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BY THE

RAJYA SABHA

DURING ITS

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY SECOND SESSION

(31st January to 9th February, 2017

and

9th March to 12th April, 2017)

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P R E F A C E

This publication contains a brief resume of the business transacted by the Rajya Sabha during its Two Hundred and Forty Second Session.

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**BRIEF RESUME' OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED
BY THE RAJYA SABHA DURING ITS TWO HUNDRED AND
FORTY SECOND SESSION
(31-01-2017 to 12-04-2017)**

SUMMONS

Summons for the Two Hundred and Forty Second Session of the Rajya Sabha was issued to the Members on the 6th of January, 2017.

DURATION OF THE SESSION

The Two Hundred and Forty Second Session of the Rajya Sabha was held in two parts, i.e. from the 31st of January, 2017 to the 9th of February, 2017 and from the 9th of March, 2017 to the 12th of April, 2017. The first part of the Session, which commenced on the 31st of January, 2017 was adjourned on the 9th of February, 2017, to enable the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees to examine and report on the Demands for Grants of various Ministries/Departments. The House re-assembled on the 9th of March, 2017 for the second part of the Session and adjourned *sine-die*, as scheduled, on the 12th of April, 2017. The sittings of the House fixed for the 14th of March, 2017 and the 3rd of April, 2017 were cancelled as per announcements made in the House on the 10th and 31st of March, 2017 respectively. The House sat for 29 days and the actual hours of sittings were 136 hours and 18 minutes (excluding recess intervals). The House was prorogued by the President on the 12th of April, 2017.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

On the 31st of January, 2017, National Anthem was played.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT LAID
ON THE TABLE**

The President, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, addressed Members of both Houses of Parliament assembled together in the Central Hall on the 31st of January, 2017. Secretary-General laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the President's Address on the 31st of January, 2017.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

For Reference and Record

As a departure, the House met forty-five minutes instead of Half-an-Hour after the conclusion of the President's Address.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

On the 20th of March, 2017 Shri Manish Gupta (West Bengal) made and subscribed oath and took his seat in the House.

(Time taken: 02 Minutes)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Obituary References were made in the House during the Session, as detailed below: —

Sl. No	Date of Obituary Reference	Person in respect of whom Reference was made	Date of passing away	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	31-01-2017	Ayatollah Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, former President of the Islamic Republic of Iran	08-01-2017	0-09	The Chairman made references and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
2.	-do-	Sir James Richard Mancham, former President of Seychelles	08-01-2017		
3.	-do-	Mr. Alexander M. Kadakin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to India	26-01-2017		

4.	31-01-2017	Shri W. Kulabidhu Singh, ex-Member	17-12-2016		
5.	-do-	Shri Hamid Ali Schamnad, ex-Member	06-01-2017		
6.	-do-	Dr. Mohd. Hashim Kidwai, ex-Member	10-01-2017		
7.	-do-	Shri Ramdas Agarwal, ex-Member	26-01-2017	-	
8.	07-02-2017	Shri Mentay Padmanabham, ex-Member	01-01-2017	0-03	The Chairman made reference and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
9.	09-03-2017	Shri Puttapaga Radhakrishna, ex-Member	27-01-2017	} 00-11	The Chairman made references and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
10.	-do-	Shri P. Shiv Shanker, ex-Member	27-02-2017		

Sl. No	Date of Obituary Reference	Person in respect of whom Reference was made	Date of passing away	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
11.	09-03-2017	Haji Abdul Salam, sitting Member	28-02-2017	}	The Chairman made references and the House observed silence and adjourned for the day as a mark of respect for the memory of Haji Abdul Salam, sitting Member.
12.	-do-	Shri Syed Shahabuddin, ex-Member	04-03-2017		
13.	-do-	Shri Rabi Ray, ex-Member	06-03-2017		
14.	20-03-2017	Shri Pyarimohan Mohapatra, ex-Member	19-03-2017	0-03	The Chairman made reference and the House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.
15.	11-04-2017	Shri K.S. Malle Gowda, ex-Member	06-04-2017	0-03	-do-
Total:				<u>0-29</u>	

REFERENCES BY THE CHAIR

References were made in the House during the Session, as detailed below: —

Sl. No	Date of Reference	Incident	Date of the Incident	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	31-01-2017	Avalanches in Sonmarg in Ganderbal district, Gurez Sector in Bandipora district and Machchil Sector in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir.	25-01-2017 26-01-2017 28-01-2017	0-02	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those, who lost their lives in the tragedies.
2.	22-03-2017	World Water Day		0-02	
3.	11-04-2017	Hundredth Anniversary of the Champaran Satyagraha		0-01	
				Total:	0-05

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

2020 Papers were laid on the Table during the Session. Some of the important papers that were laid are detailed below: —

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
1.	31-01-2017	*The Economic Survey, 2016-17.
2.	-do-	The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Fifth Ordinance, 2016 (Ordinance No.8 of 2016), promulgated by the President on the 22 nd of December, 2016.
3.	-do-	The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 (Ordinance No.9 of 2016), promulgated by the President on the 28 th of December, 2016.
4.	-do-	The Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Ordinance, 2016 (Ordinance No.10 of 2016), promulgated by the President on the 30 th of December, 2016.
5.	01-02-2017	³⁸ Macro-Economic Framework Statement; Medium-term Fiscal Policy Statement; and Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement, for the year 2017-18.

* Corrigenda to the Economic Survey, 2016-17 was placed in the Parliament Library during the recess of the Session. A copy was also laid on the Table on the 10th March, 2017.

For Reference and Record

The Economic Survey 2016-17, laid on the opening day of the Budget Session after laying of the President's Address.

³⁸ Laid alongwith the Union Budget, 2017-18. For further details, please see under the heading "BUDGET — LAID ON THE TABLE".

6. 03-02-2017 Two Hundred and Sixty-third Report of the Law Commission of India on the Protection of Children (Inter-Country Removal and Retention) Bill, 2016.
7. 03-02-2017 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Fuel Management of Coal Based Power Stations of NTPC Limited - Union Government (Commercial), Ministry of Power, Report No.35 of 2016 (Performance Audit).
8. 09-02-2017 Sixteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, New Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
9. 10-03-2017 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Working of Army Base Workshops for the year ended March, 2016 - Union Government (Defence Services - Army), Report No.36 of 2016 (Performance Audit).
10. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2016 (Report No.37 of 2016) - Railways Finances) Union Government (Railways) - Indian Railways Appropriation Accounts-Part-1-Review and Part-II-Detailed Appropriation Accounts, Part-II-Detailed Appropriation Accounts (Annexure-G) for the year 2015-16.
11. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Working of Canteen Store Department for the year ended March, 2016 - Union Government (Defence Services-Army), Report No.38 of 2016 (Performance Audit).

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
12.	10-03-2017	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Environmental Clearance and Post Clearance Monitoring for the year ended March, 2016 - Union Government, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Report No.39 of 2016 (Performance Audit).
13.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Turnaround Plan and Finance Restructuring Plan of Air India Limited - Union Government (Commercial), Ministry of Civil Aviation, Report No.40 of 2016 (Performance Audit).
14.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2016 - Union Government, Department of Revenue (Indirect Taxes-Service Tax), Report No.41 of 2016.
15.	-do-	Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Performance Audit on Project Imports for the year ended March, 2016 - Union Government, Department of Revenue, (Indirect taxes - Customs), Report No.42 of 2016.
16.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2016 - Union Government, Department of Revenue - Customs (Compliance Audit), Report No.1 of 2017.
17.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2016 - Union Government, Department of Revenue - Direct Taxes, Report No. 2 of 2017.

18. 10-03-2017 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2016 - Union Government, Department of Revenue (Indirect Taxes-Central Excise), Report No.3 of 2017.
19. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2016 on Performance Audit of Implementation of TDS/TCS Scheme - Union Government, Department of Revenue - Direct Taxes, Report No.4 of 2017 (Performance Audit).
20. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2016 on Construction of Indo-China Border Roads by Border Roads Organisation - Union Government, (Defence Services - Army), Report No.5 of 2017 (Performance Audit).
21. 16-03-2017 Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
22. -do- Annual Report of the Central Information Commission (CIC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
23. -do- Annual Report of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16
24. 21-03-2017 Annual Report and Accounts of the National Housing Bank, New Delhi, for the year 2015-16.
25. -do- Public Enterprise Survey (Vol. I&II), for the year 2015-16.

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
26.	21-03-2017	2 nd Annual Report on the working and administration of the Companies Act, 2013 for the year end March 31, 2016
27.	23-03-2017	First Annual Report of the Nagpur Metro Rail Corporation Limited (NMRCL), Nagpur, for the year 2015-16.
28.	-do-	Annual Report on the working of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, for the year 2015.
29.	-do-	Annual Report on the working of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, for the year 2015.
30.	24-03-2017	Report of the Progress made in the intake of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes against vacancies reserved for them in the recruitment and promotion categories in the Railways for the year 2015-16.
31.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2016 - Union Government (Civil), Union Territories without Legislatures Compliance Audit Observations, Report No.8 of 2017.
32.	28-03-2017	Liquidator's Report on the voluntary winding up of the Industrial Investment Bank of India Ltd (IIBI), Kolkata, for the period from 1.10.2016 to 31.12.2016

33. 28-03-2017 Annual Report of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers (EC), New Delhi, for 2015-16
34. 29-03-2017 6th, 7th and 8th Reports of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, New Delhi for the years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively, alongwith the Action Taken Memoranda.
35. 30-03-2017 Report of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) on Effective Utilisation of Funds under the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP), New Delhi, for the year 2016.
36. -do- Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), New Delhi, 2014-15, alongwith the Performance Review of the Commission.
37. 31-03-2017 Statement on Quarterly Review on the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget at the end of the Third Quarter of the Financial year 2016-17.
38. 05-04-2017 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Union Government (Commercial), General Purpose Financial Report of Central Public Sector Enterprises, Report No.6 of 2017 (Compliance Audit) year ending 31st March, 2016.
39. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Union Government (Commercial), Report No.9 of 2017 (Compliance Audit Observations) year ending March, 2016.

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
40.	06-04-2017	Report of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institute (NCMEI), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16 alongwith Action Taken Memorandum.
41.	-do-	Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi, 2015-16.
42.	10-04-2017	Statement regarding Ratification of the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No.183) and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No.182) of the International Labour Organization (ILO) by the Govt of India on the 31st March, 2017.
43.	12-04-2017	Annual Report of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), New Delhi for the year, 2016.

(Total Time taken: 43 Mts.)

MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF RULE 272 — ADOPTED

On 10th March, 2017, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, moved the following Motion:—

“That the Rule 272 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States in its application for consideration of the Demands for Grants of the related Ministries/Departments for 2017-18 by Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees and to make reports, without general discussion on the Budget having been concluded, be treated as suspended on the adjournment of Rajya Sabha for recess on 9th February, 2017.”

The Motion was adopted.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

REPORTS/ STATEMENTS OF THE COMMITTEES PRESENTED/ LAID ON THE TABLE

The following Reports/Statements of various Committees were presented/laid on the Table:—

Date	Name of the Committee	Report/Statement
03-02-2017	Joint Committee on Offices of Profit	16 th , 17 th and 18 th Reports
07-02-2017	Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice	88 th and 89 th Reports
-do-	Urban Development	13 th and 14 th Reports
08-02-2017	Home Affairs	199 th and 200 th Reports
-do-	Human Resource Development	284 th Report
-do-	Transport, Tourism and Culture	243 rd Report
-do-	Welfare of Other Backward Classes	6 th Report

Date	Name of the Committee	Report/Statement
09-02-2017	External Affairs	14 th Report
-do-	Public Undertakings	17 th Report
10-03-2017	Agriculture	35 th , 36 th and 37 th Reports
-do-	Coal and Steel	27 th Report
-do-	Defence	24 th to 31 st Reports
-do-	Energy	26 th and 27 th Reports
-do-	Information and Technology	34 th Report
-do-	Railways	13 th Report
15-03-2017	Home Affairs	201 st Report
-do-	Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice	90 th and 91 st Reports
-do-	Finance	44 th and 45 th Reports
-do-	Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution	13 th and 14 th Reports
16-03-2017	Industry	281 st , 282 nd and 283 rd Reports
-do-	Water Resources	13 th to 16 th Reports
17-03-2017	Commerce	132 nd and 133 rd Reports
-do-	Transport, Tourism and Culture	244 th to 248 th Reports
-do-	Coal and Steel	28 th Report
-do-	Finance	46 th , 47 th and 48 th Reports
-do-	Information and Technology	35 th , 36 th and 37 th Reports
-do-	Petroleum and Natural Gas	18 th Report

Date	Name of the Committee	Report/Statement
17-03-2017	Social Justice and Empowerment	36 th to 39 th Reports
-do-	Urban Development	15 th and 16 th Reports
-do-	Public Accounts	64 th , 65 th and 66 th Reports
20-03-2017	Health and Family Welfare	99 th , 100 th and 101 st Reports
-do-	Agriculture	38 th Report
-do-	Chemicals and Fertilizers	31 st and 32 nd Reports
-do-	Coal and Steel	29 th Report
-do-	External Affairs	15 th Report
-do-	Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution	15 th and 16 th Reports
-do-	Labour	22 nd to 25 th Reports
-do-	Rural Development	32 nd to 36 th Reports
21-03-2017	Home Affairs	202 nd Report
-do-	Human Resource Development	286 to 290 th Reports
-do-	Chemicals and Fertilizers	33 rd Report
24-03-2017	Coal and Steel	30 th Report
-do-	Petroleum and Natural Gas	19 th Report
-do-	Public Undertakings	18 th Report
27-03-2017	Coal and Steel	31 st Report
-do-	Empowerment of Women	9 th Report
28-03-2017	Joint Committee on Offices of Profit	19 th Report
31-03-2017	Papers Laid on the Table	150 th Report
-do-	Science and Technology, Environment and Forests	294 th to 300 th Reports

Date	Name of the Committee	Report/Statement
31-03-2017	Energy	Action Taken Statements
-do-	Public Accounts Committee	67 th and 68 th Reports
-do-	Railway Convention Committee	11 th to 14 th Reports
-do-	Welfare of Other Backward Classes	7 th Report
06-04-2017	Petitions	53 rd Report
-do-	Defence	Action Taken Statements
07-04-2017	Labour	26 th Report
-do-	Chemicals and Fertilizers	Action Taken Statements
10-04-2017	Subordinate Legislation	230 th to 233 rd Reports
-do-	Chemicals and Fertilizers	34 th Report
-do-	Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	10 th Report
11-04-2017	Home Affairs	203 rd Report
-do-	Information and Technology	38 th Report and Action Taken Statements
-do-	Social Justice and Empowerment	40 th , 41 st and 42 nd Reports.
-do-	Labour	Action Taken Statements
-do-	Joint Committee on Offices of Profit	20 th Report
-do-	Public Accounts	69 th to 73 rd Reports
12-04-2017	Urban Development	17 th Report
-do-	Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	11 th Report
-do-	External Affairs	Action Taken Statement
-do-	Public Accounts	74 th Report

(Total Time taken:48 Mts.)

MOTIONS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/BODIES

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Committee/Body	<u>Time taken</u> <u>Hrs.Mts.</u>
1.	16-03-2017	Committee on Public Undertakings	} 0-01
2.	-do-	Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	
3.	16-03-2017	Committee on Public Accounts	0-01
4.	23-03-2017	Court of the University of Allahabad	0-01
5.	30-03-2017	Court of the Aligarh Muslim University	0-01
6.	05-04-2017	Spices Board	0-01
Total :			<u>0-05</u>

RESIGNATION BY MEMBERS

(1) On the 31st of January, 2017, the Chairman made the following announcement in the House:—

“I have to inform Members that I had received a letter, dated the 23rd of December, 2016, from Shri Mithun Chakraborty, Member, representing the State of West Bengal, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. I had accepted his resignation with effect from the 28th of December, 2016.”

(2) On the 21st March, 2017, the Deputy Chairman made the following announcement in the House:—

“I have to inform Members that the Hon'ble Chairman had received a letter, dated the 20th of March, 2017, from Shri Bishnu Charan Das, Member, representing the State of Odisha, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. The Hon'ble Chairman has accepted his resignation with effect from the 21st of March, 2017.”

(Time taken: 02 Minutes)

CANCELLATION OF SITTINGS OF RAJYA SABHA

(1) On 10th March, 2017, on a suggestion made by Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and agreed to by the House, the sitting of the Rajya Sabha scheduled for Tuesday, the 14th March, 2017, stands cancelled.

(2) On 31st March, 2017, the Deputy Chairman made the following announcement:—

“I wish to inform the House that there would be no sitting of the House on Monday, the 3rd of April, 2017. In view of the holiday on Tuesday, the 4th of April, 2017, on account of 'RAM NAVAMI', the House will, accordingly, meet on Wednesday, the 5th of April, 2017”.

(Time taken: 02 Minutes)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(i) On the 3rd of February, 2017, Shri Kunal Kumar Ghosh (West Bengal) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, for the entire current Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(ii) On the 8th of February, 2017, Shri K.G. Kenye (Nagaland) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House for the entire current Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(iii) On the 10th of March, 2017 —

(a) Dr. Karan Singh (NCT of Delhi) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 9th March to 24th March, 2017, during the 242nd Session.

(b) Shri Devender Goud T. (Andhra Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 9th March to 12th April, 2017, during the 242nd Session.

(c) Dr. Narendra Jadhav (Nominated) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 9th March to 30th March, 2017, during the 242nd Session.

(iv) On the 15th of March, 2017, Shri Rewati Raman Singh (Uttar Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 9th March to 12th April, 2017, during the 242nd Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(v) On the 27th of March, 2017, Dr. Karan Singh (NCT of Delhi) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 27th March to 12th April, 2017, during the 242nd Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(vi) On the 5th of April, 2017 —

(a) Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar (Kerala) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 31st January to 12th April, 2017, during the 242nd Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(b) Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey (Odisha) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from 31st January to 12th April, 2017, during the 242nd Session of the Rajya Sabha.

(Total Time taken: 07Mts.)

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA — REPORTED / GOVERNMENT BILLS — LAID ON THE TABLE

Secretary-General and Additional-Secretary reported to the Rajya Sabha, 31 messages received from the Lok Sabha and laid on the Table, 14 Government Bills, as passed by the Lok Sabha, during the Session.

(Total Time taken: 19 Mts.)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6 Meetings of the Business Advisory Committee were held during the Session to allocate time for Government Legislative and other Business. Recommendations of the Committee in respect of the meetings were reported to the House on the dates mentioned below: —

Sl. No.	Date of BAC Meeting	Date of announcement of the recommendations of BAC in the House	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	31-01-2017	02-02-2017	0-01

Sl. No.	Date of BAC Meeting	Date of announcement of the recommendations of BAC in the House	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
2.	07-02-2017	07-02-2017	0-02
3.	09-03-2017	10-03-2017	0-02
4.	16-03-2017	16-03-2017	0-02
5.	23-03-2017	23-03-2017	0-02
6.	06-04-2017	06-04-2017	0-01
Total:			0-10

STATEMENTS REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

5 Statements regarding Government Business were made in the House on the following dates during the Session: —

Sl. No.	Date	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	03-02-2017	0-01
2.	10-03-2017	0-02
3.	17-03-2017	0-01
4.	24-03-2017	0-02
5.	31-03-2017	0-02
Total:		0-08

INFORMATION TO THE HOUSE

On the 11th of April, 2017, Shrimati Sushma Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs, informed the House about the stance of the Central Government in the matter regarding award of death sentence to an Indian citizen, Shri Kulbhushan Jadhav by a Pakistan military court.

(Time taken: 07 Mts.)

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

I. On the 2nd of February, 2017:—

(1) Shri A.K. Selvaraj raised a matter regarding alleged illegal construction of check dams across river Bavani by Government of Kerala.

(2) Shrimati Kanimozhi raised a matter regarding serious threat to the environment, marine life and livelihood of fishermen due to oil spill near Chennai Kamarajar port.

(3) Shrimati Viplove Thakur raised a matter regarding concern over suicide by students taking coaching classes in Kota, Rajasthan.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Information and Broadcasting, responded.

(4) Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding situation of severe drought in Southern States.

Shri T.K. Rangarajan also spoke.

(5) Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy raised a matter regarding need for justice to cargo handling private pool workers at Visakhapatnam port.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

(6) Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding alleged lathi-charge by Delhi Police on Marathi youth demanding reservation in Railways.

(7) Shri C.P. Narayanan raised a matter regarding serious situation in ration distribution in Kerala.

Shri A.K. Antony also spoke.

Shri Ananthkumar, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(8) Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding country-wide strike on 3rd February by medical and sales representatives.

(9) Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth raised a matter regarding need to confer *Bharat Ratna* on Dr. J. Jayalalitha posthumously and to install a bronze statue in Parliament House Campus.

II. On the 3rd of February, 2017:—

(10) Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding declaring Andaman Cellular Jail as a National Monument.

(11) Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu raised a matter regarding need to equip the central teams visiting the sites of natural calamities with modern technical facilities.

(12) Shrimati Kakhshan Perween raised a matter regarding problems being faced by the students due to restriction on number of attempts for AIPMT.

(13) Shri Ripun Bora raised a matter regarding concern over delay in updating National Register of Citizens in Assam.

(14) Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding plight of print media industry.

(15) Shri Majeed Memon raised a matter regarding plight of powerloom industry in the country.

Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Textiles, responded.

(16) Shri Swapan Dasgupta raised a matter regarding reported attack on religious freedom in West Bengal.

(17) Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to declare rehabilitation package for Gulf returnees.

(18) Shrimati Chhaya Verma raised a matter regarding deletion of the name of former Prime Minister late Shri Rajiv Gandhi from *Sadbhavna Divas*.

Shri Anand Sharma and Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of Opposition*, also spoke.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(19) Shri Sitaram Yechury raised a matter regarding denial of permission to the family of Late Shri E. Ahmed, M.P and fellow MPs by RML Hospital to see him.

Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of Opposition*, also spoke.

III. On the 6th of February, 2017:—

(20) Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding alleged ban on the democratic rights of the students in some Central Universities.

Shri Sharad Yadav, Shrimati Viplove Thakur and Shri Anand Sharma also spoke.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(21) Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding need to frame a national policy to prevent forest fires.

(22) Shri Sharad Yadav raised a matter regarding pathetic condition of engineers categorized under Group C in Railways.

(23) Shri Partap Singh Bajwa raised a matter regarding need to pay attention to the problems of Central Armed Police Forces.

Shri Rajeev Shukla also spoke.

(24) Shri Derek O' Brien raised a matter regarding securing interests of the Indian IT workforce creating value globally.

(25) Shri B.K. Hariprasad raised a matter regarding NHRC report on the rape of 16 tribal women in Bastar.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Information and Broadcasting, responded.

(26) Shri K. Somaprasad raised a matter regarding problems being faced by Kerala Minerals and Metals Limited.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen and Shri K.K. Ragesh also spoke.

(27) Shri Joy Abraham raised a matter regarding release of Father Tom Uzhunnalil from captivity in Yemen.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, responded.

(28) Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding need for CBI enquiry into the case of a missing student of JNU.

(29) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding concern over the poor condition of ex-sports persons of the country.

IV. On the 7th of February, 2017:—

(30) Shrimati Viplove Thakur raised a matter regarding need to evolve a policy to look after the victims of rape and their children.

(31) Shri Shantaram Naik raised a matter regarding reported statement of the Defence Minister regarding use of nuclear weapons.

Shri Anand Sharma also spoke.

(32) Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to reinvestigate the murder of a youth in Kannur district of Kerala.

(33) Dr. Narendra Jadhav raised a matter regarding concern over the abolition of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP).

(34) Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding concern over the privatization/ strategic sale of Public Sector Undertakings.

(35) Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde raised a matter regarding alleged attacks on the workers of BJP and RSS in Kerala.

(36) Shrimati Jaya Bachchan raised a matter regarding alleged misbehaviour with eminent cinema artists in Rajasthan.

(37) Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy raised a matter regarding concern over increase in cases of deaths due to swine flu in Andhra Pradesh.

(38) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding concern over tribal unrest in Jharkhand.

(39) Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding lack of telephone facilities in many police stations in the country.

(40) Shri Pramod Tiwari raised a matter regarding provision of resources and special funds for Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh to deal with natural calamity in view of earthquake on 6.2.2017.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(41) Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding miserable conditions of manual scavengers in the country.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

V. On the 8th of February, 2017:—

(42) Ms. Dola Sen raised a matter regarding need to discuss political funding and electoral reforms.

(43) Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding reported scam of ₹ 3700 crores by a Social Trade Company.

Shri Prabhat Jha also spoke.

(44) Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding need to revoke the UGC notification regarding admissions for M. Phil and Ph.D. courses.

(45) Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding use of *devanagri* numerals in new currency notes of ₹ 500 and ₹ 2000 denominations.

(46) Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad raised a matter regarding threat to the environment due to illegal sand mining on *Ken* river in Madhya Pradesh.

(47) Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu raised a matter regarding concern over slow progress of work on NH-33.

(48) Shrimati Wansuk Syiem raised a matter regarding concern over distress in North-East region.

(49) Dr. Anil Kumar Sahani raised a matter regarding alleged harassment of farmers in loan recovery by Banks.

(50) Mahant Shambhuprasadji Tundiya raised a matter regarding need to provide facilities to the pilgrims of Kailash-Mansarovar *yatra*.

(51) Shri Mukul Roy raised a matter regarding increasing number of rail accidents due to poor infrastructure.

(52) Shri C.P. Narayanan raised a matter regarding need to provide kerosene oil at PDS prices to traditional fishermen in Kerala.

Shri A.K. Antony also spoke.

Shri Ananthkumar, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(53) Shrimati Kahkashan Perween raised a matter regarding need to confer *Bharat Ratna* on Late Shri Karpoori Thakur.

(54) Shrimati Chhaya Verma raised a matter regarding delay in issuing 'long time VISA' or citizenship to persons exiled from Sindh (Pakistan) living in Chhattisgarh.

(55) Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu raised a matter regarding the problems being faced by quality handloom products due to machine made duplicates.

VI. On the 10th of March, 2017:—

Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding alleged attack on academic freedom in Delhi University and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

Shri Sitaram Yechury and Shri T.K. Rangarajan also spoke.

(56) Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding exploration of hydro-carbons in Neduvasal Village, Pudukottai in Tamil Nadu despite agitation by native people.

(57) Dr. V. Maitreyan raised a matter regarding need for a central probe into the mystery surrounding the death of Dr. J. Jayalalithaa.

(58) Shrimati Kanimozhi raised a matter regarding killing of Indian fishermen and continuous attack on them by Sri Lankan Navy.

Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam also spoke.

Shri M.J. Akbar, Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs, responded.

(59) Shri Madhusudan Mistry raised a matter regarding capturing of 94 fishermen by Pakistan Maritime Security Agency.

Shri M.J. Akbar, Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs, responded.

VII. On the 15th of March, 2017:—

(61) Shri P.L. Punia raised a matter regarding situation due to abolition of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan and non-allocation of budget in proportion to the population.

(62) Shri Anand Sharma raised a matter regarding concern over the manner of formation of Governments in Goa and Manipur disrespecting the people's mandate.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(63) Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding continued discrimination against *dalit* students in Universities and suicide by a *dalit* student of JNU.

Shri Tiruchi Siva, Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav, Shrimati Kanimozhi, Shri Ali Anwar Ansari and Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, responded.

(64) Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding threat of violence against the Chief Minister of Kerala.

Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

VIII. On the 16th of March, 2017:—

(65) Shri Sharad Yadav raised a matter regarding plight of farmers due to inefficient system of procurement of wheat and pulses by the Government.

Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav, Shri Sitaram Yechury and Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of Opposition* also spoke.

Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Information and Broadcasting, responded.

(66) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding surcharge on digital payments after demonetization.

Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(67) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding need to regulate the medical healthcare in private hospitals.

(68) Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding hardships being faced by employees of the Hindustan Paper Corporation.

(69) Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding concern over steep hike in prices of LPG Cylinder.

(70) Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding need to include Bhojpuri in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

(71) Shri Mohd. Ali Khan raised a matter regarding concern over the pendency of reimbursement of medical bills of private hospitals empanelled under CGHS.

(72) Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding concern over trafficking of humans, particularly girls in various States.

(73) Shri Husain Dalwai raised a matter regarding rampant female foeticide in Maharashtra.

(74) Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding proposed strike by Central Government Employees on 16th March, 2017.

(75) Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding need to take up the matter of killing of an Indian National in Kansas, USA with the U.S. Government.

Shrimati Sushma Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs, responded.

(76) Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth raised a matter regarding alleged harassment of farmers by bank managers and farmers suicides in Tamil Nadu.

IX. On the 17th of March, 2017:—

(77) Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy raised a matter regarding concern over the strategic sale of the Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Company and the Bridge and Roof Company.

(78) Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding need to stop the strategic sale of some Alloy Steel Plants by SAIL.

(79) Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding plight of common man due to economic burden imposed by the Government.

X. On the 20th of March, 2017:—

(80) Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to withdraw the decision of SBI regarding penalty for non-maintenance of minimum balance in saving accounts.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

(81) Shri Pramod Tiwari raised a matter regarding concern over suicide by farmers due to non-remunerative procurement prices of their produce.

(82) Dr. Vikas Mahatme raised a matter regarding need to give protection to doctors on casualty duty in the wake of the recent attack on a doctor in Maharashtra.

(83) Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding need to take steps to prevent incidents of forest fire in the country.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(84) Shri Partap Singh Bajwa raised a matter regarding need to form a Village Voluntary Force to counter infiltration of terrorists in Punjab borders.

(85) Dr. V. Maitreyan raised a matter regarding need to bring a resolution in the UNHRC meeting on 22nd March, 2017 for an independent investigation into the genocide of Eelam Tamils in 2009.

Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan, Shri T.K. Rangarajan and Shri D. Raja also spoke.

(86) Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding problems being faced by farmers in various parts of the country, particularly in Maharashtra, due to unseasonal rains.

(87) Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati raised a matter regarding alleged neglect of forts of Shivaji and demand to include them in world heritage list.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(88) Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding hardships being faced by drivers of app-based taxi aggregators.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(89) Shri B.K. Hariprasad raised a matter regarding drought situation in Karnataka.

(90) Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy raised a matter regarding need for contingency plan for drought in Andhra Pradesh.

XI. On the 21st of March, 2017:—

(91) Km. Mayawati raised a matter regarding alleged tampering of EVMs in recent elections in UP and Uttarakhand.

(92) Shri Sharad Yadav raised a matter regarding poor implementation of the Right to Education Act.

(93) Shri Shwait Malik raised a matter regarding mismanagement of the national monument of Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar.

(94) Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding alleged barbaric treatment and torture meted out to four girl students arrested in West Bengal.

(95) Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap raised a matter regarding non-recruitment to the posts of Principal through departmental exam in *Kendriya Vidyalayas*.

(96) Shri Ram Nath Thakur raised a matter regarding inadequate facilities in AIIMS, Patna.

(97) Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe raised a matter regarding need to take urgent measures to prevent illegal methods for conceiving male child.

(98) Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu raised a matter regarding need for inquiry into incidents of police firing on villagers and steps for non-alienation of tribal land in Jharkhand.

(99) Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding Tamil Nadu fishermen stranded in Iran.

(100) Shri S. Muthukaruppan raised a matter regarding need to release funds for revamping the power sector in Tamil Nadu.

(101) Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding continuing agitation by farmers of Tamil Nadu.

Shrimati Kanimozhi also spoke.

XII. On the 22nd of March, 2017:—

(102) Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding need for compensatory attempt for aggrieved candidates of Hindi and other official languages in Civil Services examination.

Shri Sharad Yadav also spoke.

(103) Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding alleged conversion of black money into legal money by Shell companies.

(104) Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding need for a central legislation for protection of street hawkers.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

(105) Shri P. Bhattacharya raised a matter regarding concern over vulgar and abusive content being shown in TV serials.

(106) Shri C.P. Narayanan raised a matter regarding need for fast track courts for justice in cases where minor girls are sexually attacked.

(107) Shri Shamsher Singh Manhas raised a matter regarding non-payment of compensation to the land owners for the land acquired by army after the war of 1965 in Jammu region.

(108) Dr. Sanjay Singh raised a matter regarding need for regularisation of the teachers in *Madarsas* in Uttar Pradesh.

(109) Shri Sanjay Seth raised a matter regarding alleged theft of personal data from Banks and insurance companies and selling the same to other companies by some brokers.

Shri Naresh Agrawal also spoke.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(110) Shri Chunibhai Kanjibhai Gohel raised a matter regarding alleged illegal construction by a Public Limited Company in Veraval, Gujarat causing environmental problems.

(111) Shrimati Chhaya Verma raised a matter regarding alleged murder of a tribal farmer leader in Chhattisgarh by land mafias.

(112) Shri Vivek K. Tankha raised a matter regarding concern over poor condition of infant health care in Madhya Pradesh.

(113) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding concern over frequent coal mine accidents in *Koyalanchal* in Jharkhand.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen and Shri Digvijaya Singh also spoke.

(114) Shri T.K.S. Elangovan raised a matter regarding concern over withdrawal of labour cess in certain departments.

(115) Shri La. Ganesan raised a matter regarding need for renaming the islands in Andamans.

XIII. On the 23rd of March, 2017:—

(116) Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav raised a matter regarding need for import duty on wheat and pulses.

Shri Digvijaya Singh, Shri Pramod Tiwari and Shri Anand Sharma also spoke.

Shri Ramvilas Paswan, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, responded.

(117) Shri T.K. Rangarajan raised a matter regarding need to fix minimum support price of copra at ₹ 120/- to benefit coconut cultivators.

Shri K.K. Ragesh also spoke.

(118) Shri P.L. Punia raised a matter regarding need for an independent inquiry into the death of Rohit Vemula of Hyderabad Central University.

(119) Shri Prabhat Jha raised a matter regarding concern over dependence on China for raw material used in the production of medicines.

Shri Anand Sharma and Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, responded.

(120) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding serious situation of air pollution in the country.

(121) Shri K.C. Ramamurthy raised a matter regarding need to revise the wages of *Aanganwadi* workers.

(122) Shri Basawaraj Patil raised a matter regarding opening of Yatri Ticket Suvidha Kendra at Gulbarga.

(123) Shri D.P. Tripathi raised a matter regarding low ranking of India in World Happiness Report of United Nations.

(124) Shri Suresh Gopi raised a matter regarding need for a memorial and cultural centre in the name of Karinthandan – a tribal chieftain.

XIV. On the 24th of March, 2017:—

(125) Ms. Dola Sen raised a matter regarding need to look into the problems of people including tribals affected by the Sardar Sarovar project.

(126) Shrimati Kakhshan Perween raised a matter regarding concern over sex determination racket caught in a village in Delhi.

(127) Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding concern over high pendency of industrial disputes leading to encouragement of violations of labour laws.

(128) Sardar Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa raised a matter regarding proposed shifting of All India Radio's language bulletin units to the State Capitals.

(129) Shri Motilal Vora raised a matter regarding issues relating to linking of Aadhaar with Mid-Day-Meal scheme and ICDS.

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development, responded.

(130) Shri Narendra Budania raised a matter regarding need to give constitutional status to the Backward Class Commission.

(131) Shrimati Kanimozhi raised a matter regarding concern over mercury contamination of the catchment area of river Vaigai in Kodaikanal.

(132) Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra raised a matter regarding need to settle the issue of rights over the assets and resources between Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, in terms of article 301 of the Constitution.

XV. On the 27th of March, 2017:—

(133) Shri Sharad Yadav raised a matter regarding non-filling up of backlog vacancies reserved for Backward Classes in Government institutions and Public Sectors Undertakings.

(134) Shri Narendra Budania raised a matter regarding working of the National Minority Commission.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

XVI. On the 29th of March, 2017:—

(135) Shri Sharad Pawar raised a matter regarding the effect of demonetisation on District Central Co-operative Banks.

(136) Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding agitation by farmers of Tamil Nadu.

Shri D. Raja, Shri T.K. Rangarajan and Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, responded.

(137) Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding need for ban on electronic gadgets inside aircraft cabin in flights from some countries.

(138) Shri Pramod Tiwari raised a matter regarding need to include Awadhi language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

(139) Shrimati Vandana Chavan raised a matter regarding concern over rise in production and usage of synthetic drugs in the country.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(140) Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu raised a matter regarding need for safe medicines and advanced vaccines against TB.

(141) Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to withdraw the decision to privatise Central PSUs in Kerala.

(142) Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding concern over recent seizures of fake high value currency notes.

(143) Shri Rajeev Shukla raised a matter regarding need to increase spending in Health Sector.

XVII. On the 30th of March, 2017:—

(144) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding concern over abundance of fake and inferior quality drugs in the market.

Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, responded.

(145) Shri Ahmed Patel raised a matter regarding distress faced by Indian Fishermen held in captivity by Pakistan.

Shrimati Sushma Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs, responded.

(146) Shri Madhusudan Mistry raised a matter regarding concern over suicide by farmers in Gujarat.

(147) Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya raised a matter regarding need to include *Rajasthani* language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

XVIII. On the 31st of March, 2017:—

(148) Shri Ram Nath Thakur raised a matter regarding need to resume work in the fertilizer factory in Barauni.

(149) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding difficulties being faced by meat sellers in the country.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(150) Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding increasing fire incidents in Ordnance factories in the country.

(151) Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding safety and security of whistle blowers and their families, particularly women and children.

(152) Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding alleged inaction in the appointment of Lokpal.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(153) Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao raised a matter regarding need to release the resource gap of Andhra Pradesh, for the year 2014-15.

(154) Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding health hazard due to excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides by farmers.

(155) Mahant Shambhuprasadji Tundiya raised a matter regarding stone pelting on the Indian army in Badgaon, J&K.

(156) Shri Prabhat Jha raised a matter regarding cases of missing girls in Bihar.

XIX. On the 5th of April, 2017:—

(157) Dr. Subramanian Swamy raised a matter regarding need for restructuring of Goods and Service Tax Network.

(158) Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding harassment of Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Indian Coast Guard.

(159) Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy raised a matter regarding indefinite strike by truck owners.

Shri K.K. Ragesh also spoke.

(160) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding delay in release of funds under MPLADS.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(161) Shri Ronald Sapa Tlau raised a matter regarding strike by CSS Hindi teachers in Mizoram.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs responded.

(162) Shri Majeed Memon raised matter regarding vacant posts of Judges in High Courts.

(163) Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar raised a matter regarding destruction of the ecologically sensitive Western Ghats.

XX. On the 6th of April, 2017:—

(164) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding reduction in the rate of interest on PPF and other small saving schemes.

(165) Dr. Vikas Mahatme raised a matter regarding false media reports about denying reservation to *Dhangar* community.

(166) Shri Anand Sharma raised a matter regarding functioning of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(167) Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury raised a matter regarding steep fall in chilli prices.

(168) Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding need for steps like loan waiver in view of pathetic condition of farmers in the country.

(169) Shri Ram Nath Thakur raised a matter regarding implementation of special package for Bihar.

(170) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding allegedly influencing the bye-election in Litipada constituency in Jharkhand.

(171) Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding lapse in the security arrangements of the President of India.

(172) Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding demands of the employees of Indian Ordnance factories and Defence Public Sector Undertakings.

XXI. On the 7th of April, 2017:—

(173) Shri T.K. Rangarajan raised a matter regarding move to amend the RTI rules.

(174) Shri Shwait Malik raised a matter regarding the delay in the progress of highway projects in Punjab.

(175) Shri Rewati Raman Singh raised a matter regarding waiver of loans to farmers in the country.

(176) Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding need for repatriation of tribals sheltered in Tripura to Mizoram.

(177) Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding misuse of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act on women, religious minorities and tribals.

(178) Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding lack of efficient service in Passport Seva Kendras.

(179) Shri Ahamed Hassan raised a matter regarding assistance to West Bengal to fight against the wheat blast disease.

(180) Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding meagre payment of salary to the teachers in Coal India Limited.

XXII. On the 10th of April, 2017:—

(181) Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati raised a matter regarding pollution in the river Panchganga.

Sushri Uma Bharati, Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, responded.

(182) Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding rise in prices of Kerosene.

(183) Shri Md. Nadimul Haque raised a matter regarding urgent release of funds under BRGF.

(184) Shri Narendra Budania raised a matter regarding misreporting in social media regarding para-military forces.

(185) Shri Naresh Gujral raised a matter regarding statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs, condemning the resolution passed by the legislature of Ontario, Canada.

(186) Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding strike in three steel plants under SAIL and Dredging Corporation of India.

XXIII. On the 11th of April, 2017:—

(187) Shri P. Bhattacharya raised a matter regarding financial assistance from Nationalised Banks to Small Scale Industries.

(188) Shri Husain Dalwai raised a matter regarding reduction in Haj quota and subsidy to Haj Pilgrims.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(189) Shrimati Sarojini Hembram raised a matter regarding need to provide sufficient rake points for smooth supply of fertilizers in Odisha.

(190) Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding inclusion of all events of the freedom struggle in the light and sound show of Andamans Cellular Jail.

Shri Sitaram Yechury also spoke.

(191) Shri Shwait Malik raised a matter regarding sufferings of residents living on Indo-Pak Border.

(192) Shri C.P. Narayanan raised a matter regarding closure of Salt Commissioner's regional office and test laboratory at Kolkata.

(193) Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding special fund to fight drug menace in the country.

XXIV. On the 12th of April, 2017:—

(194) Dr. Tazeen Fatma raised a matter regarding objectionable remarks on Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar, a freedom fighter.

(195) Shri Partap Singh Bajwa raised a matter regarding non-operation of certain Airports in the country.

(196) Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao raised a matter regarding poppy and cannabis cultivation in north-coastal Andhra Pradesh.

(197) Shrimati Chhaya Verma raised a matter regarding harassment of students agitating against increase in fee in the Guru Ghasidas Central University, Chhattisgarh.

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development, responded.

(198) Shri Javed Ali Khan raised a matter regarding programmes by certain news channels causing communal disharmony.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, responded.

(199) Shri Ram Nath Thakur raised a matter regarding irregular selection procedure for the post of Director of National Health System Resource Centre.

(200) Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya raised a matter regarding rising cases of honour killing.

(201) Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to make NCERT study material mandatory to all CBSE schools.

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development, responded.

(202) Shri P.L. Punia raised a matter regarding supply of piped water in habitations of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(203) Shri K.T.S. Tulsi raised a matter regarding condition imposed in Maternity Benefit Scheme affecting a large number of women.

(204) Prof. Jogen Chowdhury raised a matter regarding use of arms in the Ram Navami procession by BJP in West Bengal.

(205) Shri Prabhat Jha raised a matter regarding cases of fraud by fake doctors and middlemen in Government Hospitals in Delhi.

(Total Time taken: 11 Hrs. & 52 Mts.)

QUESTIONS

435 Starred Questions were put down in the List of Questions for oral answers, out of which **144** Questions were orally answered and answers to the remaining ones were laid on the Table of the House.

(Total Time taken: 22 Hrs. & 03 Mts.)

4629 Unstarred Questions were put down in the List of Questions and written answers in respect thereof were laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS CORRECTING ANSWERS TO QUESTION

Statements correcting answers to questions, as detailed below, were laid on the Table of the House, during the Session: —

Sl. No.	Date	Subject	Ministry/ Department	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	08-02-2017	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 55 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16 th November, 2016, regarding 'Deportation of illegal Bangladeshi Migrants'.	Home Affairs	Shri Kiren Rijiju	0-01
2.	24-03-2017	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 1831 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17 th March, 2017, regarding 'Buffer stock of pulses'.	Consumer Affairs Foods and Public Distribution	Shri C. R. Chaudhary	0-01
3.	06-04-2017	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 2073 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4 th August, 2016 regarding 'Violation of rules of registration'.	Information and Broadcasting	Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore	0-01
				Total :	0-03

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

(I) The following Statements were made/laid on the Table of the House by Ministers during the Session:—

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
1.	03-02-2017	Action taken in the aftermath of the collision of two vessels off the Kamarajar harbour, which occurred on the 28 th of January, 2017.	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	0-12
2.	06-02-2017	Negotiations that took place in the 28 th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol held in October, 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda.	Shri Kiren Rijiju	0-01
3.	10-03-2017	Incidents which occurred in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on 7 th and 8 th March, 2017, respectively.	Shri Rajnath Singh	0-07
4.	16-03-2017	Killing of Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy off the coast of Tamil Nadu.	Shrimati Sushma Swaraj	} 0-08
5.	-do-	Apprehension of Indian Fishermen by Pakistan.	-do-	

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
6.	16-03-2017	National Health Policy, 2017.	Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	0-13
7.	-do-	Recent attack on Security Forces at Sukma, Chhattisgarh on 11 th March, 2017.	Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir	0-08
8.	20-03-2017	Hate crimes against citizens of Indian origin and Indian nationals settled in the United States of America.	Shrimati Sushma Swaraj	0-29
9.	12-04-2017	Incident of killing of a dairy farmer in Rajasthan	Shri Kiren Rijiju	0-01

(II) The following Statements were laid on the Table, by Ministers in pursuance of the Direction of the Chairman, Rajya Sabha, dated the 24th September, 2004 in accordance with the provisions of Rule 266 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States: —

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	08-02-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on Export Infrastructure in India.	Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman	0-01
2.	09-02-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Urban Development.	Rao Inderjit Singh	} 0-01
3.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Tenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on 'Pending Projects'.	Shri Gohain Rajen	

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
4.	15-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Seventy-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.	Shri Kalraj Mishra	0-01
5.	16-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and eighty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in its Two Hundred and Eighty-first Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Science and Technology.	Shri Y.S. Chowdary	
6.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in its Two Hundred and Twentieth Report on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	0-01

7.	16-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	}	0-01
8.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of the Ministry of Shipping.			
9.	17-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twelfth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on 'Safety and Security in Railways'.	Shri Rajen Gohain	}	0-01
10.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Department of Fertilizers.	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya		
11.	22-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Culture.	Dr. Mahesh Sharma		0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs. Mts.
12.	23-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Eighty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Department of Space.	Dr. Jitendra Singh	
13.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Seventy-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in its Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth Report on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Department of Biotechnology.	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	0-01
14.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Seventy-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of the Department of Biotechnology.		

15.	23-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Eighty-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in its Two Hundred and Seventy-eighth Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of the Department of Biotechnology.	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	—
16.	24-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Twenty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.	Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti	—
17.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Department of Pharmaceuticals.	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	—
18.	29-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Seventy-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on the recommendations/observations contained in its Two Hundred and Sixty-fourth Report on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.	Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary	—

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs. Mts.
19.	30-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Twenty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Shipping.	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	0-01
20.	31-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	0-01
21.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Twenty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Department of Telecommunications.	Shri Manoj Sinha	

22.	31-03-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on "Movement of Fertilizers and Monitoring System".	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	—
23.	05-04-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Seventy-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry pertaining to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.	Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary	0-01
24.	06-04-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Sixteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour pertaining to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	0-01
25.	07-04-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirtieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Finance.	Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar	0-01
26.	10-04-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Twenty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
27.	10-04-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.	Shri Ramesh Chandappa Jigajinagi	0-01
28.	11-04-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Ninety-fifth and Ninety-eighth Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare on Demands for Grants (2016-17) Demand No. 5, pertaining to the Ministry of AYUSH.	Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	} 0-01
29.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on the Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in its Two Hundred and Thirtieth Report on 'Issues related to Security at Airports in India'.	Shri Jayant Sinha	

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| 30. | 11-04-2017 | Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Department of Pharmaceuticals. | Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya | — |
| 31. | 12-04-2017 | Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants (2014-15) of the Ministry of External Affairs. | Shri M.J. Akbar | } — |
| 32. | -do- | Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of External Affairs. | | |
| 33. | -do- | Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of the Ministry of External Affairs. | | |

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	Time taken Hrs. Mts.
34.	12-04-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce and Industry on the Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in its One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17), Demand No. 11 pertaining to the Department of Commerce.	Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman	0-01
35.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Sixty-fifth, Two Hundred and Seventieth and Two Hundred and Seventy-third Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Demands for Grants (2015-16) and (2016-17) respectively pertaining to the Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.	Shri Babul Supriyo	—
Total:				1-36

SPECIAL MENTIONS

The following Special Mentions on Matters of Public Importance were laid/made on the Table of the House during the Session:—

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	02-02-2017	Shri T.K. Rangarajan	Need to give permission to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to resume excavations at Keeladi in Sivaganga District of Tamil Nadu and provide adequate financial assistance for the purpose. <i>Associating with the issue, Shri Tiruchi Siva, laid on the Table his Special Mention on the subject.</i>	0-04
2.	-do-	Dr. V. Maitreyan	Need to grant adequate financial assistance to the State of Tamil Nadu affected by natural calamities during the years 2015 and 2016.	0-02
3.	-do-	Shri T. Rathinavel	Need to expedite the release of funds for centrally sponsored schemes to the State of Tamil Nadu.	0-03
4.	-do-	Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth	Need to provide financial assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to the State of Tamil Nadu to take relief measures in the state affected by drought.	0-03

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
5.	02-02-2017	Shri Vivek Gupta	Need to address the problem of inadequate number of toilets for girl students in schools in West Bengal.	0-01
6.	06-02-2017	Shri K.C. Ramamurthy	Urgent need to address gender inequality in the country.	0-03
7.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to take steps to maintain the spirit of cooperative federalism in the country.	0-03
8.	07-02-2017	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Demand to withdraw the notification issued by UGC regarding reduction in the number of attempts under NEET.	0-02
9.	-do-	Shri Majeed Memon	Demand to take steps to ensure proper representation of all the communities in appointments of judges in the Supreme Court and the High Courts.	
10.	-do-	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy	Demand to take immediate steps to curb illegal mining of sand in the country.	
11.	-do-	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to provide adequate passenger amenities and increase the frequency of certain trains passing through Uttar Pradesh.	

12.	07-02-2017	Shri Ram Nath Thakur	Demand for comprehensive reforms in the administration of AIIMS, Delhi.	} 0-01
13.	-do-	Shri Ali Anwar Ansari	Demand to implement the principle of equal pay for equal work for workers employed on contract basis in DD News.	
14.	08-02-2017	Shri Partap Singh Bajwa	Demand for early commissioning of the All India Radio tower with full-fledged studio facilities in Amritsar on priority basis.	} 0-03
15.	-do-	Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya	Demand to expedite the process of construction of Delhi-Jaipur Express way.	
16.	-do-	Shri K.T.S. Tulsi	Demand to unveil the plan to tackle rising unemployment after demonetization of currency notes in the country.	
17.	-do-	Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya	Demand to take immediate steps to utilize the Nirbhaya Fund for safety and security of women in the country.	

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
18.	08-02-2017	Shri Sanjay Seth	Demand to make a policy to tackle the increasing cases of depression and other mental diseases in the country.	0-01
19.	-do-	Shri C.P. Narayanan	Demand to utilize scientific methods for management of e-waste in the country.	
20.	09-02-2017	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Demand to take steps to grant the status of world heritage site to Kallanai Dam on river Cauvery in Tamil Nadu.	0-02
21.	-do-	Shri Derek O' Brien	Demand to take steps to ensure privacy and security while providing services on the basis of Aadhaar Database.	
22.	-do-	Shri Md. Nadimul Haque	Demand to take effective measures to check the incidents of online trolling in social media.	
23.	-do-	Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda	Demand to take effective measures to make the country polio free in view of the return of Vaccine – Derived Type 2 Polio Virus in Gujarat.	
24.	-do-	Shri T. Rathinavel	Demand to withhold the decision of shifting the Regional News Bulletins of All India Radio, particularly Tamil, from New Delhi to respective State Capitals.	

25.	15-03-2017	Shri Anil Desai		Demand to take urgent steps for implementation of the Regional Air Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN) in Maharashtra.	}	0-01
26.	-do-	Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya		Demand to take create a separate terminal for VIP flights at Jaipur Airport.		
27.	-do-	Shrimati Sathyananth	Vijila	Demand to take steps to obtain assent of the President on the two bills of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly regarding admission policy in Medical and Dental Colleges in the State.		
28.	16-03-2017	Shri Ramamurthy	K.C.	Demand to withdraw the decision to impose transaction charges and maintenance of minimum balance in the bank accounts.	}	0-02
29.	-do-	Shrimati Syiem	Wansuk	Demand to enhance the availability of LPG in the North-Eastern parts of the country.		
30.	-do-	Shri K.K. Ragesh		Demand to set up coir industry and introduce Government procurement of coconut and Tuna fish in Lakshadweep.		
31.	-do-	Prof. M.V. Gowda	Rajeev	Demand to take steps for universalization of basic education and equal educational opportunities for girls in the country.		

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
32.	16-03-2017	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to expedite the process for opening more banks in rural areas in West Bengal.	0-02
33.	-do-	Shri P.L. Punia	Demand to make suitable amendments in the laws to check practice of untouchability, inequality and atrocities against SCs/STs in educational institutions in the country.	
34.	-do-	Shri Derek O' Brien	Need to adopt the West Bengal model of empowering women throughout the country.	
35.	-do-	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	Demand to withhold the release of funds for construction of Polavaram Dam by NABARD without environmental clearance.	
36.	17-03-2017	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in certain districts of Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh.	0-01
37.	-do-	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	Demand to take necessary steps to celebrate the millennium birth anniversary of the Saint Sri Ramanujachari in the country.	0-01
38.	20-03-2017	Shri Anil Desai	Demand to expedite the clearance of proposals of the Government of Maharashtra under National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP).	0-01

39.	20-03-2017	Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya	Demand to give additional risk benefits under Prime Minister's Crop Insurance Scheme to farmers in Rajasthan.	—
40.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to frame stringent guidelines to regulate the private healthcare and pharma companies in the country.	—
*41.	-do-	Dr. V. Maitreya	Demand to institute an enquiry into the matter of alleged irregularities in recruitment for the posts of postman and mail guard in Tamil Nadu.	0-02
42.	21-03-2017	Shri Sanjay Seth	Demand to take steps to check overcharging on the medical equipments and medicines by pharma companies in the country.	0-01
43.	22-03-2017	Dr. Sanjay Sinh	Demand to restore the provisions of post-matric scholarship/fee payment for SC/General category students taking admission in educational institutions affiliated with Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University in Uttar Pradesh.	0-01
44.	-do-	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy	Demand to withdraw the plan of disinvestment in the Dredging Corporation of India.	
45.	-do-	Shri Majeed Memon	Demand to give financial assistance and address other problems being faced by onion growers of Maharashtra.	

* Special Mention was made.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
46.	22-03-2017	Shri P.L. Punia	Demand to make Constitutional provisions to give reservation to <i>dalits</i> in employment in the private sector.	—
47.	23-03-2017	Shri K. Somaprasad	Demand to take immediate steps for inclusion of the game of Hand Ball in the All India Civil Service Sports Meet.	} 0-02
48.	-do-	Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda	Demand to take effective measures for conservation of indigenous breeds of cattle in the country.	
49.	-do-	Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap	Demand to give the status of central university to the Kurukshetra University.	
50.	27-03-2017	Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao	Demand to give financial assistance and address other problems of people affected by drought in Rayalseema region of Andhra Pradesh.	} 0-01
51.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to announce rehabilitation package for workers employed in zari industry and other cottage industries in the country.	
52.	-do-	Shri Md. Nadimul Haque	Demand to take steps to improve digital literacy in the country.	

53.	27-03-2017	Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla	Demand to make a concrete policy for protection of social and economic rights of senior citizens in the country.	—
54.	28-03-2017	Shri P.L. Punia	Demand to open boarding schools for <i>dalit</i> children at block level in the country.	0-02
55.	-do-	Dr. V. Maitreyan	Demand to scrap the Neduvasal Hydrocarbon Extraction project in Tamil Nadu and cancel land lease agreements between ONGC and farmers.	
56.	-do-	Shri Husain Dalwai	Demand to enact a law to address cases of sexual violence during communal disturbance in the country.	
57.	29-03-2017	Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya	Demand to give adequate financial assistance to the State of Rajasthan to tackle the problem of fluoride in the underground water.	0-01
58.	31-03-2017	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy	Demand to take strict measures for implementation of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh.	0-02
59.	-do-	Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda	Demand to provide adequate funds to install Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) in all EVMs to ensure free and fair elections in the country.	
60.	-do-	Shri Oscar Fernandes	Demand to address the concerns of the civil services aspirants regarding CSAT and compensate them by giving two more attempts in the examination.	

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
61.	31-03-2017	Shri B.K. Hariprasad	Demand to reconsider the plan to give contract of setting up of nuclear reactors to Toshiba-owned American firm Westinghouse.	0-01
62.	-do-	Shri K.K. Ragesh	Demand to take necessary steps for proper construction of the sewage treatment plant at Ezhimala Naval Academy, Kannur in Kerala.	
63.	05-04-2017	Shri Lal Sinh Vadodia	Demand to start train services from Delhi and Mumbai for Dakor in Kheda District of Gujarat.	0-02
64.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to take necessary steps to recognize and give honour to great icons, Swami Vivekananda, Gurudev Tagore and Maheshweta Devi.	
65.	-do-	Shri K. Somaprasad	Demand to withdraw the decision of disinvestment and address other problems in the Kochi Unit of Hindustan Organic Chemical Ltd. (HOCL).	
66.	-do-	Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya	Demand to take necessary steps for compliance of the conditions of point of sale for crude oil by the ONGC-Cairn Group in Rajasthan.	
*67.	-do-	Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu	Need to bring weavers of Handloom, Powerloom and Tailors under ESI coverage.	0-03

* Special Mention was made.

*68.	06-04-2017	Shri P.L. Punia	Need to take necessary steps to make all the highways toll free in the country.	0-02
*69.	-do-	Shri Husain Dalwai	Need to fix accountability for violation of human rights in Jammu & Kashmir.	0-02
*70.	-do-	Shri Ahamed Hassan	Need to adopt the West Bengal Model to bring transparency and efficiency in Gram Panchayats in the country.	0-02
*71.	-do-	Shrimati Kahkashan Perween	Need to take effective measures for eradication of TB from the country.	0-02
*72.	-do-	Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda	Need to address the problem of increasing cases of suicide by students of higher educational institutions.	0-02
73.	07-04-2017	Shri Basawaraj Patil	Demand to take effective measures to remove stagnation in the programme cadres of All India Radio and Doordarshan throughout the country.	0-03
74.	-do-	Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap	Demand to issue a circular containing guidelines to deal with women visitors with dignity in the Central Government offices.	
75.	-do-	Shri K.K. Ragesh	Demand to set up an enquiry into the irregularities in appointments and awarding contracts at Kasargod Central University.	

* Special Mention was made.

<u>Sl. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of the Member</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Time taken Hrs.Mts.</u>
76.	10-04-2017	Shri C.P. Narayanan	Demand to give new pay scales and arrears to the officers employed at Kalamassery unit of HMT.	0-01
Total				1-08

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dates of discussion	Member who moved the Motion	Member who seconded the Motion	No. of Amendments admitted	No. of Amendments actually moved	No. of Speakers	Minister who replied	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.	Remarks
02-02-2017 06-02-2017 07-02-2017 08-02-2017	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, <i>Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology</i>	Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe	651	554	38	Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister	14-05	All the Amendments moved were either negatived or withdrawn by leave of the House and the Motion, was adopted.
Total :							<u>14-05</u>	

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Calling Attention Notice on the following subject was admitted and the Statement in respect thereof was made in the House: —

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	Ministry	Minister-in-Charge	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	11-04-2017	Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao	Need of convening a meeting of the National Development Council to discuss the necessity for continuance of the concept of Special Category Status.	Planning	Rao Inderjit Singh	1-08
Total :						<u>1-08</u>

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSIONS (Discussions under Rule 176)

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member who raised the discussion	Subject	No. of Speakers	Minister who replied	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	22-03-2017 23-03-2017	Shri Mukul Roy	Electoral Reforms	19	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, <i>Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology</i>	6-23
2.	10-04-2017	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar	Aadhaar – its implementation and implications	13	-do-	3-28
Total:						<u>9-51</u>

STATEMENT REGARDING ORDINANCE — LAID ON THE TABLE

Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
31-01-2017	Circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by promulgation of the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Fifth Ordinance, 2016.	Shri Kiren Rijju	0-01
Total:			0-01

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS — LAID ON THE TABLE

S.No.	Date	Particulars	Minister who Laid on the Table	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	16-03-2017	Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) 2016-17	Shri Suresh Prabhu	0-01
2.	17-03-2017	Supplementary Demands for Grants (General), 2016-17	Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal	0-01
Total:				0-02

BUDGET — LAID ON THE TABLE

Date	Particulars	Minister who laid on the Table	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
01-02-2017	*The Union Budget , 2017-18	Shri Arun Jaitley	0-01
		Total:	0-01

* Also laid Fiscal Policy Statements, 2017-18 alongwith the Budget. For further details, pl. see Sl No. 5 under the heading "PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE".

For Reference and Record

The Budget for Railways was merged with the General Budget.

BUDGET — GENERAL DISCUSSION

Date(s) of discussion	Budget Discussed	No. of Speakers	Minister who replied	<u>Time allotted</u> Hrs. Mts.	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
09-02-2017 16-03-2017 20-03-2017 21-03-2017 *23-03-2017	The Union Budget, 2017-18	37	Shri Arun Jaitley	16-00	13-16
Total:					<u>13-16</u>

* Discussed alongwith Appropriation Bills. For details, pl. see, items at Sl. Nos. 6 and 7 under the heading 'Government Legislative Business.'

DISCUSSION ON THE WORKING OF MINISTRY

Sl. No.	Date(s)	Ministry Discussed	Discussion Initiated by	No. of Speakers	Minister who replied	<u>Time allotted</u> Hrs. Mts.	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
1.	23-03-2017 29-03-2017 30-03-2017	*Railways	Shri Javed Ali Khan	37	Shri Suresh Prabhu	4-00	5-44
Total:							5-44

* Discussed alongwith Appropriation Bills. For other details, Pl. see item at Sl. Nos. 8 and 9 under the heading 'Government Legislative Business.'

STATUTORY RESOLUTION

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	10-03-2017	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	"That this House disapproves the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Fifth Ordinance, 2016 (No.8 of 2016) promulgated by the President of India on 22 nd December, 2016."	—	0-04	Discussed together with the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2016. The Resolution was negatived. For other details, pl. see item at Sl. No. 2 under the heading "GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS".
Total:					0-04	

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	Time allotted Hrs. Mts.	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	07-02-2017	08-02-2017	Shri Bandaru Dattatreya	14	2-00	2-17	Passed

2.	*The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2016.	10-03-2016	10-03-2017	Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir	5	2-00	0-34	Discussed with Statutory Resolution. The Statutory Resolution was negatived and the Bill was passed, as amended. For other details, pl. see at Sl. No. 1 under the heading 'Statutory Resolution'.
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* The Bill, as passed by Lok Sabha, was referred to Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha on 15.03.2016 and the Committee presented its Report on 6.05.2016.

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	<u>Time allotted</u> Hrs. Mts.	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
3.	The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016, as amended by Lok Sabha.	10-03-2017	20-03-2017	Shri Bandaru Dattatreya	—	—	0-03	Amendments made by Lok Sabha were agreed to.
4.	The Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2014	11-02-2014	21-03-2017	Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	13	2-00	1-51	Passed, as amended.
5.	The Employee's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 2016, as passed by Lok Sabha	09-08-2016	22-03-2017	Shri Bandaru Dattatreya	7	2-00	1-03	-do-

6.	The Appropriation Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha	}	21-03-2017	23-03-2017	Shri Arun Jaitley	—	4-00	0-05	Discussed together with the Union Budget, 2017-18. The Bills were returned. For other details, pl. see under the heading 'Budget General Discussion.'
7.	The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha								

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	<u>Time allotted</u> Hrs. Mts.	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
8.	The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	23-03-2017	23-03-2017	Shri Suresh Prabhu		3-00	0-04	Discussed together alongwith the 'Working of the Ministry of Railways' and the Bills were returned. For other details, pl. see at Sl. No. 1 under the heading "Discussion on the Working of the Ministry."
9.	The Appropriation (Railways) No. 2 Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.		29-03-2017 30-03-2017					
10.	The Finance Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha	23-03-2017	27-03-2017 29-03-2017	Shri Arun Jaitely	22	3-00	6-55	The Bill, with amendments recommended, was returned.

11.	The Mental Healthcare Bill, 2016, as amended by Lok Sabha	28-03-2017	30-03-2017	Shrimati Anupriya Patel	—	—	0-02	Amendments made by Lok Sabha were agreed to.
12.	The Central Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha	30-03-2017	05-04-2017	Shri Arun Jaitley	28	8-00	8-45	Discussed together and the Bills were returned.
13.	The Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.							
14.	The Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha							
15.	The Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha							

Sl. No.	Title of the Bill	Date of Introduction/ laying on the Table, as passed by Lok Sabha	Date of discussion in the Rajya Sabha	Minister-in-charge	No. of Speakers	<u>Time allotted</u> Hrs. Mts.	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
16.	The Seamen's Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2007.	03-05-2017	07-04-2007	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	—	—	0-01	Withdrawn
17.	The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	23-03-2017	10-04-2017	Shri Ramdas Athawale	6	1-00	0-25	Passed
18.	The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2016, as passed by Lok Sabha.	11-08-2016	11-04-2017	Shri Bandaru Dattatreya	16	2-00	2-19	The discussion was not concluded
19.	The Tribunals, Appellate Tribunals and Other Authorities (Conditions of Service) Bill, 2014.	19-02-2014	11-04-2017	Shri P.P. Chaudhary	—	—	0-01	Withdrawn

20.	The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-third Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	11-04-2017	11-04-2017	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	—	—	0-03	The motion moved by the Minister for reference of the Bill to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha consisting of 25 Members with instruction to report by the last day of the first week of the next (243 rd) Session, was adopted.
Total:								24-28

DIVISIONS

The following Divisions were held during the Session:—

Sl. No.	Subject	Date of division	Brief Question on which Division was sought	Result as declared, subject to correction	@Final Corrected Result	Remarks
1.	The Finance Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	29-03-2017	(i) Amendment No. 8 to Clause 51 of the Bill moved by Shri Digivijaya Singh	Ayes —80 Noes—50	Ayes — 86 Noes—56	The Amendment was adopted and Clause 51, with the Amendment recommended, was adopted.
			(ii) Amendment No. 9 to Clause 52 of the Bill moved by Shri Digivija Singh	Ayes —84 Noes — 52	Ayes — 86 Noes— 56	The Amendment was adopted and Clause 52, with the Amendment recommended, was adopted.

[@] The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 56534 dated the 31st March, 2017.

(iii) Amendment No. 10 to Clause 53 of the Bill moved by Shri Digvijaya Singh	Ayes —84 Noes—50	Ayes — 86 Noes— 56	The Amendment was adopted and Clause 53, with the Amendment recommended, was adopted.
(iv) Amendments Nos. 11 and 12 to Clause 154 of the Bill moved by Shri Sitaram Yechury	Ayes —80 Noes—53	Ayes — 86 Noes— 56	The Amendment was adopted ⁸⁷ and Clause 154, with the Amendment recommended, was adopted.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

I. Private Members' Bills

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	03-02-2017	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (Amendment of articles 109,117, 198 and 207)	Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
2.	-do-	The Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2016	Shri Mohd. Ali Khan	—	—	0-02	-do-
3.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Amendment of article 366)	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy	—	—	} 0-01	-do-
4.	-do-	The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2016	Shri Vivek Gupta	—	—		-do-
5.	-do-	The Population (Stabilization) Bill, 2017	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
6.	03-02-2017	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (insertion of new articles 275A and 311K)	Shri Vivek Gupta	—	—	—	Introduced.
7.	-do-	The Right to Adequate Housing Bill, 2016	Shri Sanjay Seth	—	—	0-01	-do-
8.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (Amendment of article 324)	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Shri P.P. Chaudhary	9	1-43	Withdrawn by leave of the House. ¹ The Bill was moved for consideration on the 5 th August, 2016).
9.	03-02-2017 10-03-2017	The Declaration of Countries as Sponsor of Terrorism Bill, 2016	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar	Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir	10	1-42	Withdrawn by leave of the House.

10.	10-03-2017	The Compulsory Health Insurance for Senior Citizens, Mentally Retarded Children and Disabled Persons Bill, 2016.	Shri Rajkumar Dhoot	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
11.	-do-	The Youth (Eradication of Unemployment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2016.	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
12.	-do-	The Water Conservation Authority of India Bill, 2016.	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
13.	-do-	The High Courts (Use of Official Languages) Bill, 2016.	Shri Bhupender Yadav	—	—	0-01	-do-
14.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (Amendment of article 324).	Shri Shantaram Naik	—	—	0-01	-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
15.	10-03-2017	The National Waterways (Amendment) Bill, 2016.	Shri Shantaram Naik	—	—	—	Introduced
16.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (Amendment of article 51A).	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
17.	-do-	The Central Himalayan States Development Council Bill, 2016.	Shri Pradeep Tamta	—	—	0-01	-do-
18.	-do-	The Voluntary Organisation (Regulation) Bill, 2016.	-do-	—	—	—	-do-
19.	-do-	The Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill, 2016.	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
20.	-do-	The Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2016.	Shri Husain Dalwai	—	—	0-01	-do-
21.	-do-	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2016.	-do-	—	—	—	-do-
22.	-do-	The Indian Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2016.	-do-	—	—	—	-do-

23.	10-03-2017	The Surrogate Advertisements (Prohibition) Bill, 2016.	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	—	—	0-01	Introduced
24.	-do-	The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2016	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
25.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Insertion of new articles 121A and 211A).	Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao	—	—	0-01	-do-
26.	24-03-2017	The Children with Specific Learning Disabilities (Identification and Support in Education) Bill, 2016	Shrimati Vandana Chavan.	—	—	0-01	-do-
27.	-do-	The All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2016	Dr. Kanwar Deep Singh	—	—	0-01	-do-

Sl. No.	Date	Title of the Bill	Member-in-Charge	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
28.	24-03-2017	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (Amendment of Tenth Schedule)	Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy	—	—	0-01	Introduced
29.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Amendment of article 51A)	Shri Prabhat Jha	—	—	0-01	-do-
30.	-do-	The Cow Protection Bill, 2017	Dr. Subramanian Swamy	—	—	0-01	-do-
31.	-do-	The Parliament (Enhancement of Productivity) Bill, 2017	Shri Naresh Gujral	—	—	0-02	-do-
32.	-do-	The Solid Waste Management Bill, 2016	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	Shri Prakash Javadekar	8	2-08	Withdrawn by leave of the House
33.	24-03-2017 07-04-2017	The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2016	Dr. Subramanian Swamy	Shrimati Krishna Raj	8	1-21	-do-

34.	07-04-2017	The Arsenic Contamination (Prevention) Bill, 2017	Shri Neeraj Shekhar	—	0-01	Introduced
35.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Amendment of articles 83 and 172)	Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya	—	0-01	-do-
36.	-do-	The Domestic Workers (Regulation of Work and Social Security) Bill, 2017	Shri Oscar Fernandes	—	0-01	-do-
37.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Insertion of new articles 330A, 330B, 332A and 332B)	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy	—	0-01	-do-
38.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (amendment of the Eighth Schedule)	Shri B. K. Hariprasad	5	1-11	The discussion was not concluded
				Total:	<u>8-34</u>	

II. Private Members' Resolutions

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	Minister who participated	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	17-03-2017	Shri Tiruchi Siva	<p>“Having regard to the fact that:—</p> <p>(i) from time immemorial, India has been an agrarian economy as the agricultural sector employs 263.1 million Indians, which accounts for 54.6% of the total Indian workforce;</p> <p>(ii) agriculture contributed 15.4% of the Gross Value Added in 2015-16;</p> <p>(iii) over the years, indigenous breeds of cattle have been the backbone of the agricultural economy as prior to the introduction of modern farm equipments, agriculture would not have been possible without cattle and even today, cattle play an important role in agricultural activities, particularly for the small and medium farmers;</p>	Shri Sudarshan Bhagat	11	2-03	The Resolution was withdrawn by leave of the House

- (iv) bull power is used for ploughing and transportation, which saves electricity and consumption of large volumes of fossil fuel that are harmful to the environment;
- (v) India imported 2.28 lakhs TMT of crude oil and other petroleum products in the year 2015-16, worth Rs. 5.24 lakh crores, 60 lakh tonnes of diesel worth Rs. 4000 crores which can be potentially saved by replacing tractors by cattle for the purposes of ploughing and transportation;
- (vi) cattle manure has been traditionally used in India as fertiliser which helps reduce reliance on chemical fertilisers and pesticides, that have a negative effect on soil quality and harm quality of food crops produced as India consumed 256 lakh tonnes of fertilizers in 2014-15;

- (vii) indiscriminate use of fertilisers and pesticides in agriculture has been linked to spread of diseases through food products but use of dung and urine from cattle has a positive impact on the environment and soil quality, with no negative effects on health;
- (viii) a higher dependence on fossil fuels and chemical based farm inputs significantly raises the cost of farming resulting in higher food prices;
- (ix) by increasing reliance on cattle in agriculture, one can reduce cost of food products and avoid negative effects on environment and health;
- (x) cattle used in agriculture are reared with great care, and are fed a high-quality diet, including grass fodder grown exclusively for the cattle and their health is monitored and taken care of on a

periodic basis by qualified veterinary doctors;

(xi) native breeds of cattle are gradually being phased out due to the onslaught of modern farm equipments and the import of exotic breeds;

(xii) as per the Livestock Census conducted by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries of the Government of India, the total indigenous cattle population in India has reduced by 8.94% from 1660.15 lakhs in 2007 to 1511.72 lakhs in 2012, which is a small fraction of the total actual requirement for cattle for agricultural practises;

(xiii) the population of exotic breeds of cattle has increased by 20.18% in the same period, from 330.6 lakhs in 2007 to 397.32 lakhs in 2012;

(xiv) owing to the decline in the population of the indigenous bulls, artificial insemination is increasingly being relied upon for breeding of cows;

(xv) article 48 of the Constitution of India directs that the State shall endeavour to take steps for preserving and improving breeds of animals; and

(xvi) all possible steps are needed to be taken to preserve, improve and protect the stock of indigenous cattle of the country,

this House urges upon the Government to: —

(a) suitably amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 to exempt bulls from the application of provisions that restrict their utility and training for various purposes by using of various techniques to train them to

			perform agricultural tasks such as ploughing and transportation;				
			(b) include the amended Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, in the Ninth Schedule to the Constitution of India; and				
			(c) take steps to encourage and incentivise the use of indigenous cattle for agricultural purposes and improve their health and stock."				
2.	17-03-2017 31-03-2017	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	"Having regard to the fact that:—	—	—	2-53	The mover had not concluded his speech. The discussion was not concluded.
			(a) desperation is growing among farmers in Bundelkhand region due to crop failure because of drought, flood, frost and hailstorm;				
			(b) this region consists of seven districts of Uttar Pradesh namely, Jhansi, Lalitpur, Jalon, Banda, Chitrakoot, Mahoba and Hamirpur and				

seven districts of Madhya Pradesh namely, Chhatarpur, Panna, Sagar, Damoh, Tikamgarh, Datiya and Gwalior;

- (c) farmers of Bundelkhand are continuously migrating to other places in search of employment for the last many decades;
- (d) farmers in Bundelkhand are getting frustrated because of huge loss of crops due to wild animals and *Nilgais*;
- (e) Bundelkhand is mainly rain-fed agricultural region and the production of crops depends mainly on the monsoon, which causes an irregularity in production and income that makes the life of farmers uncertain and difficult;
- (f) due to persistent severe droughts in Bundelkhand, crop production is

continuously decreasing as a result of which farmers are not even able to recover their cost price;

- (g) the financial income in the region is meager because of dearth of agro-based and cottage industries; and
- (h) agriculture has become a vocation of loss because of under-valuation of cash crops and wide spread exploitation of trade which is the prominent reason for burden of debt and desperation prevalent amongst the farmers of Uttar Pradesh;

this House is of the opinion that-

- (i) small scale and cottage industries should be established in the region;
- (ii) a training centre for central police force must be commissioned in Chitrakoot,

Banda and Satna area of Bundelkhand, so that farmers in the area may get some security;

- (iii) loan recovery from farmers in Bundelkhand be stopped and waived off besides providing fertilizers, seeds and electricity free of cost to them;
- (iv) the farmers of Bundelkhand should be awarded a package of fifty thousand crore rupees, which will cater to completion of various incomplete works of the region and help in sustainable crop enhancement, macro-micro irrigation projects and other schemes related to development of infrastructure in the region;
- (v) a separate fund with the corpus of Rs. 500 crore should be established to provide financial help to elderly wives of old farmers and to provide

facilities related to higher education for their children as thousands of elderly women and widows have high expectations of a relief and rehabilitation package;

(vi) as the Finance Minister had promised in his budget speech, the Government should establish a price stabilization fund and a national market for agro products, start micro-irrigation and water-shed projects in drought prone areas, new and increased NABARD fund to restore the credit and steps should be taken to increase the storage capacity;

(vii) useful information should be provided regarding reasons for drought and forecast of appropriate time for sowing the crops to lessen the effect of it and there should be

proper rain water management and crop monitoring;

- (viii) a survey of all poor and labourers of Bundelkhand should be conducted and on that basis BPL cards, free accommodation and toilet facilities be provided;
- (ix) the Central Government should take steps to stop the loss of crops due to wild animals and *Nilgais*;
- (x) the Central Government should provide free fertilizers and seeds in order to promote production of pulses and oil seeds;
- (xi) Yamuna Canal should be built by making a dam on Yamuna river near village *Augasi* of Banda district so that the problem of irrigation in Bundelkhand may be solved;
- (xii) besides the existing ponds in Bundelkhand region, concrete

ponds should be constructed at places in the fields for rain water harvesting so that the farmers can use the water of these ponds when needed for irrigating their respective fields and reap the harvest and the Central Government should provide interest free loan for this purpose;

- (xiii) to curb migration from this region, the schemes like MNREGA should be amended and consideration be made for giving more than 100 days employment throughout the year under such scheme;
- (xiv) for plantation of fruit bearing trees in this region, a time-bound systematic action plan should be initiated under a Central Scheme;
- (xv) for irrigation in the region, irrigation of crops of the

farmers should be ensured by laying pipes in the fields, so that the production can be increased to improve the conditions of farmers;

(xvi) there is a need to roll out schemes to encourage farmers of Bundelkhand to do cultivation with modern equipments;

(xvii) for all round development of Bundelkhand, there should be a guarantee of employment to all the groups of persons above 18 years of age which will stop migration and totally curb the suicides committed by farmers;

(xviii) since this region is extremely backward in education, there should be a separate special provision in Education Policy for this region;

(xix) keeping in view the electricity problem in the Bundelkhand region, electricity should be supplied on concessional rates by the Central Government; and

(xx) in order to protect crops of farmers from wild animals and *Nilgais*, the Central Government should make arrangement in every *Nyaya Panchayat* for an Animal Shelter Centre and a *Gausala* (Public Cow Shelter).

Total: 4-56

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

On the 12th of April, 2017, the Chairman made valedictory remarks on the conclusion of the Session.

(Time taken: 04 Mts.)

NATIONAL SONG

On the 12th of April, 2017, National Song (*Vande Mataram*) was played.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

**STATEMENT SHOWING BREAK-UP OF THE TIME TAKEN BY THE RAJYA
SABHA ON VARIOUS ITEMS OF BUSINESS DURING THE SESSION**

Sl. No.	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
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30.	Statutory Resolutions	0-04
31.	Government Legislative Business	24-28
32.	Private Members' Business	
	I. Private Members' Bills	8-34
	II. Private Member's Resolutions	4-56
33.	Valedictory Remarks	0-04
34.	National Song	0-01
35.	Points Raised	14-11
	Total:	136-18

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE TIME TAKEN AND TIME LOST DUE TO
INTERRUPTIONS/ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE DURING THE SESSION**

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
31-01-2017	0	16	0	00	—
01-02-2017	0	01	0	00	—
02-02-2017	6	01	0	00	—
03-02-2017	4	42	0	00	—
06-02-2017	5	59	0	00	—
07-02-2017	5	59	0	00	—
08-02-2017	7	14	0	00	—
09-02-2017	3	30	1	32	The House was adjourned and Zero Hour and Question Hour could not take place due to Members belonging to AIADMK and INC rushing into the Well of the House demanding swearing-in of Shrimati V.K. Sasikala, General Secretary of AIADMK as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu immediately and apology from the Prime Minister for his remarks in the House during the reply to the discussion on the Motion of Thanks respectively.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
09-03-2017	0	11	0	00	The House was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Haji Abdul Salam, sitting Member.
10-03-2017	4	25	0	00	—
15-03-2017	1	13	4	47	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Question Hour and Govt. Legislative Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the Well' of the House shouting slogans in protest over the manner of formation of Governments by BJP in Goa and Manipur alleging disrespect for the people's mandate.
16-03-2017	6	06	0	00	—
17-03-2017	4	14	0	19	The House was adjourned during the Zero Hour due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the Well' of the House shouting slogans in protest over the alleged gross impropriety in the conduct of the Governor of Goa with regard to formation of BJP led coalition Government in that State.
20-03-2017	6	00	0	00	—
21-03-2017	6	00	0	00	—
22-03-2017	8	42	0	00	—

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
23-03-2017	5	59	0	00	—
24-03-2017	4	20	0	10	The House was adjourned during Zero Hour due to Members belonging to the Samajwadi Party rushing into the Well of the House shouting slogans in protest over the Government's reported approval of a proposal to create a new National Commission for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes replacing the existing National Commission for Backward Classes and demanding protection of the reservation and rights of the Backward Classes.
27-03-2017	4	51	1	13	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Zero Hour as well as Question Hour could not be taken up due to Members belonging to SP, INC, CPI(M) and BSP rushing into the Well of the House and shouting slogans in protest over the delay in filling up of vacancies in Commissions on Minorities, SCs/STs and OBCs.
28-03-2017	1	13	4	47	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Zero Hour, Question Hour and Government Legislative Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to SP, INC and BSP rushing into the Well of the House, shouting slogans in protest over the delay in filling up of vacancies in Commissions on Minorities, SCs/STs and OBCs.
29-03-2017	6	58	0	00	—

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
30-03-2017	6	11	0	10	The House was adjourned during Zero Hour due to Members belonging to the INC and JD(U) Party rushing into the Well of the House shouting slogans in protest of reported remarks over Rajasthan Home Minister on rape.
31-03-2017	4	32	0	00	—
05-04-2017	5	54	0	07	The House was adjourned during Zero Hour due to Members belonging to SP, BSP, INC and JMM rushing into the 'Well' of the House, shouting slogans in protest over the alleged tampering of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) to favour the ruling BJP party in the recent Assembly Elections.
06-04-2017	7	09	0	00	—
07-04-2017	4	33	0	00	—
10-04-2017	5	59	0	15	The House was adjourned twice during Zero Hour due to Members belonging to INC, KC(M) and BSP rushing into the 'Well' of the House, shouting slogans in protest over the alleged misuse of ED and CBI by the Central Government against Chief Ministers and former Chief Ministers belonging to opposition parties.
11-04-2017	6	01	0	00	—

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
12-04-2017	2	05	0	00	—
Total	136	18	13	20	

- Time taken includes the actual time spent for transaction of business and the time spent on points raised.
- Time lost due to adjournments of the House following interruptions also includes the Time between the final adjournment of the House due to continued interruptions on some issue and the Scheduled Time of adjournment of the House, *i.e.*, 6-00 p.m. (excluding time of lunch-break/recess for 1 hour from Monday to Thursday and 1 hour and 30 minutes on Friday).

**Highlights of work transacted during the 242nd Session –
At a Glance**

Sittings	
Date of issue of Summons	06-01-2017
Duration of the Session	31-01-2017 to 12-04-2017
Number of actual days of sitting	29
Actual Hours of sittings (<i>excluding recess intervals</i>)	136 Hrs.& 18 Mts.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	13 Hrs. & 20 Mts.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	6 Hrs. & 51 Mts.
Date of prorogation of Session	12-04-2017
Questions	
No. of Starred Questions listed	435
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	144
No. of Unstarred Questions answered	4629
Short Notice Questions	-
Half-an-Hour Discussions	-
Government Bills	
No. of Bills introduced	-
No. of Bills withdrawn	2
No. of Bills passed/returned	14
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	1
No. of Bills referred to Joint/Select Committee	1
No. of Bills deferred	-
Private Members' Business	
No. of Bills introduced	33
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	1
No. of Bills withdrawn/negatived	4
No. of Bills passed	-
No. of Bills on which debate adjourned/deferred	-
No. of Resolution part discussed	1
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negatived	1

Oath/Affirmation	
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation	1
Statements by Ministers	
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers	9
No. of Statements laid regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees	35
Matters of public importance raised	
No. of Calling Attentions	1
No. of Short Duration Discussions	2
No. of Special Mentions	76
No. of Matters raised with permission Submission by Members	205
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Papers Laid on the Table	2020

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