

RAJYA SABHA

*SYNOPSIS OF DEBATE

(Proceedings other than Questions and Answers)

Thursday, March 22, 2018/ Chaitra 01, 1940 (Saka)

Reference on the Occasion of World Water Day

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, today, the 22nd of March, is World Water Day, a day celebrated every year to focus attention on the importance of water. This year, the day is dedicated to the theme 'Nature for Water' which accentuates the need for exploring nature-based solutions to overcome the water challenges being faced in the 21st century.

The theme is relevant for our country where climatic change, population growth and changing consumption patterns are contaminating our fresh water systems and depleting ground water tables at an alarming trend.

The day serves as a unique occasion to work together to protect our ecosystem and alter our lifestyles in concordance with nature, to preserve water. The day also focuses on advocating efficient water management and water sharing practices. Reduce, reuse and recycle water for a liveable planet.

I hope the entire House will join me in supporting the conservation of fresh water resources through natural methods to ensure availability of sufficient potable water for our future generations.

*This Synopsis is not an authoritative record of the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have received the following message dated 10th February, 2018 from the hon. President:-

“I have received the expression of Thanks by the Members of the Rajya Sabha for the Address which I delivered to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on 29th January, 2018.”

GOVERNMENT BILL

The Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2018

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): I move that the Bill further to amend the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses etc., were adopted.

The Bill, was passed.

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Secretary-General.

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