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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held
on the 25th March, 2021**

11-00 a.m.

1. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:—

1. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Defence Notification No. S.R.O. 2 (E), dated the 3rd March, 2020, publishing the Cantonment Board Account Rules, 2020, along with Delay Statement, under sub-section (4) of Section 347 of the Cantonments Act, 2006.

2. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) Notification No. G.S.R. 618 (E), dated the 7th October, 2020, publishing the Union Public Service Commission (Exemption from Consultation) Second Amendment Regulations, 2020, under clause (5) of Article 320 of the Constitution of India.

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

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), New Delhi, for the year 2019-20, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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

4. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 29 of the National Dairy Development Board Act, 1987:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Dairy Development Board, Anand, Gujarat, for the year 2019-20, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

5. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications) Notification No. 324-5/2018-CA, dated the 16th January, 2020, publishing the Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2020, under Section 37 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 along with Delay Statement.

6. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, under Section 55 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016:-

- (1) G.S.R. 490 (E) dated 5th August, 2020, publishing the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020.
- (2) No.A-12013/13/RR/2016-UIDAI (No.1 of 2020), dated the 22nd January, 2020, publishing the Unique Identification Authority of India (Appointment of Officers and Employees) Regulations, 2020.
- (3) No. A-12013/13/RR/2016-UIDAI (No.2 of 2020), dated the 22nd January, 2020, publishing the Unique Identification Authority of India (Salary, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of Employees) Regulations, 2020.
- (4) No. 13012/79/2017/Legal-UIDAI(13) /Vol. II (No.3 of 2020), dated the 2nd July, 2020, publishing the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) (Eighth Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 3 of 2020).

7. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, under sub-section (3) of Section 87 of the Information Technology Act, 2000:-

- (1) S.O. 3472 (E), dated the 6th October, 2020, amending the Second Schedule to the said Act to insert certain entries as mentioned therein.
- (2) G.S.R. 139 (E), dated the 25th February, 2021, publishing the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

8. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Education (Department of Higher Education), under Section 24 of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987:-

- (1) F. No. 3-24/Admn/Estt./Amend/RRs/2011/Vol. I, dated the 5th February, 2019, publishing the All India Council for Technical Education (Group “A”, “B” and “C” Post) (4th Amendment) Recruitment Regulations, 2018 along with Delay Statement.
- (2) F. No. 3-24/Admn/Estt./Amend/RRs/2011/Vol.I, dated the 5th February, 2019, publishing the All India Council for Technical Education (Group “A”, “B” and “C” Post) (5th Amendment) Recruitment Regulations, 2018 along with Delay Statement.
- (3) F. No. 3-24/Admn/Estt./Amend/RRs/2011/Vol.I, dated the 12th March, 2020, publishing Corrigendum to Notification of even number, dated the 17th January, 2019 along with Delay Statement.
- (4) F. No. 3-24/Admn/Estt./Amend/RRs/2011/Vol.I, dated the 12th March, 2020, publishing Corrigendum to Notification of even number, dated the 17th January, 2019 along with Delay Statement.
- (5) F. No. AB/AICTE/REG/2020 (1st Amendment, 2021) dated the 24th February, 2021, publishing the All India Council for Technical Education (Grant of Approvals for Technical Institutions) (1st Amendment) Regulations, 2021.

9. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Education (Department of Higher Education) Notification No. F. 1-1/2020(DEB-I), dated the 4th September, 2020, publishing the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, under Section 28 of the University Grant Commission Act, 1956.

10. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Education (Department of Higher Education) Notification No. IG/ACD/7th CPC/CAS/2019-20/06, dated January 30 – February 5, 2021 (Weekly Gazette), publishing the (i) Ordinance on Career Advancement Scheme of Teachers, and (ii) Ordinance on Career Advancement Scheme of Academics including Librarian in the IGNOU, under sub-section (2) of Section 40 of the Indira Gandhi Open University Act, 1985.

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

- (1)(i) (a) Annual Report of the Paschim Banga Samagra Shiksha Mission, West Bengal, for the year 2018-19.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Mission.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Madhya Pradesh, for the year 2018-19.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Abhiyan.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report of the Odisha School Education Programme Authority, Odisha implementing the Samagra Shiksha, Odisha, for the year 2018-19.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Authority.
- (2) Statements giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) (i) (a) to (iii) (a) above.

12. (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-eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Omnibus Industrial Development Corporation of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Limited (OIDC), Daman, for the year 2019-20, 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) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) (a) above.

11-01 a.m.

2. Statements by Ministers

1. Shri V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs and in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, laid on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Seventy-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on the Demands for Grants (2020-21) pertaining to the Ministry of Road, Transport and Tourism.

2. Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) and Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence, 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 Defence on the Demands for Grants (2018-19) on 'General Defence Budget, BRO, ICG, MES, DGDE, DPSUs, Welfare of Ex-servicemen, Defence Pension and ECHS (Demand No. 19 and 22)'.

3. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and the Department of Space, laid on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on the Action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in its Two Hundred and Twenty-fifth Report on the Demands for Grants (2020-21) pertaining to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

11-04 a.m.

3. Leave of Absence

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa and Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan, Members were granted Leave of Absence from the sittings of the House from the 8th of March, 2021 to the remaining period of the 2nd part of the current (253rd) Session:-

11-05 a.m.

4. Announcement by Chair

The Chairman made an announcement that there will be no Zero Hour and Question Hour today (25-03-2021). However, the answers to the listed questions will be deemed to have been laid on the Table of the House.

5. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 316 to 330 were laid on the Table.

6. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 3361 to 3520 were laid on the Table.

11-06 a.m.

7. Government Bill — Passed

The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Bill, 2021, as passed by Lok Sabha

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs, moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

11-07 a.m.	1.	Shri Jairam Ramesh
11-21 a.m.	2.	Shri Syed Zafar Islam
11-46 a.m.	3.	Shri Sujeet Kumar
11-51 a.m.	4.	Dr. Banda Prakash
11-55 a.m.	5.	Shri Subhash Chandra Bose Pilli
11-59 a.m.	6.	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad

12-02 p.m.	7.	Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya
12-06 p.m.	8.	Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha
12-10 p.m.	9.	Dr. Narendra Jadhav
12-14 p.m.	10.	Shri Narain Dass Gupta
12-18 p.m.	11.	Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar
12-22 p.m.	12.	Shri Satish Chandra Misra

12-26 p.m.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman replied to the discussion.

12-53 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 48, the First Schedule, the Second Schedule and the Third Schedule were adopted.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title, were adopted.

12-54 p.m.

The motion moved by Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman that the Bill be passed was adopted and the Bill was passed.

12-55 p.m.

8. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were laid by the Members on the Table of the House:—

1.	Shri A. D. Singh	Demand to enhance budgetary allocation to meet environmental targets under the Paris agreement.
2.	Shri Sakaldeep Rajbhar	Concern over non-inclusion of eligible persons under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.
3.	Shri Harnath Singh Yadav	Demand to remove VT code from Indian Aeroplanes.
4.	Shri Jaiprakash Nishad	Demand for inclusion of sub-castes 'Majhwar' of Uttar Pradesh in the Scheduled Caste list.

5. Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh Concern over air pollution in Patna and Muzaffarpur and demand for intervention of Central agencies to deal with the situation.
6. Shrimati Priyanka Chaturvedi Demand for release of compensation under GST to Maharashtra.
7. Shri Kailash Soni Demand for payment of pending GST dues to Madhya Pradesh.
8. Shrimati Mamata Mohanta Demand to review the decision to merge Malaria Research Centre, Rourkela with the Centre at Ranchi.
9. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy Demand for a law to increase the participation of women in electoral politics.
10. Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli Demand to restore Samta Express train and Mangala Lakshadweep Express train with their old timings.
11. Dr. Sasmit Patra Demand to include pending 13.95 lakh households of Odisha in the Permanent Waitlist under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Grameen).
12. Dr. Ameer Yajnik Demand to make a comprehensive policy for providing basic amenities to the homeless poor.
13. Shri Mallikarjun Kharge Demand for action against persons responsible for the attack on nuns at Jhansi railway station in Uttar Pradesh.
14. Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla Demand to include a text on Raja Marthanda Varma of Kerala in history text books.

12-59 p.m.

9. Farewell to the Retiring Members

The Chairman bade farewell to three Members from the State of Kerala, *namely*, Shri Vayalar Ravi, Shri K.K. Ragesh and Shri Abdul Wahab, who will retire on the 21st of April, 2021.

Shri Vayalar Ravi and Shri Abdul Wahab responded to the sentiments expressed by the Chairman.

Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment and Leader of the House and Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition, also spoke on the occasion.

1-14 p.m.

10. Valedictory Remarks

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

1-29 p.m.

11. National Song

National Song (*Vande Mataram*) was played.

1-30 p.m.

The House adjourned *sine die*.

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General