aura, Bhadohi, Jaunpur, Shahganj Akbarpur and terminating at its junction with NH-27 near Ayodhya in the State of Uttar Pradesh) to the National Highways Authority of India.
- (4) S.O. 4896 (E), dated the 19th September, 2018, regarding entrustment of stretch from K.M. 00.00 to K.M. 68.000 (Kanaktora – Jharsuguda Section) of National Highway No. 200 in the State of Odisha to the National Highways Authority of India.
- (5) S.O. 5216 (E), dated the 11th October, 2018, regarding entrustment of certain stretches of National Highway Nos. 78 and 12A in the State of Madhya Pradesh to the National Highways Authority of India.
- (6) S.O. 5566 (E), dated the 29th October, 2018, regarding entrustment of certain stretch of National Highway No. 65 mentioned therein in the State of Rajasthan to the National Highways Authority of India.
- (7) S.O. 5568 (E), dated the 30th October, 2018, regarding entrustment of the stretch from K.M. 136.600 to K.M. 268.475 excluding from K.M. 239.600 to K.M. 241.520 of National Highway No. 212 in the State of Karnataka to the National Highways Authority of India.

18. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under sub-section (4) of Section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, along with explanatory memoranda and delay statements:—

- (1) S.O. 558 (E), dated the 9th February, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1248 (E), dated the 5th November, 2004, to insert certain entries in the original Notification.
- (2) S.O. 1522 (E), dated the 6th April, 2018, in supersession of S.O. 1997 (E), dated the 5th August, 2014, fixing the maximum speed in respect of the class of motor vehicles as specified in the table therein.
- (3) S.O. 1596 (E), dated the 13th April, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 728 (E), dated the 18th October, 1996, to insert certain entries in the original Notification.
- (4) S.O. 2022 (E), dated the 22nd May, 2018, amending the Second Schedule to the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (5) S.O. 2210 (E), dated the 1st June, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1365 (E), dated the 13th December, 2004, to substitute/insert certain entries in the original Notification.
- (6) S.O. 2211 (E), dated the 1st June, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 1365 (E), dated the 13th December, 2004, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (7) S.O. 3467 (E), dated the 16th July, 2018, in supersession of S.O. 728 (E), dated the 18th October, 1996, notifying the maximum safe axle weight of each axle type in relation to the transport vehicles (other than motor cabs), having regard to the size, nature and number of tyres as specified in the table therein.
- (8) S.O. 3881 (E), dated the 6th August, 2018, amending Notification No. S.O. 3467 (E), dated the 16th July, 2018, to substitute/insert certain entries in the original Notification.

- (9) G.S.R. 749 (E), dated the 7th August, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (10th Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (10) G.S.R. 870 (E), dated the 13th September, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Eleventh Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (11) G.S.R. 871 (E), dated the 13th September, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (12th Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (12) G.S.R. 931 (E), dated the 27th September, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Thirteenth amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (13) G.S.R. 1038 (E), dated the 17th October, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Regulation of petroleum products supply to bottling plant in Tripura from Bangladesh) Rules, 2018.
- (14) S.O. 5333 (E), dated the 18th October, 2018, publishing order that the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 66 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 shall not apply to the types of transport vehicles used, or to be used, for the purposes of carriage of goods or passengers as the case may be, as mentioned therein.
- (15) S.O. 5453 (E), dated the 26th October, 2018, publishing the Motor Vehicles (Vehicle Location Tracking Device and Emergency Button) Order, 2018.
- (16) G.S.R. 5454 (E), dated the 26th October, 2018, in supersession of S.O. 1663 (E), dated the 18th April, 2018, exempting upto the 1st day of January, 2019 all public service vehicles registered upto the 31st day of December, 2018 from the provisions of clause (k) of sub-section 1 of Section 110 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.
- (17) G.S.R. 1081 (E), dated the 2nd November, 2018, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Fourteenth Amendment) Rules, 2018.

19. 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) Thirteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Sethusamudram Corporation Limited (SCL), Chennai, 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) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), 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.

20. 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 Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), 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 Company.
- (ii) (a) Forty-eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), Hyderabad, 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.
- (iii) (a) Fifty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bengaluru, 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) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bengaluru, 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) Annual Report and Accounts of the BEL-THALES Systems Limited, Bengaluru, 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) Annual Report and Accounts of the BEL Optronics Devices Limited, Pune, 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.
- (vii) (a) Sixty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Shipyard Limited, (HSL), Visakhapatnam, 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.
- (viii) (a) Forty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited, (MIDHANI) Hyderabad, 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.
- (ix) (a) Fifty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), Bengaluru, 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.
- (x) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Vasco-da-Gama, Goa, 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.
- (xi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), 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.
21. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports, Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, 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 Institute.

11-06 a.m.

3. Report of the Committee on Government Assurances

Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan presented the Seventy-second Report (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Government Assurances.

4. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development

Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development:—

- (i) 307th Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Second Report on the Demands for Grants (2018-2019) of the Department of Higher Education; and
- (ii) 308th Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Fourth Report on the Demands for Grants

(2018-2019) of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

5. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development

Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development:—

- (i) Fifty-second Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Forty-sixth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Rural Development);
- (ii) Fifty-third Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Forty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation;
- (iii) Fifty-fourth Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Forty-eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj;
- (iv) Fifty-fifth Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Forty-seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2018-19)' of the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Land Resources);
- (v) Fifty-sixth Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fifty-first Report on 'Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) in States/UTs' of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation; and
- (vi) Fifty-seventh Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fiftieth Report on 'Improvement in the functioning of Panchayats' of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

6. Reports of the Railway Convention Committee

Shri Ranvijay Singh Judev laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Railway Convention Committee:—

- (i) Twenty-eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Cleanliness and Hygiene in Coaches and Stations';
- (ii) Twenty-ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on action taken by Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Seventeenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Facilities given by Indian Railways to Differently Abled Persons (Divyangjan)'; and
- (iii) Thirtieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Human Resource Development and Manpower Planning in Indian Railways'.

11-08 a.m.

7. Statements by Ministers

1. 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 contained in the Three Hundred and Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on the Action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Ninety-seventh Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

2. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2018-19) pertaining to the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways.

11-09 a.m.

8. Cancellation of Sitting of Rajya Sabha

On a suggestion made by Shri Vijay Goel, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and agreed to by the House, the sitting of the Rajya Sabha scheduled for Tuesday, the 1st January, 2019, stands cancelled.

°11-14 a.m.

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

9. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 181 to 195 were laid on the Table.

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 166 to 180 put down in the List of Questions for oral answers for December 28, 2018, were also laid on the Table.

10. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1921 to 2080 were laid on the Table.

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1761 to 1920 put down in the List of Questions for written answers for December 28, 2018, were also laid on the Table.

2-00 p.m.

11. Government Bill - Introduced

The Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018 was introduced by Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Minister of Health and Family Welfare.

*2-10 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-25 p.m.

° From 11-10 a.m. to 11-14 a.m., some points were raised.

* From 2-01 p.m. to 2-10 p.m., some points were raised.

(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. *Shri S. Muthukaruppan*
4. *Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth*
5. *Dr. R. Lakshmanan*
6. *Shri A.K. Selvaraj*
7. *Dr. Sasikala Pushpa Ramaswamy*
8. *Shri N. Gokulakrishnan*
9. *Shri A. Vijayakumar*

⁶2-28 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 2nd January, 2019.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

⁶ From 2-25 p.m. to 2-28 p.m., some points were raised.