

R E S U M E

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BY THE

RAJYA SABHA

DURING ITS

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY FOURTH SESSION

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**BRIEF RESUME' OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED
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SUMMONS

Summons for the Two Hundred and Forty Fourth Session of the Rajya Sabha was issued to the Members on the 25th of November, 2017.

DURATION OF THE SESSION

The Two Hundred and Forty Fourth Session of the Rajya Sabha commenced on the 15th of December, 2017 and adjourned *sine die* on the 5th of January, 2018, as scheduled. The sitting of the House fixed for the 1st of January, 2018 was cancelled as per the announcement made in the House on the 29th of December, 2017. The House sat for 13 days and the actual hours of sittings were 40 hours and 59 minutes (excluding recess intervals). The House was prorogued by the President on the 5th of January, 2018.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

On the 15th of December, 2017, National Anthem was played.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL, RAJYA SABHA

On the 15th of December, 2017, the Chairman introduced the new Secretary-General, Shri Desh Deepak Verma, to the House.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

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.	15-12-2017	Shri Khamsum Namgyal Pulger, ex-Member	07-07-2017	} 0-16	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-	Shri S.B. Ramesh Babu, ex- Member	27-07-2017		
3.	-do-	Shri Rishang Keishing, ex-Member	22-08-2017		
4.	do-	Shri Arjan Singh, Marshal of the Indian Air Force	16-09-2017		

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5.	15-12-2017	Shri Jayantilal Barot, ex-Member	23-09-2017	}
6.	-do-	Shri Makhan Lal Fotedar, ex- Member	28-09-2017	
7.	-do-	Shri Gaya Singh, ex-Member	07-10-2017	
8.	-do-	Dr. Ishwar Chandra Gupta, ex-Member	04-11-2017	
9.	-do-	Shri Mirza Irshadbaig, ex-Member	15-11-2017	
10.	-do-	Shri Sukomal Sen, ex-Member	22-11-2017	
11.	19-12-2017	Prof. C. Lakshmana, ex-Member	06-11-2017	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.

Sl. No	Date of Obituary Reference	Person in respect of whom Reference was made	Date of passing away	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
12.	22-12-2017	Shri Jalaludin Ansari, ex-Member	17-12-2017	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.
13.	02-01-2018	Shri R. Margabandu, ex-Member	28-12-2017	0-03	-do-
Total:				<u>0-25</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.	15-12-2017	Boiler explosion in a power generation unit of NTPC at Unchahar in Rae Bareli district of Uttar Pradesh.	01-11-2017	} 0-02	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those, who lost their lives in these tragedies.
2.	-do-	Cyclone ' <i>Ockhi</i> ' and subsequent heavy rains in the coastal areas of the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.	01-12-2017		
3.	27-12-2017	An accident wherein a bus fell into the Banas River in Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan.	23-12-2017	0-02	The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of those, who lost their lives in this tragedy.
				Total:	0-04

FELICITATIONS BY THE CHAIR

S. No.	Date	Subject	Date of event	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
1.	15-12-2017	To the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams for winning the Asia Cup, 2017 held in Dhaka, Bangladesh and Kakamigahara, Japan, respectively.	22-10-2017 & 05-11-2017	} 0-02
2.	-do-	To Shrimati M.C. Mary Kom, a nominated Member of Rajya Sabha and Shrimati Saikhom Mirabai Chanu for winning Gold medals in the 48 Kg. category at the Asian Women's Boxing Championships and World Weightlifting Championship held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and California, USA, respectively.	08-11-2017 & 29-11-2017	
3.	27-12-2017	To the Indian contingent for winning 17 Gold, 14 Silver and 13 Bronze Medals in the Asian Youth Para Games held in Dubai.	08-12-2017 to 14-12-2017	0-01
4.	29-12-2017	To the Scientists, engineers and technicians of the DRDO, for the successful demonstration of the Ballistic Missile Defence capability through an Advanced Area Defence.	28-12-2017	0-01
Total:				0-04

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS BY THE PRIME MINISTER

On the 15th of December, 2017, Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister introduced 4 Cabinet Ministers, 3 Ministers of State (Independent Charge) and 5 Ministers of State to the House.

(Time taken: 2 Mts.)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

2523 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.	15-12-2017	The Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Amendment Ordinance, 2017 (Ordinance No. 5 of 2017) promulgated by the President on the 2 nd of September, 2017.
2.	-do-	The Indian Forest (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 (Ordinance No. 6 of 2017) promulgated by the President on the 23 rd of November, 2017.
3.	-do-	The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 (Ordinance No. 7 of 2017) promulgated by the President on the 23 rd of November, 2017.
4.	19-12-2017	Statement on Quarterly Review of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget, at the end of the first quarter of the Financial year 2017-18.
5.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Compliance of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003 for the year 2015-16 - Union Government (Civil), Department of Economic Affairs (Ministry of Finance), Report No. 32 of 2017.

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
6.	19-12-2017	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Sharing of Revenue by Private Telecom Service Provider upto 2014-15 - Union Government (Communication and IT Sector), Report No.35 of 2017.
7.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Induction of bio-toilets in Passenger Coaches in Indian Railways for the year ended March, 2017- Union Government (Railways), Report No. 36 of 2017.
8.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Performance Audit of Implementation of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 - Union Government (Civil), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Report No. 37 of 2017 (Performance Audit).
9.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Rejuvenation of River Ganga (Namami Gange) - Union Government, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Report No. 39 of 2017 (Performance Audit).
10.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2017 - Union Government, Department of Revenue - Direct Taxes, Report No. 40 of 2017.
11.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2017 - Union Government (Department of Revenue - Customs), (Compliance Audit), Report No. 41 of 2017.
12.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2017 - Union Government, Department of Revenue, (Indirect Taxes-Central Excise), Report No. 42 of 2017.
13.	-do-	Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2017 - Union Government, Department of Revenue, (Indirect Taxes - Service Tax), Report No. 43 of 2017.

14. 19-12-2017 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2016-17 – Union Government, Accounts of the Union Government, Report No.44 of 2017 (Financial Audit).
 - I. Union Government, Finance Accounts 2016-17,
 - II. Appropriation Accounts (Civil) 2016-17.
15. 21-12-2017 Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
16. -do- Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. 93/2017 - Customs, dated the 21st December, 2017, seeking to withdraw the basic custom duty (BCD) exemption on Chana (Chickpeas falling under tariff item 0713 200) and Masoor (Lentils falling under tariff item 0713 4000), thereby attracting 30% BCD on them with effect from that date.
17. 27-12-2017 Administrative Report of the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai, for the year 2016-17.
18. -do- Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project, Units I and II for the year ended March, 2017 – Union Government, Department of Atomic Energy, Report No. 38 of 2017 (Performance Audit).

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
19.	29-12-2017	Two Hundred Sixty-sixth Report of the Law Commission of India on the Advocates Act, 1961 (Regulation of Legal Profession) (March, 2017).
20.	-do-	Two Hundred Sixty-seventh Report of the Law Commission of India on the Hate Speech (March, 2017).
21.	-do-	Two Hundred Sixty-eighth Report of the Law Commission of India on the Amendments to Criminal Procedure Code, 1973- Provisions Relating to Bail (May, 2017).
22.	-do-	Two Hundred Sixty-ninth Report of the Law Commission of India on the Transportation and House-keeping of Egg-laying hens (layers) and Broiler Chickens (July, 2017).
23.	-do-	Two Hundred Seventieth Report of the Law Commission of India on the Compulsory Registration of Marriages (July, 2017).
24.	02-01-2018	Statement on Quarterly Review of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget, at the end of the second quarter of the Financial year 2017-18 and the Statement explaining deviation in meeting the obligations of the Government.
25.	-do-	Twenty-ninth Progress Report on the Action Taken pursuant to the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Stock Market Scam and matters relating thereto (December, 2017).
26.	-do-	Annual Report of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers (EC), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.

27. 02-01-2018 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2017 – Union Government – Appropriation Accounts of the Defence Services and Appropriation Accounts (Postal Services).
28. 04-01-2018 Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.
29. -do- Annual Report of the Commission of Railway Safety, Lucknow, for the year 2016-17.
30. 05-01-2018 Thirteenth Annual Statement on Pending Law Commission Report (December, 2017).
31. -do- Annual Report on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005, New Delhi, for the year 2016-17.

(Total Time taken: 37 Mts.)

**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
18-12-2017	Commerce	137 th and 138 th Reports
-do-	Science and Technology, Environment and Forests	301 st Report
-do-	Public Accounts	82 nd to 86 th Reports
19-12-2017	Commerce	139 th Report
-do-	Industry	284 th and 285 th Reports
-do-	Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice	93 rd and 94 th Reports
-do-	Chemicals and Fertilizers	40 th Report
-do-	Defence	35 th and 36 th Reports
-do-	Public Undertakings	20 th and 21 st Reports
20-12-2017	Health and Family Welfare	103 rd to 105 th Reports
-do-	Transport, Tourism and Culture	254 th and 255 th Reports
-do-	Finance	50 th to 55 th Reports
-do-	Railway Convention	17 th to 19 th Reports
21-12-2017	Agriculture	43 rd to 45 th Reports
-do-	Chemicals and Fertilizers	41 st and 42 nd Reports
-do-	Railways	17 th Report and Action Taken Statement
22-12-2017	Coal and Steel	35 th Report
-do-	Water Resources	Action Taken Statements

Date	Name of the Committee	Report/Statement
22-12-2017	Empowerment of Women	10 th Report
27-12-2017	Chemicals and Fertilizers	Action Taken Statements
28-12-2017	Papers Laid on the Table	151 st and 152 nd Reports
-do-	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	18 th and 19 th Reports
-do-	Labour	29 th and 30 th Reports
29-12-2017	Government Assurances	71 st Report
-do-	Agriculture	46 th Report and Action Taken Statements
-do-	Information Technology	42 nd to 44 th Reports and Action Taken Statements
-do-	Rural Development	40 th and 41 st Reports
-do-	Railway Convention	20 th Report
02-01-2018	Labour	31 st and 32 nd Reports
03-01-2018	Subordinate Legislation	234 th and 235 th Reports
-do-	Coal and Steel	36 th Report
-do-	Empowerment of Women	11 th Report
-do-	Finance	56 th Report
-do-	Petroleum and Natural Gas	21 st and 22 nd Reports
-do-	Social Justice and Empowerment	48 th and 49 th Reports
04-01-2018	Science and Technology, Environment and Forests	302 nd to 308 th Reports
-do-	Transport, Tourism and Culture	256 th Report
-do-	Coal and Steel	37 th Report
-do-	Labour	33 rd Report
-do-	Railways	18 th Report

04-01-2018	Urban Development	21 st Report
-do-	Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	15 th to 17 th Reports
05-01-2018	Human Resource Development	294 th to 299 th Reports
-do-	External Affairs	17 th to 19 th Reports
-do-	Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	18 th Report

(Total Time taken: 23Mts.)

REPORT OF THE INQUIRY COMMITTEE UNDER THE JUDGES (INQUIRY) ACT, 1968

On 15th of December, 2017, Secretary-General laid on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 4 of the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 read with rules 9 and 10 of the Judges (Inquiry) Rules, 1969, the following documents:—

- (i) Report (in English and Hindi) of the Inquiry Committee appointed under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, in respect of Justice S.K. Gangele, Judge, Madhya Pradesh High Court; and
- (ii) A copy each of the evidence of witnesses tendered before the Inquiry Committee and documents exhibited during the inquiry.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MOTOR VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

On 22nd of December, 2017, Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe presented the Report (in English and Hindi) of the Select Committee on the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

PANEL OF VICE-CHAIRMEN

On the 15th of December, 2017, the Chairman announced that the Panel of Vice-Chairmen has been re-constituted *w.e.f.* the 23rd of October, 2017 with the following Members:—

1. Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya;
2. Shri Tiruchi Siva;
3. Shri T.K. Rangarajan;
4. Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita;
5. Shri Basawaraj Patil; and
6. Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray

(Time taken: 1 Minute)

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS ON GROUND OF DEFECTION

On the 15th of December, 2017, the Chairman made the following announcement:-

"Shri Ram Chandra Prasad Singh, Member and Leader of the JD(U) in Rajya Sabha (Petitioner) had filed two separate Petitions on the 2nd of September, 2017, under paragraph 6 of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution read with Rule 6 of the Members of Rajya Sabha (Disqualification on Ground of Defection) Rules, 1985, praying that Shri Sharad Yadav and Shri Ali Anwar Ansari, Members of the Rajya Sabha (Respondents) be disqualified under the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution for voluntarily giving up the membership of the party, JD(U) on whose ticket they were elected to the Rajya Sabha, by indulging in anti-party activities of publicly denouncing and openly criticizing the collective decisions of the JD(U) and the Party President.

Both the Petitions were duly examined in accordance with the provisions of the Members of Rajya Sabha (Disqualification on Ground of Defection) Rules, 1985, the procedural requirements laid down therein, and precedents.

After taking into account the facts of each case, the comments of the Respondents on their respective Petitions, the comments of the Petitioner on the comments of the Respondents, the oral submissions made by both Respondents during the oral hearing held on the 8th of

November, 2017, the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement in the 1994 Ravi Naik Vs Union of India case and observations/judgements in similar anti-defection cases and precedents, it was crystal clear that by their conduct, actions and speeches, both the Respondents, Shri Sharad Yadav and Shri Ali Anwar Ansari, had voluntarily given up their membership of the political party, JD(U), by which they were set up as candidates for elections to the Rajya Sabha from the State of Bihar and elected as such Members.

I therefore, decided and declared *vide* my Orders, dated the 4th of December, 2017, that Shri Sharad Yadav and Shri Ali Anwar Ansari, Members of JD(U) have incurred disqualification for being Members of the House, in terms of paragraph 2(1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India and have thus ceased to be Members of the Rajya Sabha with effect from the 4th of December, 2017.

The detailed Orders issued by me in this regard have been notified in the Gazette of India on the 4th of December, 2017 and have also been re-produced in Parliamentary Bulletin Part - II of the same date."

(Time taken: 02 Mts.)

PETITIONS

- (i) On the 18th of December, 2017, Secretary-General reported to the House, the receipt of a petition signed by Shri Praveen Kumar, a resident of New Delhi, praying for making the treatment for cancer affordable and widely available.
- (ii) On the 20th of December, 2017, Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder presented to the House, a petition signed by Shri Saptarshi Deb, a resident of Kolkata, praying for comprehensive medical facilities to Central Government employees, pensioners and their dependents.
- (iii) On the 28th of December, 2017, Secretary-General reported to the House, the receipt of a petition signed by Ms. Namita Goel, r/o Gurugram, Haryana, praying for strengthening and effective implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

(Total Time taken: 03 Mts.)

**MOTIONS FOR ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO
VARIOUS COMMITTEES/BODIES**

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Committee/Body	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
1.	18-12-2017	National Jute Board	0-01
2.	20-12-2017	Tobacco Board	0-01
3.	22-12-2017	Coconut Development Board	} 0-02
4.	-do-	Committee on Public Accounts	
5.	28-12-2017	Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes	0-01
6.	03-01-2018	@Central Supervisory Board	0-01
7.	05-01-2018	Joint Committee on the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015	0-01
Total :			0-07

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PRESENTATION OF THE
REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MOTOR
VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017**

On the 15th of December, 2017, Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe moved the following Motion:—

“That the time appointed for presentation of Report of the Select Committee on the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017, be extended upto 27th December, 2017 to present its report to the House”.

The Motion was adopted.

(Time taken: 01 Minute)

@ Constituted under Section 7(1) of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994.

RESIGNATION BY MEMBERS

(i) On the 15th of December, 2017, the Chairman made the following announcement in the House:—

“I have to inform Members, that I had received letters, dated the 1st of September, 2017 and the 11th of October, 2017, from Shri Manohar Parrikar and Shri Mukul Roy, Members, representing the States of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, respectively resigning their seats in the Rajya Sabha. I had accepted their resignations with effect from the 2nd of September, 2017 and 11th of October, 2017, respectively.”

(ii) On the 21st of December, 2017, the Chairman made the following announcement in the House:—

“I have to inform Members that I had received a letter, dated the 20th of December, 2017, from Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar, Member, representing the State of Kerala, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. I had accepted his resignation with effect from the 20th of December, 2017.”

(Total Time taken: 02 Mts.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(i) On the 18th of December, 2017, Shri Kunal Kumar Ghosh (West Bengal) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 15th of December, 2017 to the 5th of January, 2018, during the (244th) Session.

(ii) On the 18th of December, 2017, Shri Digvijaya Singh (Madhya Pradesh) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 15th of December, 2017 to the 5th of January, 2018, during the (244th) Session.

(iii) On the 27th of December, 2017, Shri Parimal Nathwani (Jharkhand) was granted leave of absence from the sittings of the House, from the 15th of December, 2017 to the 5th of January, 2018, during the (244th) Session.

(Total Time taken: 02 Mts.)

FAREWELL TO RETIRING MEMBERS

On the 5th of January, 2018, the Chairman bade farewell to Dr. Karan Singh, Shri Janardan Dwivedi and Shri Parvez Hashmi, representing the National Capital Territory of Delhi, who would be retiring on the 27th of January, 2018, on completion of their term of office.

Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of Opposition and Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology and Deputy Leader of BJP in Rajya Sabha, spoke on the occasion.

Dr. Karan Singh and Shri Janardan Dwivedi responded to the sentiments expressed by the Chairman and others.

(Total Time taken: 33 Mts.)

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

Secretary-General reported to the Rajya Sabha, 22 messages received from the Lok Sabha and laid on the Table, 14¹ Government Bills, as passed by the Lok Sabha, during the Session.

(Total Time taken: 17 Mts.)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3 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.	15-12-2017	18-12-2017	0-01

For Reference and Record

In continuation of its earlier message dated the 4th of January, 2018 Lok Sabha *vide* message dated the 5th of January, 2018 forwarded a revised copy of the High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 2018, as passed by Lok Sabha, in its sitting held on the 4th of January, 2018 with the Speaker certifying that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 110 of the Constitution. The message was reported by the Secretary-General and revised copy of the Bill was laid on the Table.

Sl. No.	Date of BAC Meeting	Date of announcement of the recommendations of BAC in the House	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
2.	21-12-2017	21-12-2017	0-02
3.	02-01-2018	02-01-2018	0-01
Total:			0-04

STATEMENTS REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

3 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.	15-12-2017	0-02
2.	22-12-2017	0-03
3.	29-12-2017	0-04
Total:		0-09

CANCELLATION OF SITTING OF RAJYA SABHA

On 29th of December, 2017, on a suggestion made by Shri Vijay Goel, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and agreed to by the House, the sitting of the Rajya Sabha scheduled for Monday, the 1st of January, 2018, was cancelled.

(Time Taken: 01 Minute)

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

I. On the 15th of December, 2017:—

(1) Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan raised a matter regarding '*Ockhi*' Cyclone in Tamil Nadu.

II. On the 19th of December, 2017:—

(2) Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding need to save the village and memorial of Shri Jai Prakash Narayan.

(3) Shri Partap Singh Bajwa raised a matter regarding stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana.

Shri Vivek Gupta also spoke.

(4) Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding the devastation caused by Cyclone '*Ockhi*'.

Shri K.K. Ragesh also spoke.

(5) Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray raised a matter regarding security lapses in Aadhaar infrastructure and denial of services to the citizens.

(6) Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap raised a matter regarding need to give the status of martyrs to Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru and Chandra Sekhar Azad.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, responded.

(7) Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya raised a matter regarding the problems faced by students due to the current promotion policy.

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

(8) Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao raised a matter regarding need to take back the decision of complete disinvestment of the Dredging Corporation of India.

Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy also spoke.

(9) Shri Rewati Raman Singh raised a matter regarding rotting of potato in Agra district of Uttar Pradesh.

(10) Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan raised a matter regarding providing funds to SC, ST students in Tamil Nadu.

(11) Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding problem of land fill sites in Delhi.

(12) Shri Naresh Gujral raised a matter regarding re-naming of Dayal Singh College (Evening) in Delhi to Vande Matram Mahavidyalaya.

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

(13) Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury raised a matter regarding problem faced by Bt.3 cotton farmers.

(14) Shri Ripun Bora raised a matter regarding sudden and abnormal charge of the Brahmaputra river water causing ecological catastrophe.

III. On the 29th of December, 2017:—

(15) Shri Shwait Malik raised a matter regarding need for a strict law to check Cyber Crime.

(16) Shri Pramod Tiwari raised a matter regarding non-utilization of funds under the *Namami-Gange* Project.

(17) Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding need to announce the birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as a national holiday and as Patriotism Day.

(18) Shri Harivansh raised a matter regarding incidents of misbehaviour with the passengers by some private airlines..

(19) Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad raised a matter regarding need to bring back the fishermen languishing in the jails in Pakistan.

(20) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding deaths due to starvation in Jharkhand.

(21) Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey raised a matter regarding need to increase the Minimum Support Price of paddy crop.

(22) Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding need to fill the vacant post of Chairman and Vice-Chairman in IPAB (Intellectual Property Appellate Board).

(23) Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding need to set up National Debt Relief Commission for farmers and to write-off agricultural loan given to small and marginal farmers.

(24) Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth raised a matter regarding need to provide employment opportunities to Tamil Nadu students in the Central Government Services.

(25) Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding need to check security measures before issuing fire safety certificates to buildings by the Municipal Authorities in the wake of a fire incident in Mumbai on the night of 28th December, 2017.

Shri Husain Dalwai also spoke.

(26) Shri La. Ganesan raised a matter regarding need to introduce a new train between Trichy to Mayiluthrai *via* Thanjavur and Kombakonam.

(27) Shri Rewati Raman Singh raised a matter regarding discrimination in providing the facility of Solar Energy Light to Member of Rajya Sabha.

(28) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding need to check food adulteration in the country.

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

IV. On the 2nd of January, 2018:—

(29) Shri Shwait Malik raised a matter regarding need for a strict law to check begging.

(30) Shri Ram Nath Thakur raised a matter regarding need to provide central aid for flood affected people of Bihar and to expedite construction of high Dams on Saptkoshi and Sunkoshi rivers.

(31) Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding concern over closure of units of Government of India Press and Railway Printing Press.

(32) Kumari Selja raised a matter regarding incidents of rising crime against women in various parts of the country.

Shri Prasanna Acharya also spoke.

(33) Shri Rajeev Shukla raised a matter regarding need for electoral reforms and simultaneous elections of Parliament and State Assemblies.

(34) Shri S. Muthukaruppan raised a matter regarding need to increase subsidy on sugar and to provide required quantity of sugar to the Tamil Nadu Government.

(35) Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya raised a matter regarding need to address the issue of stubble burning by a technique invented by the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research.

(36) Shri Rewati Raman Singh raised a matter regarding concern over problems faced by the University of Allahabad, a Central University.

(37) Shri La. Ganesan raised a matter regarding deemed Universities in view of the recent judgment by the Supreme Court prohibiting them from using the term "Universities".

(38) Shri Naresh Agrawal raised a matter regarding concern over safety of journalists and attack on the freedom of press.

(39) Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding concern over some recent incidents related to Airport safety and demand for preventive measures.

V. On the 4th of January, 2018:—

(40) Shrimati Rajani Patil raised a matter regarding atrocities on *Dalits* in Maharashtra.

The following Members also spoke:-

1. Shri Naresh Agrawal
2. Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
3. Shri Md. Nadimul Haque
4. Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey
5. Shri T.K. Rangarajan
6. Shri Veer Singh
7. Shri Sharad Pawar
8. Shrimati Kanimozhi
9. Shri Sanjay Raut
10. Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder
11. Shri D. Raja
12. Shri Ramdas Athawale, *Minister of State in the Ministry of Social and Empowerment*
13. Shri Amar Shankar Sable
14. Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati

(41) Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding need to rename West Bengal as Bangla.

(42) Ms. Dola Sen raised a matter regarding need to fill the vacancy caused due to retirement of the Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal.

(43) Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding concern over job loss due to closure of the Indian Fireworks Industry.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Defence, responded.

(44) Shri P.L. Punia raised a matter regarding need to take back the increased fare in case of delayed running of mail and superfast trains.

Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways and Minister of Coal, responded.

(45) Shri Vivek Gupta raised a matter regarding need to grant Scheduled Caste status to the Kurmi community in West Bengal.

(46) Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao raised a matter regarding need to implement the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act in its true letter and spirit.

(47) Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda raised a matter regarding concern over cancellation of H-1B Visa Programme by the Administration of USA.

Shri Rajeev Shukla also spoke.

(48) Shri K. Somaprasad raised a matter regarding need to issue direction to SBI authorities to furnish adequate details of educational loans to borrowers of *erstwhile* SBT.

VI. On the 5th of January, 2017:—

(49) Shri Ramkumar Kashyap raised a matter regarding need to make toll plaza on National Highways free due to problems faced by travellers during fog.

(50) Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding killing of innocent people.

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu also spoke.

(51) Shri Mohd. Ali Khan raised a matter regarding need to improve the Public Health and streamline the clinic establishments.

(Total time taken: 2 Hrs. & 47 Mts.)

QUESTIONS

210 Starred Questions were put down in the List of Questions for oral answers, out of which **46** Questions were orally answered and answers to the remaining ones were laid on the Table of the House.

(Total time taken: 4 Hrs. & 55 Mts.)

2239 Unstarred Questions were put down in the List of Questions and written answers in respect thereof were laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER CORRECTING ANSWER TO QUESTION

Statement correcting answer to Question, as detailed below, was laid on the Table of the House, during the Session: —

Date	Subject	Ministry/ Department	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
04-01-2018	Correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 337 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19 th December, 2017 regarding 'UDAN Scheme'.	Civil Aviation	Shri Jayant Sinha	0-01
Total :				0-01

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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

S. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
1.	28-12-2017	Meeting of the family members of Shri Kulbhushan Jadhav with him in Pakistan and situation arising therefrom.	Shrimati Sushma Swaraj	0-23
2.	05-01-2018	"India's Stand in WTO".	♦Shri Suresh Prabhu	0-03
Total:				0-26

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♦ Read out the gist of the Statement and laid on the Table, the detailed Statement.

(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	Time taken Hrs.Mts.
1.	19-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty Ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Minority Affairs.	Dr. Virendra Kumar	0-01
2.	20-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Fortieth 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
3.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Forty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Culture.		

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
4.	20-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Ninety-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Home Affairs.	Shri Kiren Rijiju	—
5.	21-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Eighty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development.	Dr. Virendra Kumar	} 0-01
6.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas on the subject "Ethanol Blended Petrol and Bio Diesel Policy".	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	
7.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Forty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demand for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.	Shri Vijay Goel	

8.	22-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel titled "Coal Review of Allotment, Development and Performance of Coal/Lignite Blocks".	Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary	0-01
9.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on 'Outstanding Dues for Indian Railways'.	Shri Rajen Gohain	—
10.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Consumer Affairs.	Shri C.R. Chaudhary	0-01
11.	27-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Tenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas on 'Functioning of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA)'.	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	—

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
12.	27-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Eightieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.	Shri Giriraj Singh	0-01
13.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Forty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Tourism.	Shri K. J. Alphons	—
14.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on Demands for Grants (2017-18), Demand No. 12 pertaining to the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.	Shri C.R. Chaudhary	—
15.	28-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Ninetieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.	Dr. Jitendra Singh	0-01

16.	28-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.	Dr. Jitendra Singh	0-01	
17.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Ninety-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Space.	-do-		
18.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Forty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Civil Aviation.	Shri Jayant Sinha	0-01	33
19.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Seventy-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on the Action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and Sixty-fifth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2015-16), [Demand No. 60] pertaining to the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development.	Dr. Satya Pal Singh	—	

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
20.	28-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Seventy-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on Demands for Grants (2016-17), [Demand No. 52] pertaining to the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development.	Dr. Satya Pal Singh	} 0-01
21.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Eighty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on 'Issues and Challenges before Higher Educational Sector in India'.	-do-	
22.	29-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	} 0-01
23.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.	-do-	

- 24. 29-12-2017 Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on 'Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions (PCPIRS)' pertaining to the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- 25. -do- Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Thirty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications. Shri Manoj Sinha
- 26. -do- Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Thirty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on 'Issues related to quality of services and reported call drops' pertaining to the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications. -do-
- 27. -do- Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Seventy-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on 'Feasibility of Holding Simultaneous Elections to the House of People (Lok Sabha) and State Legislative Assemblies. Shri P.P. Chaudhary

} 0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	the <u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
28.	29-12-2017	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eighty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on 'Role of Ministry of Law and Justice in Framing/Approving the provisions of International Covenants/Multilateral/Treaties or Agreements' pertaining to the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice.	Shri P.P. Chaudhary	—
29.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Eighty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on 'Inordinate delay in filling up the vacancies in the Supreme Court and High Courts'.	-do-	—
30.	02-01-2018	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Ninety-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR).	Shri Vijay Goel	—

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| 31. | 02-01-2018 | Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Eighty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises. | Shri Babul Supriyo | } 0-01 |
| 32. | -do- | Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Eighty-second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises. | -do- | |
| 33. | 03-01-2018 | Status of implementation of observations /recommendations contained in the Twenty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Labour and Employment. | Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar | } 0-01 |
| 34. | -do- | Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). | Shri Anantkumar Hegde | |

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
35.	03-01-2018	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Report of the Committee on 'Export Infrastructure in India'.	Shri C.R. Chaudhary	—
36.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Thirty-second Report on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Commerce (Demand No. 11), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.	-do-	—
37.	04-01-2018	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Urban Development.	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	—

38.	04-01-2018	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	} 0-01
39.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Ninety-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on the 'Problems being faced by refugees and displaced persons in J&K'.	Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir	
40.	05-01-2018	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.	Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal	0-01
41.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	0-01

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
42.	05-01-2018	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment (2015-16) on the 'Review of the functioning of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC)'.	Shri Krishan Pal	—
43.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.	Shri Vijay Goel	0-01
44.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Two Hundred and First Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Home Affairs.	-do-	
45.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the Thirty-fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications.	Shri Manoj Sinha	0-01

46.	05-01-2018	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	}	0-01
47.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Forty-first 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 the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways.	-do-		
48.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Forty-second 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 the Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Shipping.	-do-		

Sl. No.	Date	Subject matter of the Statement	Name of the Minister	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
49.	05-01-2018	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Forty-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways.	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	—
50.	-do-	Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Forty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Shipping.	-do-	—
			Total:	0-20

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.	19-12-2017	Supplementary Demands for Grants (General), 2017-18.	Shri Arun Jaitley	0-01
2.	04-01-2018	Supplementary Demands for Grants (General), 2017-18.	-do-	0-01
Total:				0-02

SPECIAL MENTIONS

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

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs.Mts.
1.	19-12-2017	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy	Demand to abolish Contributory Pension Scheme and revert to the Old Pension Scheme.	} 0-04
2.	-do-	Shri K.K. Ragesh	Demand to create a separate Ministry for fisheries.	
3.	-do-	Shri P.L. Punia	Demand to include the Mahar, Mehara, Mehar and Mahara castes of Chhattisgarh into the category of Scheduled Castes.	
*4.	-do-	Shri Anil Desai	Demand to remove the cap of ₹.10,000/- imposed on the reimbursement of education fee of the children of martyrs in the country.	
*5.	-do-	Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya	Demand to take steps to protect children from harmful and violent online games.	

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* Laid on the Table.

6.	19-12-2017	Shri Amar Singh	Complaint against an aviation company and demand to take the remedial measures taken to reform the aviation sector of the country.	}	0-02
*7.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to address the privacy issues and other implications due to Aadhaar being made mandatory for several welfare schemes.		
8.	27-12-2017	Shrimati Sasikala Pushpa	Demand to take necessary steps to rescue missing fishermen of Tamil Nadu and provide relief and rehabilitation measures to the fishermen affected by <i>Ockhi</i> cyclone in the State.	}	0-05
9.	-do-	Dr. V. Maitreyan	Demand to protect the rights of candidates from Tamil Nadu in banking service recruitment examinations by making knowledge of regional language mandatory.		
10.	-do-	Shri Amar Shankar Sable	Demand to address the problem of Bitcoins network in the country.		0-02
11.	28-12-2017	Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda	Demand to take strong measures to address the problem of human trafficking in view of a recent report of the ILO.		0-02

* Laid on the Table.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
12.	28-12-2017	Shri K. Somaprasad	Demand to take adequate measures for preservation of tribal knowledge in the country.	0-02
13.	-do-	Shri K.C. Ramamurthy	Demand to scrap the proposed New Medical Council (NMC) and instead revamp the Medical Council of India (MCI) for imparting quality medical education in the country.	0-02
14.	-do-	Shri S. Muthukaruppan	Demand to drop the proposal of closure or merger of three premier institutes under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in Tamil Nadu.	0-02
15.	-do-	Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap	Demand to take strict measures to curb burning of waste by shopkeepers located on national highways in the country.	0-02
16.	29-12-2017	Shri Derek O' Brien	Regarding low Infant Mortality Rate in West Bengal.	0-01
17.	-do-	Shri B.K. Hariprasad	Need to provide services and other facilities of international level at the Bengaluru International Airport.	0-01

*18.	29-12-2017	Shrimati Verma	Chhaya	Demand to expedite the process of changing the designation of diploma holders as Junior Engineers employed in various units of SAIL including its mines.	0-01
*19.	-do-	Ms. Dola Sen		Demand to withdraw the decision of winding up of certain units of Government of India Press in the country.	0-02
*20.	-do-	Chaudhary Saleem	Munvvar	Demand to address the problem of malnutrition among children in the country.	0-02
21.	02-01-2018	Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati		Demand to disclose the status of setting up of Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) in cities and town in Maharashtra under AMRUT scheme of the Government.	0-03
22.	-do-	Shri Ram Thakur	Nath	Demand to open adequate number of <i>Jan Aushadhi Kendras</i> and make a legislation for mandatory prescription of generic medicines by the doctors.	0-02
23.	-do-	Shri R. Vaithilingam		Demand to review the Food Safety and Standards Act to make provisions for stringent punishment to curb food adulteration.	0-03
24.	-do-	Shri Motilal Vora		Demand to take effective measures to check untimely death of children in different parts of the country.	0-02

* Laid on the Table.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
25.	02-01-2018	Shri Husain Dalwai	Demand to take appropriate steps for effective implementation of provisions of Right to Education Act to increase the rate of enrolment of children under EWS in private unaided schools.	0-02
26.	-do-	Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya	Demand to start water-self-sufficient campaigns throughout the country on the lines of Jal Swavalamban Abhiyan of the State of Rajasthan.	0-02
27.	-do-	Shrimati Chhaya Verma	Demand to take steps to remove the irregularities existing in the Public Distribution System in the country.	0-02
28.	-do-	Shri Tiruchi Siva	Demand to exempt the cost of drilling of borewells for irrigation purposes from the purview of GST.	0-03
◇29.	05-01-2018	Shri K.C. Ramamurthy	Demand to withdraw the new formula proposed by UGC regarding reservation for teaching posts in Universities.	—
◇30.	-do-	Shri S. Muthukaruppan	Demand to drop the move to privatise the Salem Steel Plant in Tamil Nadu.	—

◇ As per direction of the Chairman, Special Mentions listed for 05-01-2018 were treated as laid on the Table.

◊31.	05-01-2018	Shri Naresh Agrawal	Demand to constitute an all-party Committee for early creation of the state of Gorkhaland.	} 0-01
◊32.	-do-	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy	Demand to make public the studies conducted on land subsidence in Krishna-Godavari Basin.	
◊33.	-do-	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu	Demand to include the language 'Ho' spoken in Jharkhand, in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.	
◊34.	-do-	Shri Vivek Gupta	Demand to release flood relief under the Prime Minister Disaster Relief Fund to the State of West Bengal affected by the recent floods.	
◊35.	-do-	Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra	Demand to consider geological factors before starting construction on the Pancheshwar dam in Uttarakhand.	
◊36.	-do-	Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem	Demand to give data on religion wise number of cases of divorces lodged in different family courts in the country.	

◊ As per direction of the Chairman, Special Mentions listed for 05-01-2018 were treated as laid on the Table.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
◊37.	05-01-2018	Shri Md. Nadimul Haque	Demand to address the adverse effects of GST on the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country.	—
◊38.	-do-	Shri Partap Singh Bajwa	Demand to introduce flights for Delhi, Kullu and Srinagar from Pathankot Airport in Punjab to develop the region as an economic and tourist hub.	—
◊39.	-do-	Shri Anil Desai	Demand to offer one more pension option and updation/revision of pension to employees working in General Insurance an industry, LIC and RBI.	—
◊40.	-do-	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Demand to give wages as ascertained under labour laws and other social security benefits to people employed on ad-hoc and contract basis in organized and unorganized sectors of the country.	—

◊ As per direction of the Chairman, Special Mentions listed for 05-01-2018 were treated as laid on the Table.

◊41.	05-01-2018	Shri Ripun Bora	Demand to expedite the verification of the remaining applicants for early updation and publication of the National Register for Citizens in Assam.	—
◊42.	-do-	Shri La. Ganesan	Demand to create an institution named Samskriti Sansad to address the issues pertaining to arts and culture.	—
◊43.	-do-	Shri A.K. Selvaraj	Demand to give directions to BPCL to comply with prevailing norms for transfer of LPG customers to the newly appointed dealers.	—
◊44.	-do-	Dr. V. Maitreyan	Demand to rescind the proposal of merger of the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) in Chennai with the Central University at Tiruvarur in Tamil Nadu.	—
◊45.	-do-	Shri Sanjay Raut	Need to address the demands of pensioners covered under EPF in the country.	—
◊46.	-do-	Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya	Demand to appoint a judicial commission to examine deaths due to starvation in Jharkhand and give compensation and employment to the affected families.	—

◊ As per direction of the Chairman, Special Mentions listed for 05-01-2018 were treated as laid on the Table.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Member	Subject	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.
◊47.	05-01-2018	Shri T. Rathinavel	Demand to remove the mandatory requirement of knowledge of Hindi in recruitment for teaching posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas.	—
◊48.	-do-	Shri Ravi Prakash Verma	Demand for realignment of Railway Crossing No.119-C located in Lakhnam Mailani Rail Sector of North-Eastern Railway to get rid of the traffic congestion in the area.	—
◊49.	-do-	Shri Ahamed Hassan	Concern over the problems being faced to access various social security and welfare schemes due to linking of Aadhaar being made mandatory.	—
◊50.	-do-	Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao	Demand to take steps to create awareness among farmers for reasonable use of pesticides and insecticides.	—
Total				0-50

◊ As per direction of the Chairman, Special Mentions listed for 05-01-2018 were treated as laid on the Table.

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.	28-12-2017	Shri Naresh Agrawal	Excessively high levels of air pollution in Delhi.	17	Dr. Harsh Vardhan, <i>Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Earth Sciences and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change</i>	2-58
2.	04-01-2018	Shri Anand Sharma	State of economy, investment climate and job creation in the country and the need to address the challenge of rising unemployment.	16	Shri Arun Jaitley, <i>Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs</i>	3-00
Total:						<u>5-58</u>

STATUTORY RESOLUTIONS

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
1.	27-12-2017	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	"That this House disapproves the Indian Forest (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 (Ordinance No.6 of 2017) promulgated by the President of India on 23 rd November, 2017."	—	0-05	Discussed together with the Indian Forest (Amendment) Bill, 2017. The Resolution was negatived. For other details, pl. see item at Sl. No. 4 under the heading "GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS".
2.	28-12-2017	Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance	'In pursuance of section 8A (1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, read with sub-section (3) of section 7 of the said Act, this House hereby approves of Notification No. 88/2017-Customs, dated 17 th November, 2017 [G.S.R.1431 (E), dated 17 th November, 2017] which seeks to increase the basic customs duty on Soyabeans, falling	—	0-01	Adopted.

under Tariff items
12011000 and 12019000
of the First Schedule to
the Customs Tariff Act,
1975 from 30% to 45%.”

3. 28-12-2017 Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla,
Minister of State
in the Ministry of
Finance
- "In pursuance of section
8A (1) of the Customs
Tariff Act, 1975, read with
sub-section (3) of section 7
of the said Act, this House
hereby approves of
Notification No.80/2017-
Customs, dated 27th
October, 2017 [G.S.R.1339
(E) dated 27th October,
2017], which seeks to
increase the rate of basic
customs duty on the
following goods:-
(a) From 10%/15% to
25% on:-
- 0-01 Adopted.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
		Tariff heading	Description			
		5003	Silk waste (including cocoons unsuitable for reeling, yarn waste and garnetted stock).			
		5004	Silk yarn (other than yarn spun from silk waste) not put up for retail sale.			
		5005	Yarn spun from silk waste, not put up for retail sale.			
		5006	Silk yarn and yarn spun from silk waste, put up for retail sale; silk-worm gut.			
		5007	Woven fabrics of silk or of silk waste.			
		5101	Wool, not carded or combed.			
		(expect tariff items				
		5101 21				
		00,				
		5101 30				
		00)				
		5102	Fine or coarse animal hair, not carded or combed.			

- 5103 Waste of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair, including yarn waste but excluding garnetted stock(except Shorn wool and carbonized wool)
- 5109 Yarn of wool or of fine animal hair, put up for retail sale.
- 5110 Yarn of coarse animal hair or of horsehair (including gimped horsehair yarn), whether or not put up for retail sale.
- 5111 Woven fabrics of carded wool or of carded fine animal hair.
- 5112 Woven fabrics of combed wool or of combed fine animal hair.
- 5113 Woven fabrics of coarse animal hair or of horsehair.
- 5201 Cotton, not carded or combed.
- 5202 Cotton waste (including yarn waste and garnetted stock).
- 5207 Cotton yarn (other than sewing thread) put up for retail sale.
- 5208 Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 % or more by weight of cotton, weighing not more than 200 g/m².

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
			5209			Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 % or more by weight of cotton, weighing more than 200 g/ m ² .
			5210			Woven fabrics of cotton, containing less than 85 % by weight of cotton, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, weighing not more than 200 g/ m ² .
			5211			Woven fabrics of cotton, containing less than 85 % by weight of cotton, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, weighing more than 200 g/ m ² .
			5212			Other woven fabrics of cotton.
			5303			Jute and other textile bast fibres (excluding flax, true hemp and ramie), raw or processed but not spun; tow and waste of these fibres (including yarn waste and garnetted stock).
			5305			Coconut, abaca (Manila hemp or <i>Musa textilis</i> Nee), ramie and other vegetable textile fibres, not elsewhere specified or included, raw or processed but not spun; tow, noils and waste of these

- fibres (including yarn waste and garnetted stock).
- 5306 Flax yarn.
- 5307 Yarn of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading 5303.
- 5308 Yarn of other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn.
- 5309 Woven fabrics of flax.
- 5310 Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading 5303.
- 5311 Woven fabrics of other vegetable textile fibres; woven fabrics of paper yarn.
- 5407 Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn, including woven fabrics obtained from materials of heading 5404.
- 5408 Woven fabrics of artificial filament yarn, including woven fabrics obtained from materials of heading 5405.
- 5505 Waste (including noils, yarn waste and garnetted stock) of man-made fibres.
- 5601 Wadding of textile materials and articles thereof; textile fibres, not exceeding 5 mm in length (flock), textile dust and mill neps.
- 5602 Felt, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
		5603	Nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated.			
		5701	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, knotted, whether or not made up.			
		5702	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, woven, not tufted or flopped, whether or not made up, including "Kelem", "Schumacks", "Karamanie" and similar hand- woven rugs.			
		5703	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, tufted, whether or not made up.			
		5704	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, of felt, not tufted or flopped, whether or not made up.			
		5705	Other carpets and other textile floor coverings, whether or not made up.			
		5801	Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics, other than fabrics of heading 5802 or 5806.			

- 5802 Terry towelling and similar woven terry fabrics, other than narrow fabrics of heading 5806; tufted textile fabrics, other than products of heading 5703.
- 5803 Gauze, other than narrow fabrics of heading 5806.
- 5804 Tulles and other net fabrics, not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics; lace in the piece, in strips or in motifs, other than fabrics of headings 6002 to 6006.
- 5805 Hand-woven tapestries of the type Gobelins, Flanders, Aubusson, Beauvais and the like, and needle-worked tapestries (for example, petit point, cross stitch), whether or not made up.
- 5806 Narrow woven fabrics, other than goods of heading 5807; narrow fabrics consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive (bolducs).
- 5807 Labels, badges and similar articles of textile materials, in the piece, in strips or cut to shape or size, not embroidered.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
		5808	Braids in the piece; ornamental trimmings in the piece, without embroidery, other than knitted or crocheted; tassels, pompons and similar articles.			
		5809	Woven fabrics of metal thread and woven fabrics of metallised yarn of heading 5605, of a kind used in apparel, as furnishing fabrics or for similar purposes, not elsewhere specified or included.			
		5810	Embroidery in the piece, in strips or in motifs.			
		5811	Quilted textile products in the piece, composed of one or more layers of textile materials assembled with padding by stitching or otherwise, other than embroidery of heading 5810.			
		5901	Textile fabrics coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for the outer covers of books or the like; tracing cloth; prepared painting			

- canvas; buckram and similar stiffened textile fabrics of a kind used for hat foundations.
- 5902 Tyre cord fabric of high tenacity yarn of nylon or other polyamides, polyesters or viscose rayon.
- 5903 Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics, other than those of heading 5902.
- 5904 Linoleum, whether or not cut to shape; floor coverings consisting of a coating or covering applied on a textile backing, whether or not cut to shape.
- 5905 Textile wall coverings.
- 5906 Rubberised textile fabrics, other than those of heading 5902.
- 5907 Textile fabrics otherwise impregnated, coated or covered; painted canvas being theatrical scenery, studio back-cloths or the like.
- 5908 Textile wicks, woven, plaited or knitted , for lamps, stoves, lighters, candles or the like; incandescent gas mantles and tubular knitted gas mantle fabric therefore, whether or not impregnated.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
		5909	Textile hosepiping and similar textile tubing, with or without lining, armour or accessories of other materials.			
		5910	Transmission or conveyor belts or belting, of textile material, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics, or reinforced with metal or other material.			
		5911	Textile products and articles, for technical uses, specified in Note 7 to this Chapter.			
		6001	Pile fabrics, including "long pile" fabrics and terry fabrics, knitted or crocheted.			
		6002	Knitted or crocheted fabrics of a width not exceeding 30 cm, containing by weight 5 % or more of elastomeric yarn or rubber thread, other than those of heading 6001.			
		6003	Knitted or crocheted fabrics of a width not exceeding 30 cm, other than those of heading 6001 or 6002.			
		6004	Knitted or crocheted fabrics of a width exceeding 30 cm, containing by			

- weight 5 % or more of elastomeric yarn or rubber thread, other than those of heading 6001.
- 6005 Warp knit fabrics (including those made on galloon knitting machines), other than those of headings 6001 to 6004.
- 6006 Other knitted or crocheted fabrics.
- 6101 Men's or boys' overcoats, car-coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski-jackets), wind-cheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, other than those of heading 6103.
- 6102 Women's or girls' overcoats, car-coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski-jackets), wind-cheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, other than those of heading 6104.
- 6103 Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
		6104	Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted.			
		6105	Men's or boys' shirts, knitted or crocheted.			
		6106	Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses, knitted or crocheted.			
		6107	Men's or boys' underpants, briefs, nightshirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted.			
		6108	Women's or girls' slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, pyjamas, negligees, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted.			
		6109	T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knitted or crocheted.			
		6110	Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles, knitted or crocheted.			

- 6111 Babies' garments and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.
- 6112 Track suits, ski suits and swimwear, knitted or crocheted.
- 6113 Garments, made up of knitted or crocheted fabrics of heading 5903, 5906 or 5907.
- 6114 Other garments, knitted or crocheted.
- 6115 Panty hose, tights, stockings, socks and other hosiery, including graduated compression hosiery (for example, stockings for varicose veins) and footwear without applied soles, knitted or crocheted.
- 6116 Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted.
- 6117 Other made up clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted; knitted or crocheted parts of garments or of clothing accessories.
- 6201 Men's or boys' overcoats, car-coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski-jackets), wind-cheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles, other than those of heading 6203.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
		6202	Women's or girls' overcoats, car-coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski-jackets), wind-cheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles, other than those of heading 6204.			
		6203	Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear).			
		6204	Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear).			
		6205	Men's or boys' shirts.			
		6206	Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses.			
		6207	Men's or boys' singlets and other vests, underpants, briefs, nightshirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles.			
		6208	Women's or girls' singlets and other vests, slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, oviamas, negligees,			

- bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles.
- 6209 Babies' garments and clothing accessories.
- 6210 Garments, made up of fabrics of heading 5602, 5603, 5903, 5906 or 5907.
- 6211 Track suits, ski suits and swimwear; other garments.
- 6212 Brassieres, girdles, corsets, braces, suspenders, garters and similar articles and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted.
- 6213 Handkerchiefs.
- 6214 Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like.
- 6215 Ties, bow ties and cravats.
- 6216 Gloves, mittens and mitts.
- 6217 Other made up clothing accessories; parts of garments or of clothing accessories, other than those of heading 6212.
- 6301 Blankets and travelling rugs.
- 6302 Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
		6303	Curtains (including drapes) and interior blinds; curtain or bed valances.			
		6304	Other furnishing articles, excluding those of heading 9404.			
		6305	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods.			
		6306	Tarpaulins, awnings and sunblinds; tents; sails for boats, sailboards or landcraft; camping goods.			
		6307	Other made up articles, including dress patterns.			
		6308	Sets consisting of woven fabric and yarn, whether or not with accessories, for making up into rugs, tapestries, embroidered table cloths or serviettes, or similar textile articles, put up in packings for retail sale.			
		6309	Worn clothing and other worn articles.			
		6310	Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cables and worn out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cables, of textile materials.			

(b) From 10% to 20% on:

Tariff heading	Description
5104	Garnetted stock of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair.
5105	Wool and fine or coarse animal hair, carded or combed (including combed wool in fragments).
5106	Yarn of carded wool, not put up for retail sale.
5107	Yarn of combed wool, not put up for retail sale.
5108	Yarn of fine animal hair (carded or combed), not put up for retail sale.
5204	Cotton sewing thread, whether or not put up for retail sale.
5205	Cotton yarn (other than sewing thread), containing 85 % or more by weight of cotton, not put up for retail sale.
5206	Cotton yarn (other than sewing thread), containing less than 85 % by weight of cotton, not put up for retail sale.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
		5401	Sewing thread of man-made filaments, whether or not put up for retail sale.			
		5402	Synthetic filament yarn (other than sewing thread), not put up for retail sale, including synthetic monofilament of less than 67 decitex.			
		5403	Artificial filament yarn (other than sewing thread), not put up for retail sale, including artificial monofilament of less than 67 decitex.			
		5404	Synthetic monofilament of 67 decitex or more and of which no cross-sectional dimension exceeds 1 mm; strip and the like (for example, artificial straw) of synthetic textile materials of an apparent width not exceeding 5 mm.			
		5405	Artificial monofilament of 67 decitex or more and of which no cross-sectional dimension exceeds 1 mm; strip and the like (for example, artificial straw) of artificial textile materials of an apparent width not exceeding 5 mm.			

- 5406 Man-made filament yarn (other than sewing thread), put up for retail sale.
- 5501 Synthetic filament tow.
- 5502 Artificial filament tow.
- 5503 Synthetic staple fibres, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning.
- 5504 Artificial staple fibres, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning. Woven fabrics of synthetic staple fibres, containing less than 85 % by weight of such fibres, mixed mainly or solely with cotton, of a weight exceeding 170 g/ m².
- 5506 Synthetic staple fibres, carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning.
- 5507 Artificial staple fibres, carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning.
- 5508 Sewing thread of man-made staple fibres, whether or not put up for retail sale.
- 5509 Yarn (other than sewing thread) of synthetic staple fibres, not put up for retail sale.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
		5510	Yarn (other than sewing thread) of artificial staple fibres, not put up for retail sale.			
		5604	Rubber thread and cord, textile covered; textile yarn, and strip and the like of heading 54.04 or 54.05, impregnated, coated, covered or sheathed with rubber or plastics.			
		5605	Metallised yarn, whether or not gimped, being textile yarn, or strip or the like of heading 54.04 or 54.05, combined with metal in the form of thread, strip or powder or covered with metal.			
		5606	Gimped yarn, and strip and the like of heading 54.04 or 54.05, gimped (other than those of heading 56.05 and gimped horsehair yarn); chenille yarn (including flock chenille yarn); loop wale- yarn.			
		5607	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, whether or not plaited or braided and whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or sheathed with rubber or plastics.			

4. 02-01-2018 Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs "In pursuance of section 8A (1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, read with sub-section (3) of section 7 of the said Act, this House hereby approves of Notification No.91/2017-Customs, dated 14th December, 2017 [G.S.R.1514(E) dated 14th December, 2017], which seeks to increase the rate of basic customs duty (BCD) on the following goods, as under:-
- 0-02 Adopted.

Tariff heading/Sub-Head/Item	Description	From	To
8516 50 00	Microwave Ovens	10%	20%
8517 12 10	Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks (Push button type)	10%	15%
8517 12 90	Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks (Other than push button type)	10%	15%
8521 90 90	Other video recording or reproducing apparatus, whether or not incorporating a video tuner	10%	15%

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	Time taken Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
		8525 80	Television cameras, digital cameras and video camera recorders	10%	15%	
		8528 71 00	Reception apparatus for television not designed to incorporate a video display or screen (whether or not incorporating radio broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus)	10%	20%	
		8528 72	Other color reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus	10%	20%	
		8539 50 00	Light-emitting diode (LED) lamps	10%	20%	
		9028 30	Electricity meters	10%	15%	

9405 Lamps and lighting fitting including searchlights and spotlights and parts thereof, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated name-plates and the like, having a permanently fixed light source, and parts thereof not elsewhere specified or included 10% 20%

5. 02-01-2018 Dr. T.
Subbarami
Reddy

"That this House disapproves the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 (Ordinance No.7 of 2017) promulgated by the President of India on 23rd November, 2017."

— 0-05 Discussed together with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

The Resolution was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
						For other details, pl. see item at SI No. 8 under the heading "GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS".
				Total:	<u>0-14</u>	
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GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION

Date	Name of the Mover	Subject	No. of Speakers	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
02-01-2018	Shri Rajen Gohain, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways</i>	"That this House approves the recommendations contained in paras 9, 10 (to the extent that reimbursement of losses on operation of 'strategic lines' is made by General Revenues to Ministry of Railways), 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 (the rate of interest will be paid on the basis of average cost of borrowing) of the Sixth Report of the Railway Convention Committee (2014) which was presented in Lok Sabha and laid in the Rajya Sabha on 2 nd December, 2016."	—	0-01	Adopted
Total:				<u>0-01</u>	

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	<u>Time allotted</u> Hrs. Mts.	<u>Time taken</u> Hrs. Mts.	Remarks
*1.	The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by the Lok Sabha.	28-07-2017	02-08-2017 19-12-2017	Shri P.P. Chaudhary	12	2-00	2-12	Passed
2.	The Indian Institutes of Management Bill, 2017, as passed by the Lok Sabha.	31-07-2017	19-12-2017	Shri Prakash Javadekar	12	2-00	1-58	-do-

* The motion for consideration of the Bill was moved by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, then Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Corporate of Affairs, on the 2nd of August, 2017.

3.	The Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	04-08-2017	20-12-2017 27-12-2017	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	14	1-30	1-39	Passed
4.	The Indian Forest (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	21-12-2017	27-12-2017	Dr. Harsh Vardhan	17	2-00	2-19	Discussed together with the Statutory Resolution moved by Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy. The Resolution was negatived and the Bill was passed. For other details pl. see Sl. No. 1 under the heading 'Statutory Resolutions'.

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
5.	The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	27-12-2017	28-12-2017	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	9	0-30	0-50	Passed
6.	The Repealing and Amending Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	19-12-2017	28-12-2017	Shri P.P. Chaudhary	4	1-00	0-38	Discussed together and the Bills were passed.
7.	The Repealing and Amending (Second) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.							

8.	The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2017 as passed by Lok Sabha.	29-12-2017 02-01-2018	Shri Arun Jaitley	15	3-00	2-21	Discussed together with the Statutory Resolution moved by Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy. The Resolution was withdrawn by leave of the House and the Bill as amended, was passed. For other details, pl. see SI No. 5 under the heading pl see SI No. 5 under the heading 'Statutory Resolutions'.
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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
9.	The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2017 as passed by Lok Sabha.	03-08-2017	-do-	Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla	17	2-00	2-13	Passed.

10.	The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha.	29-12-2017	03-01-2018	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	—	4-00	0-03	Amendments were moved by Shri Anand Sharma and Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray for reference of the Bill to a Select Committee. The discussion remained inconclusive.
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Total: 14-13

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (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.	15-12-2017	The Educational Innovations Commission Bill, 2017.	Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
2.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (insertion of new article 21B).	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy	—	—	0-01	-do-
3.	-do-	The Prevention of Enforced Disappearance Bill, 2017.	-do-	—	—	—	-do-
4.	-do-	The Prevention of Torture Bill, 2017.	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
5.	-do-	The Flood and Drought Control Bill, 2017.	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	—	—	0-01	-do-
6.	-do-	The Play Schools (Regulation) Bill, 2017	-do-	—	—	—	-do-
7.	-do-	The Bail Bill, 2017.	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray	—	—	0-01	-do-

8.	15-12-2017	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (amendment of article 366).	Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray	—	—	—	Introduced
9.	-do-	The Vedic Education (Compulsory Teaching in Educational Institutions) Bill, 2017.	Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya	—	—	0-01	-do-
10.	-do-	The Solar Power (Development Promotion and Mandatory Use) Bill, 2017.	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
11.	-do-	The Judicial Statistics Bill, 2017.	-do-	—	—	—	-do-
12.	29-12-2017	The Labour (Welfare and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2017	Shri Vivek Gupta	—	—	0-01	-do-
13.	-do-	The Women (Empowerment and Welfare) Bill, 2017	-do-	—	—	—	-do-
14.	-do-	The Urban Areas (Equitable Development and Regulation) 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
15.	29-12-2017	The Rights of Persons Affected by Leprosy and Members of their Family (Protection Against Discrimination and Guarantee of Social Welfare) Bill, 2017	Shri K.T.S. Tulsi	—	—	0-01	Introduced.
16.	-do-	The Protection from Lynching Bill, 2017	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
17.	-do-	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017(amendment of article 15)	Shri Husain Dalwai	—	—	0-01	-do-
18.	-do-	The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2017	-do-	—	—	0-01	-do-
19.	-do-	The Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2017	Shri K.K. Ragesh	—	—	0-01	-do-

20. 29-12-2017	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (insertion of new article 16A).	Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad	Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, <i>Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment</i>	11	2-09	The motion for consideration of the Bill was put to the House and the House divided, Ayes - 18, Noes - 21 and Abstain - 1. The motion was not adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members of the House present and voting. For further details, pl. see under the heading 'Division'.
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Total: 2-23

DIVISION

The following Division was held during the Session:—

Subject	Date of division	Brief Question on which Division was sought	Result as declared, subject to correction	Final Corrected Result	Remarks
The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (insertion of new article 16A), moved by Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad, Member.	29-12-2017	Motion for consideration of the Bill	Ayes —18 Noes—21 Abstain—1	Ayes — [@] 20 Noes— [@] 21 Abstain— [@] 1	The motion for consideration of the Bill, was not adopted by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.

[@] The final result of the Division was published in Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II No. 57303 dated the 2nd of January, 2018.

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

On the 5th of January, 2018, the Chairman made valedictory remarks on the conclusion of the Session.

(Time taken: 08 Mts.)

NATIONAL SONG

On the 5th of January, 2018, 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.
1.	National Anthem	0-01
2.	Obituary References	0-25
3.	Introduction of Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha	0-01
4.	References by the Chair	0-04
5.	Felicitations by the Chair	0-04
6.	Introduction of Ministers by the Prime Minister	0-02
7.	Papers Laid on the Table	0-37
8.	Reports/ Statements of the Committees Presented/Laid on the Table	0-23
9.	Report of the Inquiry Committee under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968	0-01
10.	Report of the Select Committee on the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017	0-01
11.	Panel of Vice-Chairmen	0-01
12.	Disqualification of Members on Ground of Defection	0-02
13.	Petitions	0-03
14.	Motions for Election/Appointment of Members to various Committees/Bodies	0-07
15.	Motion for Extension of Time for Presentation of the Report of the Select Committee on the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017	0-01
16.	Resignation by Members	0-02
17.	Leave of Absence	0-02
18.	Farewell to the Retiring Members	0-33
19.	Messages from the Lok Sabha-Reported/Government Bills Laid on the Table	0-17
20.	Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee	0-04

21.	Statements regarding Government Business	0-09
22.	Cancellation of sitting of Rajya Sabha	0-01
23.	Matters raised with permission	2-47
24.	Questions	4-55
25.	Statement by Minister Correcting Answer to Question	0-01
26.	Statements by Ministers	0-46
27.	Supplementary Demands for Grants — Laid on the Table	0-02
28.	Special Mentions	0-50
29.	Short Duration Discussions (<i>Discussions under Rule 176</i>)	5-58
30.	Statutory Resolutions	0-14
31.	Government Resolution	0-01
32.	Government Legislative Business	14-13
33.	Private Members' Business (Bills)	2-23
34.	Valedictory Remarks	0-08
35.	National Song	0-01
36.	Points Raised	5-39
	Total:	40-59

**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	
15-12-2017	1	04	4	26	The House was repeatedly adjourned during Zero Hour, Question Hour and Government Legislative Business and as well as Private Member's Legislative Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC and SP rushing into the 'Well' of the House shouting slogans over the issues of disqualification of Shri Sharad Yadav from the membership of Rajya Sabha and over the Prime Minister's allegation against the former Prime Minister (Dr. Manmohan Singh) during an election campaign in Gujarat regarding his meeting with officials of Pakistan in Delhi and demanding an apology from the Prime Minister.
18-12-2017	0	22	5	38	The House was repeatedly adjourned Zero Hour, Question Hour and Government Legislative Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House shouting slogans over the Prime Minister's allegation during an election campaign in Gujarat against former Prime Minister (Dr. Manmohan Singh) regarding his meeting with officials of Pakistan in Delhi and demanding an apology from the Prime Minister.
19-12-2017	6	33	0	00	—

20-12-2017	0	25	5	35	The House was repeatedly adjourned Zero Hour, Question Hour and Government Legislative Business could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House shouting slogans over the Prime Minister's allegation during an election campaign in Gujarat against the former Prime Minister (Dr. Manmohan Singh) regarding his meeting with officials of Pakistan in Delhi and demanding an apology from the Prime Minister.
21-07-2017	0	32	5	28	-do-
22-12-2017	0	26	5	04	-do-
27-12-2017	4	59	1	24	The House was adjourned twice and Zero Hour and Question Hour could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC, SP BSP and AITC rushing into the 'Well' of the House shouting slogans over the controversial comments reportedly made by a Union Minister (Shri Anantkumar Hegde) to remove the word 'Secular' from the Constitution and seeking an explanation from him in this regard.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
28-12-2017	5	54	1	08	The House was adjourned twice and Zero Hour and Question Hour could not be taken up due to Members belonging to INC rushing into the 'Well' of the House shouting slogans over the controversial comments reportedly made by a Union Minister (Shri Anantkumar Hegde) to remove the word 'Secular' from the Constitution and seeking an explanation and apology from him.
29-12-2017	4	40	0	00	—
02-01-2018	6	53	0	00	—
03-01-2018	1	11	4	49	The House was repeatedly adjourned and Zero Hour, Question Hour and Government Legislative Business could not be taken up due to protests by Members belonging to opposition parties over the law and order situation in Maharashtra in the wake of Bima-Koregaon caste violence in Pune.
04-01-2018	5	50	0	11	The House adjourned before the scheduled time due to protest by Members belonging to INC, SP, CPI(M) and AITC rushing into the 'Well' of the House and demanding that the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2017 be referred to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha.

Date	Time Taken		Time Lost		Remarks
	H	M	H	M	
05-01-2018	2	10	0	00	—
Total	40	59	33	43	

- 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 244th Session –
At a Glance**

Sittings	
Date of issue of Summons	25-11-2017
Duration of the Session	15-12-2017 to 05-01-2018
Number of actual days of sitting	13
Actual Hours of sittings (<i>excluding recess intervals</i>)	40 Hrs. & 59 Mts.
Time lost due to interruptions/adjournments	33 Hrs. & 43 Mts.
Time made up by late sittings/skipping lunch recess	2 Hrs. & 53 Mts.
Date of prorogation of Session	05-01-2018
Questions	
No. of Starred Questions listed	210
No. of Starred Questions answered orally	46
No. of Unstarred Questions answered	2239
Short Notice Questions	-
Half-an-Hour Discussions	-
Government Bills	
No. of Bills introduced	-
No. of Bills withdrawn	-
No. of Bills passed/returned	9
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	1
No. of Bills referred to Joint/Select Committee	-
No. of Bills deferred	-
Private Members' Business	
No. of Bills introduced	19
No. of Bills part discussed (Under consideration)	-
No. of Bills withdrawn/negated	1
No. of Bills passed	-
No. of Bills on which debate adjourned/deferred	-
No. of Resolution part discussed	-
No. of Resolution withdrawn/negated	-

Oath/Affirmation	
No. of Members made and subscribed oath/affirmation	-
Statements by Ministers	
No. of <i>suo motu</i> Statements made/laid by Ministers	2
No. of Statements laid regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees	50
Matters of public importance raised	
No. of Calling Attentions	-
No. of Short Duration Discussions	2
No. of Special Mentions	50
No. of Matters raised with permission	51
Submission by Members	-
Papers Laid on the Table	2523

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