

RAJYA SABHA
FRIDAY, THE 4TH AUGUST, 2017

(The Rajya Sabha met in the Parliament House at 11.00 a.m.)

11-00 a.m.

1. Papers Laid on the Table

Shri Ajay Tamta (Minister of State in the Ministry of Textile) on behalf of Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani laid on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Textiles) and the National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) Limited, for the year 2017-18.

Shri Manoj Sinha (Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Communications; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways) laid on the Table:-

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications) and the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), for the year 2017-18.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications), and the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), for the year 2017-18.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications) and the Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), for the year 2017-18.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi (Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs) laid on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements showing action taken by Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings given during the Session shown against each:—

1. Statement No. XXXVIII One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Session, 2002
2. Statement No. XXXII One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Session, 2002
3. Statement No. XXIV Two Hundred and Ninth Session, 2006
4. Statement No. XXIX Two Hundred and Tenth Session, 2007
5. Statement No. XXIX Two Hundred and Eleventh Session, 2007
6. Statement No. XXIV Two Hundred and Twelfth Session, 2007

7. Statement No. XXIX	Two Hundred and Thirteenth Session, 2008
8. Statement No. XXV	Two Hundred and Fourteenth Session, 2008
9. Statement No. XXVIII	Two Hundred and Seventeenth Session, 2009
10. Statement No. XXVI	Two Hundred and Eighteenth Session, 2009
11. Statement No. XXV	Two Hundred and Nineteenth Session, 2010
12. Statement No. XXIV	Two Hundred and Twentieth Session, 2010
13. Statement No. XX	Two Hundred and Twenty-first Session, 2010
14. Statement No. XX	Two Hundred and Twenty-second Session, 2011
15. Statement No. XXIII	Two Hundred and Twenty-third Session, 2011
16. Statement No. XXI	Two Hundred and Twenty-fourth Session, 2011
17. Statement No. XX	Two Hundred and Twenty-fifth Session, 2012
18. Statement No. XVIII	Two Hundred and Twenty-sixth Session, 2012
19. Statement No. XVII	Two Hundred and Twenty-seventh Session, 2012
20. Statement No. XVII	Two Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session, 2013
21. Statement No. XV	Two Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session, 2013
22. Statement No. XIV	Two Hundred and Thirtieth Session, 2013-2014
23. Statement No. XII	Two Hundred and Thirty-second Session, 2014
24. Statement No. XI	Two Hundred and Thirty-third Session, 2014
25. Statement No. X	Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth Session, 2015
26. Statement No. IX	Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth Session, 2015
27. Statement No. VIII	Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth Session, 2015
28. Statement No. VII	Two Hundred and Thirty-seventh Session, 2015
29. Statement No. VI	Two Hundred and Thirty-eighth Session, 2016
30. Statement No. V	Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth Session, 2016
31. Statement No. IV	Two Hundred and Fortieth Session, 2016
32. Statement No. III	Two Hundred and Forty-first Session, 2016
33. Statement No. I	Two Hundred and Forty-second Session, 2017

Shri Parsottam Rupala (Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; and Ministry of State in the Ministry of Panchyati Raj) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare) Notification No. S.O. 1211 (E), dated the 19th April, 2017, constituting the Central Fertiliser Committee, under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

II. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013: —

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- (i) (a) Forty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Bihar State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Patna, for the year 2007-08, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
- (ii) (a) Forty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Bihar State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Patna, for the year 2008-09, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
- (iii) (a) Forty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bihar State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Patna, for the year 2009-10, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
- (iv) (a) Forty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bihar State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Patna, for the year 2010-11, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
- (v) (a) Forty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bihar State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Patna, for the year 2011-12, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.
- (vi) (a) Fiftieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Chandigarh, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

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

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs) laid on Table a statement (in English and Hindi) of the Market Borrowings by Central Government during the year 2016-17.

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya (Minister of State in the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways; Minister of State in the Ministry of Shipping and Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Fertilizers) Notification No. S.O. 1345 (E), dated the 28th April, 2017, notifying the supplies of urea to be made by domestic manufactures of urea to States and Union Territories mentioned in the Schedule therein during Kharif season, 2017, under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Shri C.R. Chaudhary (Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs; Food and Public Distribution) laid on Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) under sub-section (2) of Section 37 of the National Food Security Act, 2013, :—

- (1) S.O. 1003 (E), dated the 30th March, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 3577 (E), dated the 29th November, 2016, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.
- (2) S.O. 2041 (E), dated the 29th June, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 3577 (E), dated the 29th November, 2016, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.

Shri P.P. Chaudhary (Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Notification No. S.O. 3509 (E), dated the 23rd November, 2016, amending Notification No. S.O. 2357 (E), dated the 3rd October, 2012, to include certain items in the original Notification, under Section 39 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986.

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II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department), Notification No. S.O. 1133 (E), dated the 7th April, 2017, publishing the Conduct of Elections (Amendment) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 169 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

III. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Law Commission of India:—

- (i) Two Hundred Sixty-fourth Report on the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Provisions dealing with Food Adulteration), (January, 2017).
- (ii) Two Hundred Sixty-fifth Report on the Prospects of Exempting Income arising out of Maintenance Money of 'Minor', (March,2017).

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Media Lab Asia, Mumbai, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Organisation.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Fifty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Law Institute (ILI), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
 - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
 - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance; and Minister of state in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs) laid on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports, under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution:—

- (i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Payment of Tax by certain companies under special provisions of section 115JB for the year ended March-2017-Union Government-Department of Revenue- Direct taxes, Report No. 30 of 2017 (Performance Audit).

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- (ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Levy and collection of Service Tax on Entertainment Sector for the year ended March 2017- Union Government-Department of Revenue, Indirect Taxes- Service Tax, Report No. 31 of 2017.

Shri C.R. Chaudhary (Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs; Food and Public Distribution) laid on Table a A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Audit Report on Food Corporation of India for the year ended March 2016- Union Government, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Report No. 18 of 2017 (Compliance Audit) , under clause (2) of Section 19A of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971.

11-04 a.m.

2. Statements by Ministers

1. Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Minister of Corporate Affairs and Minister of Defence, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Forty-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Finance.

2. Shri Rajen Gohain, Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Railways.

3. Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

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4. Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Shipping and Ministry Chemicals and Fertilizers, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Seventeenth 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.

5. Shri C.R. Chaudhary, Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

11-06 a.m.

3. Statement regarding Government Business

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, made a statement regarding Government Business for the remaining part of the Session.

*11-28 a.m.

(The House adjourned at 11-28 a.m. and re-assembled at 11-38 a.m.)

11-38 a.m.

4. Matters raised with Permission

1. !Shri Sanjiv Kumar raised a matter regarding loss of lives due to illegal mining in Jharkhand.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

* From 11-08 a.m. to 11-28 a.m., some points were raised.

! Spoke in Hindi.

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11-42 a.m.

2. Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati raised a matter regarding need to set up an Institute of Tourism and Travel Management in Maharashtra.

11-44 a.m.

3. !Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu raised a matter regarding need to run Train Nos. 68019/20 and 58031/32 in Jharkhand on daily basis.

11-47 a.m.

4. !Shri Sanjay Seth raised a matter regarding concern over the increasing incidents of suicide and mental tension in the armed forces personnel.

11-49 a.m.

5. Shri Ritabrata Banerjee raised a matter regarding need for installation of a statue of Rabindra Nath Tagore at Jaliawalan Bagh memorial premises.

11-53 a.m.

6. !Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy raised a matter regarding concern over the distress sale by cultivators in Jute Sector.

11-56 a.m.

7. Shri Ahamed Hassan raised a matter regarding use of outdated ATR-42 for North-East by Alliance Air.

∞ 12-00 Noon

5. Starred Questions

The following Starred Questions were orally answered

Starred Question No. 211 regarding **Sanctioned work charged posts in Railways.**

Starred Question No. 212 regarding **Festive season rebate on handloom products.**

∞ From 11-57 a.m. to 12-00 Noon, some points were raised.
! Spoke in Hindi.

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Starred Question No. 213 regarding **Establishment of seed banks in Chhattisgarh.**

Starred Question No. 214 regarding **Re-operationalising the Sindri fertilizer plant.**

Starred Question No. 215 regarding **Levy of safety cess on train passengers.**

Answers to remaining Starred Question Nos. 216 to 225 were laid on the Table.

6. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2241 to 2400 were laid on the Table.

(The House adjourned at 1-00 p.m. and re-assembled at 2-33 p.m.)

^Δ2-35 p.m.

7. Private Members' Bills — Introduced

(1) The Prevention of Acid Attacks and Rehabilitation of Acid Attack Victims Bill, 2017, was introduced by Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya.

(2) The Indian Contract (Amendment) Bill, 2017, was introduced by Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya.

2-36.m.

(3) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (amendment of articles 75 and 164), was introduced by Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao.

2-37.m.

(4) The Armed Forces Special Powers (Amendment) Bill, 2017, was introduced by Shri Husain Dalwai.

(5) The Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2017, was introduced by Shri Husain Dalwai.

(6) The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2017, was introduced by Dr. Kanwar Deep Singh.

^Δ From 2-33 p.m. to 2-35 p.m., some points were raised.

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2-38 p.m.

8. Message from Lok Sabha

The Punjab Municipal Corporation Law (Extension to Chandigarh) Amendment Bill, 2017

Secretary-General reported to the House the following message received from Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:-

“In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Punjab Municipal Corporation Law (Extension to Chandigarh) Amendment Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 3rd August, 2017.

2. The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution India.”

9. Government Bill Laid on the Table

Secretary-General laid on the Table a copy of The Punjab Municipal Corporation Law (Extension to Chandigarh) Amendment Bill, 2017

2-39 p.m.

10. Private Member's Bill — Withdrawn

The Central Himalayan States Development Council Bill, 2016

Shri Pradeep Tamta moved:-

“That the Bill to provide for the setting up of a Council to be called the Central Himalayan States Development Council to formulate development plans and schemes and also to monitor their implementation for the balanced and all-round development of the hilly States comprising the Central Himalayan region and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto, be taken into consideration.motion for consideration of the Bill.”

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The following Members took part in the discussion:—

3-02 p.m.	1.	!Shri Basawaraj Patil
*3-14 p.m.	2.	Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu
3-25 p.m.	3.	!Dr. Anil Kumar Sahani
3-31 p.m.	4.	Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
3-38 p.m.	5.	Shri B. K. Hariprasad
3-47 p.m.	6.	!Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra
3-53 p.m.	7.	Shri Jairam Ramesh
4-00 p.m.	8.	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy
4-06 p.m.	9.	!Dr. Harsh Vardhan, <i>Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Earth Sciences and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change</i>

◇4-55 p.m.

!Shri Pradeep Tamta replied to the debate.

5-00 p.m.

The Bill was withdrawn by leave of the House.

♦11. Message from Lok Sabha

The Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy Bill, 2017

Secretary-General reported to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:-

“In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy Bill, 2017, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 4th August, 2017.”

12. Government Bill Laid on the Table

Secretary-General laid on the Table a copy of the Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy Bill, 2017.

* From 3-13 p.m. to 3-14 p.m., see item at SI No. 10.

◇ From 4-42 p.m. to 4-45 p.m., some points were raised.

♦ At 3-13 p.m.

! Spoke in Hindi.

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5-01 p.m.

13. Statement by Minister

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Earth Sciences and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding organisation of India International Science Festival (IISF).

5-02 p.m.

14. Special Mentions

The following Special Mentions were made/laid on the Table of the House:—

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| 1. | Shrimati Vijila Sathyanth | Demand to release the funds under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme for the State of Tamil Nadu. |
| 2. | Shri A.K. Selvaraj | Demand to take immediate steps for interlinking of peninsular rivers in Tamil Nadu. |
| 3. | Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy | Demand to allocate captive iron ore mines to Vizag Steel Plant (RINL) in Andhra Pradesh. |
| 4. | Shrimati Kahkashan Perween | Demand to give national status to the <i>Shravani Mela</i> held in Bihar and Jharkhand to boost tourism in the region. |
| 5. | Shri T. Rathinavel | Demand to rescind the order to close down Regional News Unit of All India Radio at Trichy in Tamil Nadu. |
| 6. | Shri K.C. Ramamurthy | Demand to introduce an effective system to evaluate bureaucrats while considering for promotions. |
| 7. | Shri K.R. Arjunan | Demand to clear confusion on the status of implementation of House Building Advance (HBA) as recommended by the 7 th Central Pay Commission. |

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| 8. | Shri K. Somaprasad | Demand to amend the Constitution to give the status of Scheduled Castes all over India to people engaged in manual scavenging. |
| 9. | Shri Sanjay Seth | Demand to reduce the charges on Money Orders by the Post Offices in the country. |
| ∞10. | Shri K.K. Regesh | Demand to take necessary steps to set up CGHS dispensary at Kannur in Kerala. |
| 11. | Shri Kiranmay Nanda | Demand to take concrete steps for rehabilitation of manual scavengers in the country. |
| 12. | Shri Ahamed Hassan | Need to address the structural issues of education in the Universities of the country. |

(Due to gross disorderly conduct in violation of the rules and etiquette of Rajya Sabha by the following Members, who entered the 'Well' of the House, shouted slogans and persistently and willfully obstructed the proceedings of the House, the Chair adjourned the House at 11-28 a.m.:-

1. *Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad*
2. *Shri Surendra Singh Nagar*
3. *Shri Ahamed Hassan*
4. *Shri Neeraj Shekhar*
5. *Shri Alok Tiwari*
6. *Shri Sanjay Seth*
7. *Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav*
8. *Shri Javed Ali Khan*

(The House adjourned at 5-24 p.m. till 11-00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 8th August, 2017.)