Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 10th August, 2010

@11-03 a.m.

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

1. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 221 to 240 were laid on the Table.

2. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1641 to 1795 were laid on the Table.

12-00 Noon.

3. Papers Laid on the Table

The following papers were laid on the Table:

1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services), under Section 27 of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999:


@ From 11-00 a.m. to 11-03 a.m. some points were raised.


2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services), under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980:—


(2) No. 4/1/3/2010-IR(RS), dated the 17th-23rd April, 2010, publishing the Indian Bank (Employees’) Pension (Amendment) Regulations, 2009.

3. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services) Notification No.CDO/PM/16/SPL/828, dated the 3rd-9th October, 2009, publishing the State Bank of India Employees’ Pension Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2005, under sub-section (4) of Section 50 of the State Bank of India Act, 1955, together with delay statement.


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

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM), Faridabad, Haryana, for the year 2009-10, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Report.

7. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Regional Rural Banks, for the year 2009-10, together with the Auditor’s Report on the Accounts :

a. Mewar Aanchalik Gramin Bank, Udaipur;
b. Kshetriya Kisan Gramin Bank, Mainpuri, U.P.;
c. Baroda Uttar Pradesh Gramin Bank, Raebareli;
d. Purvanchal Gramin Bank, Gorakhpur;
e. Haryana Gramin Bank, Rohtak;
f. Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank, Dharwad;
g. Dena Gujarat Gramin Bank, Gandhinagar;
h. Neelachal Gramya Bank, Bhubaneswar;
i. Pragathi Gramin Bank, Bellary, Karnataka;
j. Cauvery Kalpatharu Grameena Bank, Mysore;
k. Madhya Bihar Gramin Bank, Patna; and
l. Himachal Gramin Bank, Mandi.

8. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—


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(3) G.S.R.520 (E), dated the 17th June, 2010, publishing the
Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback
(Second Amendment) Rules, 2010.

(4) G.S.R.568 (E), dated the 30th June, 2010, excluding goods in
transit from its coverage by specifying that only goods intended
for sale or use in India would be covered under the Notification.

9. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of
the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 296 of the
Income Tax Act, 1961, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the
Notifications:—

   (1) S.O.1261 (E), dated the 31st May, 2010, publishing the
   (2) S.O.1639 (E), dated the 9th July, 2010, specifying long term
       infrastructure bonds.
   (3) S.O.1756 (E), dated the 21st July, 2010, amending Notification
       No. S.O.2292 (E), dated the 9th September, 2009 to substitute
certain entries in the original Notification.

10. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of
the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (4) of
Section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, together with Explanatory Memoranda
on the Notifications:—

   (1) G.S.R. 607 (E), dated the 20th July, 2010, seeking to waive the
       service tax leviable on transmission and distribution of
electricity for the past period up to 26th February, 2010, for
transmission of electricity and up to 21st June 2010, for
distribution of electricity.
   (2) G.S.R. 610 (E), dated the 21st July, 2010, amending

11. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance
(Department of Revenue) Notification No. G.S.R. 615 (E), dated the
22nd July, 2010, amending Notification No. G.S.R. 256 (E), dated the
16th March, 1995, under sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Central Excise
Act, 1944, together with Explanatory Memorandum on the Notification.
12. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Department of Heavy Industry) and the Hindustan Salt Limited (HSL), for the year 2010-11.

13. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications, under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962:—

(a) Notification No. 80/2010-Customs dated 10.08.2010 seeking to amend Notification No. 21/02-Customs dated 01.03.2002 so as to:-

(i) prescribe a concessional 5% basic customs duty rate along with Nil Countervailing duty (in lieu of excise duty) on specified capital machinery/equipment/plant/spares for printing and production of bank note press, to be imported by or on behalf of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL), and

(ii) reduce the basic customs duty rate on Raw Silk of grade 3 A and above from 30% to Nil subject to the condition of import by National Handloom Development Corporation up to an aggregate quantity not exceeding 2500 metric tones in a financial year under cover of a certificate from an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Textiles.

(b) Notification No. 81/2010 Customs, dated 10.08.2010 seeking to amend Notification No. 20/2006-Customs dated 01.03.2006 so as to prescribe Nil Special Countervailing duty on specified capital machinery/equipment/plant/spares to be imported by or on behalf of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL).


¹ At 12-02 p.m.
4. Reports of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy

Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy (2009-10):


(ii) Eighth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) on ‘Demands for Grants (2009-10)’ of the Ministry of Power; and

(iii) Ninth Report on ‘Funding of Power Projects’.

5. Matter raised with permission

Shri Arun Jaitley, Leader of the Opposition raised a matter regarding participation of a Cabinet Minister in a rally along with Maoists at Lalgarh, West Bengal.

Shri Prasanta Chatterjee associated.

Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministries of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister’s Office and Ministries of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

6. Statement by Minister

Shri Pradeep Jain, Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the First Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development.

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*From 12-02 p.m. to 12-03 p.m. see item no. 3(14).
@ From 12-12 p.m. to 12-16 p.m. some points were raised.
Development on Demands for Grants (2009-10) of the Ministry of Rural Development.

12-18 p.m.

7. Calling Attention to Matter of Urgent Public Importance

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu called the attention of the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution to the rotting of food grains due to lack of proper storage facilities in the country.

Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution made a statement.

*Thereafter, some Members sought clarifications on the statement.

1-23 p.m.

The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-23 p.m.


(1) The Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill, 2009, as passed by Lok Sabha.

Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry, moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

3-48 p.m.  1. Shri Prakash Javadekar
4-00 p.m.  2. Shri Shantaram Laxman Naik
4-15 p.m.  3. Shri Tarini Kanta Roy
4-21 p.m.  4. Shri Mahendra Mohan
4-25 p.m.  5. Shri Syed Azeez Pasha
4-27 p.m.  6. Shri V.P. Singh Badnore

4-33 p.m.

Shri Anand Sharma replied to the debate.

* Also from 2-23 p.m. to 3-36 p.m.
* From 2-23 p.m. to 3-36 p.m. see item no. 7.
4-53 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.
Clauses 2 to 10 were adopted.
Clause 1, as amended, was adopted.
The Enacting Formula, as amended, was adopted.
The Title was adopted.

4-54 p.m.

The motion moved by Shri Anand Sharma that the Bill, as amended, be
passed was adopted and the Bill, as amended, was passed.

5-04 p.m.

(2) The Jharkhand Appropriation Bill, 2010, as passed by Lok Sabha.

Shri Namo Narain Meena, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance,
moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

5-05 p.m. 1. Shri Prakash Javadekar
5-14 p.m. 2. Ms. Mabel Rebello
5-27 p.m. 3. Shri Saman Pathak
5-34 p.m. 4. Shri R.C. Singh
5-42 p.m. 5. Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu

5-44 p.m.

Shri Namo Narain Meena replied to the debate.

5-53 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.
Clauses 2, 3 and the Schedule were adopted.
Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the title were adopted.

5-54 p.m.

The motion moved by Shri Namo Narain Meena that the Bill be returned
was adopted and the Bill was returned.

\[ ^\gamma \text{From 4-55 p.m. to 5-04 p.m. see item no. 9.} \]
\[ ^\beta \text{From 5-40 p.m. to 5-42 p.m. some points were raised.} \]
(3) The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2010, as passed by Lok Sabha.

Shri Namo Narain Meena, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, moved motion for consideration of the Bill.

The following Members took part in the discussion:

5-56 p.m. 1. Shri Ramdas Agarwal
6-16 p.m. 2. Shri Shantaram Laxman Naik
6-30 p.m. 3. Shri Prasanta Chatterjee
6-35 p.m. 4. Shri N.K. Singh
6-40 p.m. 5. Shri N. Balaganga
6-45 p.m. 6. Shri Syed Azeez Pasha
6-49 p.m. 7. Shri Balwinder Singh Bhunder

The discussion was concluded.

9. Statement by Minister

Shri Jairam Ramesh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, made a statement on the environmental implications of the oil spill off Mumbai Coast on 7th August, 2010.

7-19 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 11th August, 2010.

V.K. AGNIHOTRI,
Secretary-General