

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH AUGUST, 2017

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

11-00 a.m.

1. Reference by the Chair

The Chairman made a reference on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Quit India Movement.

The House observed silence, all Members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the martyrs.

The following Members spoke on the occasion:—

11-03 a.m.	1.	!Shri Arun Jaitley, <i>Minister of Finance, Minister of Corporate Affairs and Minister of Defence and Leader of the House</i>
*11-24 a.m.	2.	!Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, <i>Leader of the Opposition</i>
11-44 a.m.	3.	!Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav
11-57 a.m.	4.	Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
11-59 a.m.	5.	!Shri Sharad Yadav
12-07 p.m.	6.	!Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy
°12-17 p.m.	7.	Shri Sitaram Yechury
12-28 p.m.	8.	!Shri Prasanna Acharya
12-32 p.m.	9.	!Shri Veer Singh
12-37 p.m.	10.	!Shri Majeed Memon
12-42 p.m.	11.	Shrimati Kanimozhi
12-47 p.m.	12.	!Shri Sanjay Raut
12-53 p.m.	13.	Shri Naresh Gujral
12-57 p.m.	14.	Shri D. Raja
1-03 p.m.	15.	!Shri Ramdas Athawale, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</i>
1-06 p.m.	16.	!Shrimati Rajani Patil
1-09 p.m.	17.	Shri A.V. Swamy
1-12 p.m.	18.	!Shri Husain Dalwai

* From 11-23 a.m. to 11-24 a.m., some points were raised.

° From 12-14 p.m. to 12-17 p.m., some points were raised.

! Spoke in Hindi.

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1-15 p.m.

The Chairman moved the following Resolution:—

"This House:-

- **Recalls** that Seventy five years ago Mahatma Gandhi called for the British to Quit India and gave the clarion call 'Do or Die' to the Indian people to end the British Rule;
- **Observes** on the 75th Anniversary of the 'Quit India Movement' that it is important to remember the heroic struggle of the Indian people: Students, Peasants, Women, Workers and Government officials who defied the brutal repression of the British Raj to launch mass Satyagraha that shook the very foundation of the British rule;
- **Acknowledges** that this is also an occasion to recall with gratitude the sacrifices of millions of our people and salute the memory of thousands of Indians, who gave their lives for the freedom of India; and
- On this day solemnly takes a **pledge** to uphold and safeguard the values and ideals of the freedom movement and **re-dedicate** ourselves to build an India that is strong, self-reliant, inclusive, secular and democratic."

1-16 p.m.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted by the House.

2. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 241 to 255 were laid on the Table.

3. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2561 to 2720 were laid on the Table.

(The House adjourned at 1-17 p.m. and re-assembled at 2-00 p.m.)

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4. Papers Laid on the Table

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya (Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment) laid on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

- (a) Fifty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development (erstwhile Central Board for Workers Education), (CBWE), Nagpur, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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) on behalf of Shri Dharmendra Pradhan laid on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and GAIL (India) Limited, for the year 2017-18.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman (Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce) Notification No G.S.R. 585 (E), dated the 13th June, 2017, publishing Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 55 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, along with Explanatory Note.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce) Notification No. F. No. 5/7/2014-EP (EPagri-V)/Plant-D, dated the 7th July, 2017, amending Notification No. F. No. 5/7/2014-EP (EPagri-V)/Plant-D, dated the 5th June, 2015, to insert certain entries in the original Notification, under Section 40 of the Spices Board Act, 1986.

III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) and the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), for the year 2017-18.

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Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir (Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-section (3) of Section 141 of the Border Security Force Act, 1968:—

1. G.S.R. 935 (E), dated the 19th July, 2017, publishing the Border Security Force, (Combatised Ministerial Cadre), Group 'A' Group 'B' and Group 'C' Posts, Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
2. G.S.R. 933 (E), dated the 19th July, 2017, publishing the Border Security Force, Assistant Commandant (Official Language), Group 'A' Combatised post, Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
3. G.S.R. 934 (E), dated the 19th July, 2017, publishing the Border Security Force, Combatised Assistant Sub-Inspector (Stenographer) and Head Constable (Ministerial) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. F. 13/20/99/Home (P)/Estt./1641-1644, dated the 7th July, 2017, publishing the Delhi Police, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Senior Research Officer) Recruitment Rules, 2017, under sub-section (2) of Section 148 of the Delhi Police Act, 1978.

Shri Kiren Rijju (Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-section (3) of Section 155 of the Sashastra Seema Bal Act, 2007:—

1. G.S.R. 60, dated the February 26 - March 4, 2017 (Weekly Gazette), publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised Constable (Driver) Group 'C' Posts, Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
2. G.S.R. 151, dated the April 30 - May 6 2017 (Weekly Gazette), publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Assistant Sub-Inspector (Stenographer) and Head Constable (Ministerial) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.

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3. G.S.R. 152, dated the 6th May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised (General Duty) Group 'C' post Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
4. G.S.R. 153, dated the 6th May, 2017, publishing the Ministry of Home Affairs, Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised Draughtsman Cadre (Group 'B' posts) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
5. G.S.R. 154, dated the 6th May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal Group 'B' Combatised (Non-Gazetted) Pioneer Cadre, posts Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
6. G.S.R. 155, dated the 6th May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal Group 'B' Combatised (Non-Gazetted) Motor Transport and Mechanic Cadre Posts Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
7. G.S.R. 184, dated the 20th May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal Group 'C' Combatised (Non-Gazetted) Para-Veterinary Posts Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
8. G.S.R. 183, dated the 20th May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised Assistant Sub-Inspector (General Duty) Group 'C' post, Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
9. G.S.R. 171, dated the 13th May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised Communication Cadre Group 'B' Posts, Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
10. G.S.R. 172, dated the 13th May, 2017, publishing the Ministry of Home Affairs Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised Tradesmen Cadre Group 'C' Posts, Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
11. G.S.R. 182, dated the May 14 - May 20, 2017 (Weekly Gazette), publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised Armourer Cadre (Group 'C' post) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.

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12. G.S.R. 185, dated the 20th May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised Para-Medical Staff Group 'C' posts Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
13. G.S.R. 186, dated the 20th May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised Para-Medical Staff, Group 'B' (Non-Gazetted) post, Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
14. G.S.R. 187, dated the 20th May, 2017, publishing the Ministry of Home Affairs Sashastra Seema Bal, Group 'B' Combatised (Non-Gazetted) Para-Veterinary Post Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
15. G.S.R. 188, dated the 20th May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised Sub-Inspector (General Duty) Group 'B', Non Gazetted post Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
16. G.S.R. 189, dated the 20th May, 2017, publishing the Ministry of Home Affairs Sashastra Seema Bal, Group 'B' Combatised Amourer Cadre posts Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
17. G.S.R. 190, dated the 20th May, 2017, publishing the Ministry of Home Affairs, Sashastra Seema Bal, Combatised Inspector (Veterinary) Non-Gazetted Group 'B' Para- Veterinary Cadre Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
18. G.S.R. 498 (E), dated the 23rd May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal, Group 'A' Combatised (Gazetted) Ministerial and Private Secretary Cadre Post Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
19. G.S.R. 502 (E), dated the 23rd May, 2017, publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal Group 'A' Combatised (General Duty) Second-In-Command, Deputy Commandant and Assistant Commandant posts, Recruitment Amendment Rules, 2017.
20. G.S.R. 229, dated the July 2 – July 8, 2017 (Weekly Gazette), publishing the Sashastra Seema Bal Combatised Medics Cadre (Non-professional) Group 'B' and 'C' posts Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.

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21. G.S.R. 837 (E), dated the 5th July, 2017, publishing the Sashtra Seema Bal, Group 'A' Combatised Engineering Cadre Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2017.

Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre (Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence) laid on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:-

- (i) Memoandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence) and the Bharat Electronics Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Bharat Electronics Limited and the BEL-THALES Systems Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Bharat Electronics Limited and the BEL Optronics Devices Limited, for the year 2017-18.

2-02 p.m.

5. Message from Lok Sabha

Motion Re. Nomination of Two Members to Committee on Public Accounts

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

"I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on Tuesday, the 8th August, 2017, adopted the following motion:- "That this House do recommend to Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate two members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the House for the un-expired portion of the term of the Committee vice Shri Shantaram Naik, retired from Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 2017 and Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, retiring from Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 2017 and do communicate to this House the names of the members so nominated by Rajya Sabha."

2. I am to request that the concurrence of Rajya Sabha in the said motion, and also the names of the members of Rajya Sabha so nominated, may be communicated to this House."

6. Petition Praying for Streamlining the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Activities Undertaken by the Public Sector Undertakings and Multi National Companies in the Country

Secretary-General reported to the House, the receipt of a petition signed by Shri A.K. Roy, a resident of Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, praying for streamlining the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities undertaken by the Public Sector Undertakings and Multi National Companies in the country.

2-03 p.m.

7. Petition regarding Modernization of Airports by Airports Authority of India

Shri Ritabrata Banerjee presented to the House, a petition signed by Shri Saptarshi Deb, a resident of Salt Lake City, Kolkata regarding modernization of airports by Airports Authority of India.

2-04 p.m.

8. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture

Shri Vinay Katiyar laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture (2016-17):—

- (i) Thirty-ninth Report of the Committee on the subject "Comprehensive Agriculture Research based on Geographical Conditions and Impact of Climatic Changes to ensure Food Security in the Country" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture Research and Education); and
- (ii) Fortieth Report on action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Twenty eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee (2015-16) on the subject "Augmenting Rural Storage infrastructure through the scheme of Rural Godowns" pertaining to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare).

9. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel

Shri Ali Anwar Ansari laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Thirty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel (2016-17) on the subject "Skill Development in Mining Sector", pertaining to the Ministry of Mines.

10. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence

Shri K. R. Arjunan laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence (2016-17):—

- (i) Thirty-second Report of the Committee on the subject 'Creation of Non-Lapsable Capital Fund Account, instead of the present system';
- (ii) Thirty-third Report of the Committee on the subject 'Resettlement of Ex-servicemen'; and
- (iii) Thirty-fourth Report of the Committee on the subject 'Provision of Medical Services to Armed Forces including Dental Services'.

11. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy

Shri Shamsheer Singh Manhas laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy (2016-17):—

- (i) Twenty-ninth Report of the Committee on the action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Twenty-sixth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Power; and
- (ii) Thirtieth Report of the Committee on the subject 'National Electricity Policy – A Review', pertaining to the Ministry of Power.

2-05 p.m.

12. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways

Shri Shwait Malik laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Sixteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (2016-17) on the subject "Outstanding Dues for Indian Railways", pertaining to the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board).

13. Reports of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

Shri Pradeep Tamta laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) Reports of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (2016-17):—

- (i) Twelfth Report of the Committee (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Representation of SCs/STs in services and Redressal of their grievances and credit facilities being provided by IDBI Bank to SCs/STs pertaining to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services);
- (ii) Thirteenth Report of the Committee on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the Ministry of Power regarding "Reservation for and representation of SCs and STs in Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB)"; and
- (iii) Fourteenth Report of the Committee on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on "Implementation of Reservation Policy and working of Liaison Officers to safeguard the interest of SCs and STs Employees in various Attached/Subordinate Offices/Organisations under the Ministry of Home Affairs", pertaining to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

2-06 p.m.

14. Statements by Ministers

1. Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, 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 Labour on Demands for Grants (2016-17), pertaining to the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

2. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twelfth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2016-17), pertaining to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

3. Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, laid on the Table, the following statements (in English and Hindi) regarding:—

- (i) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on 'Ease of doing Business'.
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Thirtieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on 'Industrial Policy in Changing Global Scenario'.
- (iii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Thirty-second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on Demands for Grants (2017-18) relating to Demand No. 11, pertaining to the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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4. Shri Kiren Rijju, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, laid on the Table, the following statements (in English and Hindi) regarding:—

- (i) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Report on the 'Coastal Security Scheme'.
- (ii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Ninetieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Eighty-second Report on 'Rescue, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction in the aftermath of the floods and landslides in Jammu & Kashmir'.

2-08 p.m.

15. Motion for Election to the National Board for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

A motion for election of one member to the National Board for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises was moved and adopted.

2-11 p.m.

16. Statement by Minister Correcting Answer to Question

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, laid on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 3044 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 2016, regarding 'Export of meat'.

^o From 2-09 p.m. to 2-11 p.m., some points were raised.

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2-12 p.m.

17. Statutory Resolution — Adopted

Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Minister of Corporate Affairs and Minister of Defence, moved the following Resolution:—

“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. 56/2017-Customs, dated 30th June, 2017 [G.S.R.797 (E). dated 30th June, 2017] which seeks to increase the basic customs duty (BCD) from NIL to 10% on the following goods:

S. No.	Tariff Item	Description
1.	8443 32 90	Printers other than Line printer, Dot matrix printer, Letter quality daisy wheel printer, Laser jet printer, Ink jet printer, Facsimile machine
2.	8443 99 51	Ink cartridges, with print head assembly
3.	8443 99 52	Ink cartridges, without print head assembly
4.	8443 99 53	Ink spray nozzle
5.	8517 12 10	Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks (Push button type)
6.	8517 12 90	Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks (Other than push button type)
7.	8517 61 00	Base stations
8.	8517 70 90	Parts of goods under tariff heading 8517 other than populated, loaded or stuffed printed circuit boards.

2-13 p.m.

The Resolution was adopted.

^o2-37 p.m.

(The House adjourned at 2-37 p.m. and re-assembled at 2-52 p.m.)

^a From 2-14 p.m. to 2-37 p.m., some points were raised.

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⁹3-10 p.m.

(The House adjourned at 3-10 p.m. and re-assembled at 3-21 p.m.)

(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 repeatedly adjourned the House:-

1. *Shri Oscar Fernandes*
2. *Shrimati Ambika Soni*
3. *Kumari Selja*
4. *Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy*
5. *Shri Mohd. Ali Khan*
6. *Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao*
7. *Shri Parvez Hashmi*
8. *Shri Husain Dalwai*
9. *Shri P. Bhattacharya*
10. *Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra*
11. *Shrimati Rajani Patil*
12. *Shri B.K. Hariprasad*
13. *Shri Pramod Tiwari*
14. *Dr. Sanjay Sinh*
15. *Shri Ronald Sapa Tlau*
16. *Shri Raj Babbar*
17. *Shrimati Ranee Narah*
18. *Shri Partap Singh Bajwa*
19. *Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo*
20. *Shri Vivek K. Tankha*
21. *Shri K.C. Ramamurthy*
22. *Shri Pradeep Tamta*
23. *Shri Md. Nadimul Haque*
24. *Shri Ahamed Hassan*

^Δ3-41 p.m.

(The House adjourned at 3-41 p.m. till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 10th August, 2017.)

⁹ From 2-52 p.m. to 3-10 p.m., some points were raised.

^Δ From 3-21 p.m. to 3-41 p.m., some points were raised.