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**The House met at eleven of the clock,
MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair**

PAPERS LAID ON TABLE

SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN: Sir, I to lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

- (a) Fifty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Engineers India Limited (EIL), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, 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.

COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE: Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Notification No. G.S.R. 1022 (E), dated the 17th August, 2017, publishing the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Salaries, Allowances and other Conditions of Service of Chairman, Whole-time Members and Part-time Members (Amendment) Rules, 2017, under Section 34 of the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Notification No. S.O. 3060 (E), dated the 15th September, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 302 (E), dated the 27th January,

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2017, to substitute certain entries in the original notification, under Section 8 of the Sports Broadcasting Signals (Mandatory Sharing with Prasar Bharati) Act 2007.

श्री राम कृपाल यादव : महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित पत्र सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ:-

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Rural Development) Notification No. S.O. 973 (E), dated the 28th March, 2017, amending Schedule I of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, to substitute certain entries thereon, under sub-section (2) of Section 29 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005.

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

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (NIRLPS), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

श्री हरिभाई पारथीभाई चौधरी : महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित पत्र सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ:-

I. 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-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), Nagpur, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of

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India thereon.

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

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), Kolkata, for the year 2016-17, 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) Forty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML), Kolar Gold fields, Karnataka, for the year 2016-17, 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) Thirty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), Bhubaneswar, for the year 2016-17, 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 copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Jawaharlal Nehru

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Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre (JNARDDC), Nagpur, for the year 2016-17, 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 2016-17, 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 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Mines) and the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), for the year 2017-18.

SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Sir, on behalf of my colleague, Shri Y.S. Chowdary, I lay on the Table—

I. 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) Fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the

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Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (InStem), Bengaluru, for the year 2016-17, 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 Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), Faridabad, Haryana, for the year 2016-17, 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 Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, 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.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, for the year 2016-17, 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 National Institute of

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- Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, 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.
- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR), Goa, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Centre.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS), Thiruvananthapuram, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Centre.
- (viii) (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 2016-17.
- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Memorandum of Understanding.

SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL: Sir, I lay on the Table—

- I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the WAPCOS Limited, New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, 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 copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 21 of the Brahmaputra Board Act, 1980:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Brahmaputra Board, Guwahati, 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.
- (c) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

श्री अजय टम्टा : महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित पत्र सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notification of the Ministry of Textiles, under sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987:—

- (1) S.O. 2027 (E), dated the 28th June, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 126 (E), dated the 14th January, 2016, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (2) S.O. 2937 (E), dated the 6th September, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 126 (E), dated the 14th January, 2016, to

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substitute certain entries in the original Notification.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Textiles Notification No. S.O. 2642 (E), dated the 14th August, 2017 nominating Shri Sukhendu Sekher Roy, Member of Rajya Sabha to serve as member in the National Jute Board up to 18th August, 2017, under Section 23 of the National Jute Board Act, 2008.

III. 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) Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC), Lucknow, for the year 2016-17, 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.

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

- (i) (a) Thirty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), New 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 Council.
- (ii) (a) Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the

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Accounts.

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh, 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.
- (iv) (a) Forty-eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), Chennai, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (v) (a) Fifty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Wool Research Association (WRA), Thane, Maharashtra, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.
- (vi) (a) Fifty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council (W&WEPC), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (vii)
 - (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wool Industry Export Promotion Council (WOOLTEXPRO), Mumbai, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
- (viii)
 - (a) Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council (ISEPC), New 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 Council.

SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Sir, on behalf of my colleague, Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under sub-section (3) of Section 50 of the Control of National Highways (Land and Traffic) Act, 2002:—

- (1) S.O. 896 (E), dated the 21st March, 2017, rescinding Notification No. S.O. 491 (E) and S.O. 492 (E), both dated the 16th February, 2016.

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- (2) S.O. 974 (E), dated the 28th March, 2017, appointing the Chief Engineer (National Highway) of the Public Works Department of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh to exercise the powers and discharge the functions conferred on it under Sections 24, 25, 26, 27 and 43 of the Act as per the Table given in the notification.
- (3) S.O. 1054 (E), dated the 5th April, 2017, appointing the Executive Engineers, Public Works Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and Chief Estate Officer, Department of District Administration, Itanagar to exercise the powers and discharge the functions conferred on them under Sections 24, 25, 26, 27 and 43 of the Act as per the Table given in the notification.
- (4) S.O. 1379 (E), dated the 2nd May, 2017, appointing the officers of General Reserve Engineer Force in Himachal Pradesh to exercise the powers and discharge the functions conferred on them under Sections 24, 25, 26, 27 and 43 of the Act as per the Table given in the notification.
- (5) S.O. 1422 (E), dated the 5th May, 2017, appointing the Chief Engineers (National Highways and Bridges) of the Public Works Department of the State Government of Uttarakhand (Garhwal Region and Kumaon Region) to exercise the powers and discharge the functions conferred on it under Sections 24, 25, 26, 27 and 43 of the Act as per the Table given in the notification.

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- (6) S.O. 1992 (E), dated the 23rd June, 2017, appointing the Commanders of the Border Road Organization of the State Governments of Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab to exercise the powers and discharge the functions conferred on it under Sections 24, 25, 26, 27 and 43 of the Act as per the Table given in the notification.

II. 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) Fiftieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited (CIWTC), Kolkata, for the year 2016-17, 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-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCI), Visakhapatnam, for the year 2016-17, 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.
- (iii) (a) Sixty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Shipping Corporation of India Limited (SCI), Mumbai, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor

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General of India thereon.

- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
- (iv) (a) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited (HDPEL), Kolkata, for the year 2016-17, 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-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi, for the year 2016-17, 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 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 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

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DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE: Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Defence, under Section 185 of the Navy Act, 1957:—

- (1) S.R.O. 11 (E), dated the 5th May, 2017, publishing the Navy Pay Regulations, 2017.
- (2) S.R.O. 14 (E), dated the 5th May, 2017, publishing the Navy Officers Pay Regulations, 2017.
- (3) S.R.O. 19 (E), dated the 6th July, 2017, publishing the Navy Officers Pay (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- (4) S.R.O. 24 (E), dated the 14th July, 2017, publishing the Navy Pay (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Defence, framed under Article 309 of Constitution of India:—

- (1) S.R.O. 9 (E), dated the 5th May, 2017, publishing the Army Pay Rules, 2017.
- (2) S.R.O. 10 (E), dated the 5th May, 2017, publishing the Air Force Pay Rules, 2017.
- (3) S.R.O. 12 (E), dated the 5th May, 2017, publishing the Army Officers Pay Rules, 2017.

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- (4) S.R.O. 13 (E), dated the 5th May, 2017, publishing the Air Force Officers Pay Rules, 2017.
- (5) S.R.O. 22 (E), dated the 14th July, 2017, publishing the Army Pay (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (6) S.R.O. 23 (E), dated the 14th July, 2017, publishing the Air Force Pay (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (7) S.R.O. 17 (E), dated the 6th July, 2017, publishing the Army Officers Pay (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (8) S.R.O. 18 (E), dated the 6th July, 2017, publishing the Air Force Officers Pay (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (9) S.R.O. 16 (E), dated the 30th June, 2017, publishing the Non-Combatants (Enrolled) of Air Force Rules, 2017.
- (10) S.R.O. 21 (E), dated the 14th July, 2017, publishing the Military Nursing Service Pay Rules, 2017.

III. 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 Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Vasco-da-Gama, Goa, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

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- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (ii) (a) Sixty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Shipyard Limited, (HSL), Visakhapatnam, for the year 2016-17, 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.
- (iii) (a) Forty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), Hyderabad, for the year 2016-17, 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.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bengaluru, for the year 2016-17, 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.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the BEL-THALES Systems Limited, Bengaluru, for the year 2016-17, 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.
- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the BEL Optronics Devices Limited, Pune, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's

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Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata, for the year 2016-17, 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.
- (viii) (a) Forty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited, (MIDHANI) Hyderabad, for the year 2016-17, 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.
- IV. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—
 - (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering Uttarkashi, (Uttarakhand), for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the Annual Accounts of the above Institute.
 - (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Mountaineering & Allied Sports, Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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- (b) Review by Government on the Annual Accounts of the above Institute.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports, Nunwan, Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the Annual Accounts of the above Institute.

DR. MAHESH SHARMA: Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. 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 Biological Diversity Act, 2002:—

- (1) S.O. 1352 (E), dated the 7th April, 2016, publishing the list of certain species of biological resources which are normally traded as commodities.
- (2) S.O. 3533 (E), dated the 7th November, 2017, amending Notification No. 1352(E) dated the 7th April, 2016, to insert certain entries therein.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Notification No. G.S.R. 496 (E), dated the 23rd May, 2017, publishing the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (4) of Section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960, along with Explanatory Note.

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

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

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**PETITION PRAYING MAKING TREATMENT FOR CANCER
AFFORDABLE AND WIDELY AVAILABLE**

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I report to the House, the receipt of a petition signed by Shri Praveen Kumar, a resident of New Delhi, praying for making the treatment for cancer affordable and widely available.

(Ends)

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

SHRI NARESH GUJRAL (PUNJAB): Sir, I wish to present the following Reports% (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce:—

[%] The Reports were presented to the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha on the 25th of August, 2017.

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- (i) One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Report on Trade with Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN); and
- (ii) One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Report on Activities and Functioning of Spices Board.

(Ends)

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS**

SHRI ANAND SHARMA (HIMACHAL PRADESH): Sir, I wish to present the Three Hundred and First Report[&] (in English and Hindi) on "Genetically Modified Crops and its Impact on Environment" of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests.

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[&] The Report was presented to the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha on the 25th of August, 2017 and was forwarded to the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on the same day.

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REPORTS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

श्री सत्यव्रत चतुर्वेदी (मध्य प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं लोक लेखा समिति (2017-18) के निम्नलिखित प्रतिवेदनों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ :

- (i) Eighty-second Report on Action Taken by Government on observations/ recommendations contained in Forty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Performance of 100 percent Export Oriented Unit Scheme';
- (ii) Eighty-third Report on Action Taken by Government on observations/ recommendations contained in Fifty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Land Management in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited';
- (iii) Eighty-fourth Report on Action Taken by Government on observations/ recommendations contained in Nineteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Excesses over voted grants and charged appropriations (2012-13)';
- (iv) Eighty-fifth Report on the subject 'Tribal Sub-Plan" based on C&AG Report No. 33 of 2015; and
- (v) Eighty-sixth Report on Action Taken by Government on observations/ recommendations contained in Sixtieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Performance Audit of Dual Freight Policy for Transportation of Iron Ore Traffic in Indian Railways'.

(Ends)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the hon. Members that a letter has been received from Shri Kunal Kumar Ghosh, Member, stating that due to the restriction of not leaving the jurisdiction of Narkeldanga Police Station, imposed by the High Court of Calcutta in the interim bail granted to him, he is unable to attend the sittings of the current (244th) Session. He has, therefore, requested for grant of Leave of Absence for the 244th Session.

Does he have the permission of the House for remaining absent from 15th December, 2017, to 5th January, 2018, during the current (244th) Session of Rajya Sabha?

(No Hon. Member dissented)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I hope the House agrees. Permission to remain absent is granted.

(Ends)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have also to inform the hon. Members that a letter has been received from Shri Digvijaya Singh, Member, stating that due to personal reasons, he is unable to attend the sittings of the Rajya Sabha during the current Session. He has, therefore,

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requested for grant of leave of absence for the entire 244th Session of the Rajya Sabha.

Does he have the permission of the House for remaining absent from 15th December, 2017, to 5th January, 2018, during the current (244th) Session of Rajya Sabha?

(No Hon. Member dissented)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I hope the House agrees. Permission to remain absent is granted.

(Ends)

**ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT AND
OTHER BUSINESS**

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the House that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on the 15th December, 2017, has allocated time for Government legislative and other Business as follows:-

<u>Business</u>	<u>Time Allotted</u>
1. Further consideration and passing of the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	Two Hours

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2. Consideration and passing of the following Bills, as passed by Lok Sabha:

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| (a) The Indian Institutes of Management Bill, 2017. | Two Hours |
| (b) The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2017. | Two Hours |
| (c) The Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE) Bill, 2017. | One-and-a-half Hours |
| (d) The State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill, 2017. | Two Hours |

3. Consideration and passing of the following Bills, after they are passed Lok Sabha:-

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| (a) The Repealing and Amending Bill | One Hour |
| (b) The Repealing and Amending (Second) Bill, 2017. | <i>(To be discussed together.)</i> |

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MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Motion for Election to the National Jute Board. Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani. ...(Interruptions)...

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल : माननीय उपसभापति जी, आपने जो बी०ए०सी० का एजेंडा बताया है.....(व्यवधान).....

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me complete it. ...(Interruptions)...

No; no ...(Interruptions)... I have called the hon. Minister.

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल : आप बी०ए०सी० का एजेंडा पास कराए दे रहे हैं। बी०ए०सी० के एजेंडे पर उस दिन तय हुआ था कि जो नाबार्ड वाला बिल है, वह अभी नहीं लिया जाएगा, हम माननीय वित्त मंत्री जी से बात कर लेंगे और उसके बाद लिया जाएगा। आपने अभी एनाउंस कर दिया। अभी तो हमारी बात माननीय वित्त मंत्री जी से ही नहीं हुई। कम से कम हम बात तो कर लें।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let it be over first. ...(Interruptions)...

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल : बी०ए०सी० के.....(व्यवधान).....

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your point is that...(Interruptions)...

SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: This was kept pending.

...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will get it examined. Now, Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani.

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MOTION FOR ELECTION TO NATIONAL JUTE BOARD

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): Sir,

I move the following Motion:

'That in pursuance of Section 3(4)(b) of the National Jute Board Act, 2008 (Act No. 12 of 2009) read with Rule 6(2) of the National Jute Board Rules, 2010, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from amongst the Members of the House, to be a member of the National Jute Board'.

The question was put and the Motion was adopted.

(Ends)

(Followed by 1c – PK)

PK-SC/1C/11.10

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir, we have given notice. ...(Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. ..(Interruptions)..

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Let us be heard.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. The point is....(Interruptions)...

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: It is under the Rule, Sir. Before you dispose it of, please hear us.

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल : सर, हमने रूल 267 के अंतर्गत नोटिस दिया है।..(व्यवधान)..

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SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Sir, I have also given notice under Rule 267.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, yes. You have also given notice, I know. But the position is this.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: We want the House to function. ..(Interruptions).. We want the Business to be transacted. But, at the same time, as we have appealed to the Chairman also, the Opposition must be given space and respect.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: This is Parliamentary democracy.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, let me.....(Interruptions)..

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: If we are not allowed to raise important issues.....

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me explain the position.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: A few Zero Hour notices have been received, from you, from Nareshji and also from Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray. But the first thing I have to tell you is that all these Zero Hour

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notices have been disallowed by the hon. Chairman. This is number one.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: But, Sir,.....(Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me explain. However, if you like to raise these issues, you can give notice....(Interruptions).. Listen to me. Listen to me. You can give notice under Zero Hour, so that you get three minutes to explain without any.... (Interruptions).. So, you are advised....(Interruptions)..

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir, I have a submission. ..(Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me complete.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: So, my advice is that you may give notice under Zero Hour. However, if you are still not satisfied, you may meet the hon. Chairman, because this question of Rule 267 is a matter to be decided by the hon. Chairman. You may meet him and discuss. I have no problem. ...(Interruptions).. I have no problem.

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल : यह किसी किताब में नहीं लिखा है, किसी नियम में नहीं लिखा है।..(व्यवधान).. किसी किताब में नहीं लिखा है। यहां पर एक्स-प्राइम मिनिस्टर बैठे हुए हैं।..(व्यवधान)..

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SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir, this morning, I had.....(Interruptions)..

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल : एक्स-प्राइम मिनिस्टर यहां बैठे हुए हैं।..(व्यवधान)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. ...(Interruptions)..

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir, in presence of all the Leaders in Opposition and in the Ruling Party, I had raised this and discussed this. We and our other colleagues, Shri Naresh Agrawal and Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav, discussed this with the Chairman. Sir, it is a question of institutional respect and also privileges; it is not that who occupies which office?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can discuss once again. ...(Interruptions)..

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: In a Parliamentary democracy, neither the Prime Minister nor the Ministers are beyond questioning. That is what Parliamentary democracy is all about. If the Prime Minister has said something about the former Prime Minister who is a sitting Member of this House and the former Chief of the Army.....(Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no; it is not permitted. ..(Interruptions).

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SHRI ANAND SHARMA: And the former Chairman who was the Vice-President of India...(Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You cannot discuss now.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: The Prime Minister should come and clarify on what basis he has made such a serious statement. ... (Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I would suggest that you meet the hon. Chairman. ... (Interruptions)..

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: He has committed a transgression. .. (Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You meet the hon. Chairman. .. (Interruptions)..

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: It is a serious (Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please meet the hon. Chairman. .. (Interruptions).. I am not allowing Rule 267.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: That is unacceptable. .. (Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am now going to Zero Hour. ... (Interruptions)..

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SHRI ANAND SHARMA: We belong to different political parties.

..(Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am now going to Zero Hour.

...(Interruptions).. You may discuss this with the hon. Chairman.

..(Interruptions)..

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: We can debate with each other.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Anand Sharmaji and Nareshji can discuss

this with the hon. Chairman. ...(Interruptions).. So, I am going for Zero

Hour submissions. Zero Hour, Shri Pratap Singh Bajwa.

...(Interruptions)..

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD):

Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir,.....(Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Leader of the Opposition, I have

explained the position. ...(Interruptions).. I have explained the position.

I would request you to meet the hon. Chairman.

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल : सर, यहां फॉर्मर प्राइम मिनिस्टर बैठे हुए हैं। ..(व्यवधान).

फॉर्मर प्राइम मिनिस्टर यहां बैठे हुए हैं, वे इस सदन के सदस्य हैं। इन पर आरोप

लगा हुआ है। इनको तो आपको सुनना ही पड़ेगा।..(व्यवधान).. फॉर्मर प्राइम

मिनिस्टर यहां बैठे हुए हैं, इन पर आरोप लगाया गया है।..(व्यवधान)..

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SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Sir, you cannot have a new rule. ... (Interruptions).. Things cannot change. ... (Interruptions).. The House is the same. ... (Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We are not changing.... (Interruptions)..

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: His mike is not on. ... (Interruptions)..

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: The House is the same for the last 70 years. (Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Allowing or disallowing is the prerogative of the Chairman with regard to this. ... (Interruptions)..

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: But this cannot be done. Everytime, everything is rejected. ... (Interruptions).. Then, why are we sitting here? ... (Interruptions).. Everything cannot be rejected every day. .. (Interruptions)..

AN HON. MEMBER: Sir, it is a very serious matter. ... (Interruptions)..

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Everything cannot be rejected every day. .. (Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I cannot allow it in any case. .. (Interruptions)..

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..(Interruptions).. Nareshji, I am not giving you the permission.

....(Interruptions)..

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: If you are going by rule, let us go by rule.

..(Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have not given the permission.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: We may be allowed to move the resolution.

...(Interruptions).. Let there be a vote. ...(Interruptions)..

(Followed by HK/1D)

HK-GS/1D/11.15

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD):

The voice of the Opposition cannot be muzzled like this.

...(Interruptions)... The voice of the Opposition cannot be muzzled.

...(Interruptions)... The House has to function according to the rules,

according to the convention. ...(Interruptions)... To garner the votes,

you can say anything you may like. ...(Interruptions)... There has to be

some answer. ...(Interruptions)...

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विजय गोयल) : आपको जवाब तो दे दिया। ... (व्यवधान)...

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: They shall be answerable to the country.
...(Interruptions)... They shall be answerable to the nation.
...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will adjourn the House. ... (Interruptions) ...
That is the only way. ... (Interruptions) ...

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: He must come here. ... (Interruptions) ...
The Prime Minister must come here and tell the nation.
...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your notice has been disallowed.
...(Interruptions) ... I already told you. ... (Interruptions) ... The House is
adjourned up to 1200 hours.

**The House then adjourned at seventeen minutes past eleven of the
clock.**

(12.00-1.00 P.M.-Question Hour)
