

## THURSDAY, THE 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2017

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

11-00 a.m.

### 1. Farewell to the Chairman

Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence and Leader of the House and Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, offered good wishes to Shri M. Hamid Ansari on his retirement from the Office of the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

The following Members also spoke on the occasion:—

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| 11-13 a.m. | 1.  | !Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, <i>Leader of the Opposition</i>   |
| 11-22 a.m. | 2.  | !Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav  |
| 11-27 a.m. | 3.  | Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan  |
| 11-32 a.m. | 4.  | Shri Derek O' Brien   |
| 11-39 a.m. | 5.  | !Shri Ali Anwar Ansari  |
| 11-43 a.m. | 6.  | Shri Sitaram Yechury  |
| 11-54 a.m. | 7.  | !Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey  |
| 11-57 a.m. | 8.  | Shri C. M. Ramesh   |
| 11-59 a.m. | 9.  | !Shri Veer Singh  |
| 12-02 p.m. | 10. | !Shri Majeed Memon  |
| 12-07 p.m. | 11. | Shri Tiruchi Siva   |
| 12-10 p.m. | 12. | !Shri Sanjay Raut   |
| 12-14 p.m. | 13. | Shri Naresh Gujral  |
| 12-17 p.m. | 14. | !Shri Nazir Ahmed Laway   |
| 12-19 p.m. | 15. | Shri D. Raja  |
| 12-23 p.m. | 16. | Dr. Karan Singh   |
| 12-24 p.m. | 17. | Dr. Manmohan Singh  |
| 12-27 p.m. | 18. | Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu  |
| 12-28 p.m. | 19. | Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar   |
| 12-30 p.m. | 20. | Shri Abdul Wahab  |
| 12-31 p.m. | 21. | Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy   |
| 12-32 p.m. | 22. | !Shri Ramdas Athawale, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</i> |

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| 12-36 p.m. | 23. | Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, <i>Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship</i> |
| 12-37 p.m. | 24. | Dr. V. Maitreyan  |
| 12-39 p.m. | 25. | Shri Y. S. Chowdary, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Science and Technology and in the Ministry of Earth Sciences</i>   |
| 12-41 p.m. | 26. | !Shri K. Rahman Khan  |
| 12-44 p.m. | 27. | Ms. Anu Aga   |
| 12-45 p.m. | 28. | Shri K. Parasaran   |
| 12-46 p.m. | 29. | !Shri Amar Singh  |
| 12-48 p.m. | 30. | Shri M. P. Veerendra Kumar  |
| 12-49 p.m. | 31. | Dr. Narendra Jadhav   |
| 12-50 p.m. | 32. | !Shrimati Roopa Ganguly   |
| 12-52 p.m. | 33. | !Shri Naresh Agrawal  |
| 12-55 p.m. | 34. | Prof. P. J. Kurien, <i>Deputy Chairman</i>  |

12-58 p.m.

The Chairman thanked the Members.

## 2. Starred Questions

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 256 to 270 were laid on the Table.

## 3. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2721 to 2880 were laid on the Table.

*(The House adjourned at 1.03 p.m. and re-assembled at 2-01 p.m.)*

2-01 p.m.

## 4. Papers Laid on the Table

**Shrimati Maneka Sanjay Gandhi** (Minister of Women and Child Development) laid on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:-

- Annual Report and Accounts of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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- (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

**Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda** (Minister of Health and Family Welfare) laid on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, under sub-section (3) of Section 31 of Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003:-

- (1) G.S.R. 292 (E), dated the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, publishing the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Rules, 2017.
- (2) G.S.R. 500 (E), dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017, publishing the Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places (Amendment) Rules, 2017.

**Shri Harsh Vardhan** (Minister of Science and Technology; Minister of Earth Science and Minister of Environment Forest; and Climate Change) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Notification No. S.O. 897 (E), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2017, appointing four non-official members to the National Biodiversity Authority on the expiry of their term and, for that purpose, amending certain Notifications including Notification No. S.O. 3299 (E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification, under sub-section (3) of Section 63 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.

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- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

**Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey** (Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource and Development) on behalf of Shri Prakash Javadekar laid on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding approval of the Government to the entire scheme of Enabling Regulatory Architecture for establishment of Institutions of Eminence by the Central Government.

**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 Rao Inderjit Singh laid on the table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:-

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, erstwhile Ministry of Urban Development) and the NBCC (India) Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the NBCC Services Limited and the NBCC (India) Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the NBCC Engineering & Consultancy Limited and the NBCC (India) Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, erstwhile Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation) and the Hindustan Prefab Limited (HPL), for the year 2017-18.
- (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs) and the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO), for the year 2017-18.

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**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 Notifications of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, under sub-section (2) of Section 7 of the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952:-

1. G.S.R. 404 (E), dated the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, publishing the Employees' Provident Funds (Fifth Amendment) Scheme, 2017.
2. G.S.R. 436 (E), dated the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, publishing the Employees' Provident Funds (Sixth Amendment) Scheme, 2017.
3. G.S.R. 437 (E), dated the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, publishing the Employees' Pension (Amendment) Scheme, 2017.
4. G.S.R. 438 (E), dated the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, publishing the Employees' Deposit-Linked Insurance (Amendment) Scheme, 2017.

**Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** (Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs) on behalf of Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy laid on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Notification No. G.S.R 936 (E), dated the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Apprenticeship (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2017, under sub-section (3) of Section 37 of the Apprentices Act 1961.

**Shri Shripad Yesso Naik** (Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) laid on the Table:-

(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:—

- (a) Thirty-eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited, (IMPCL), Almora, Uttarakhand, 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.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

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(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) 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 Piyush Goyal laid on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Coal, under sub-section (1) of Section 28 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957:-

- (1) G.S.R. 877 (E), dated the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Coal Blocks Allocation Rules, 2017.
- (2) S.O. 2211 (E), dated the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 2155 (E), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2011, to insert certain entries in the original Notification.

**Dr. Jitendra Singh** (Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, in the Department of Atomic Energy and in the Department of Space) laid on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Atomic Energy) and the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), for the year 2017-18.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Atomic Energy) and the Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Atomic Energy) and the Uranium Corporation of India Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Atomic Energy) and the Electronics Corporation of India Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Atomic Energy) and the Indian Rare Earths Limited, for the year 2017-18.

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- (vi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region) and the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHHDC) 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. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notification of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications), under Section 37 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997:—

- (1) G.S.R. 963 (E), dated the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Contributory Provident Fund) (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (2) No. 5-1/2014-A&P, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, publishing the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Officers and Staff Appointment) (Eleventh Amendment) Regulation, 2016, along with delay statement.
- (3) No. 5-1/2014-A&P, dated the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Officers and Staff Appointment) (Twelfth Amendment) Rules, 2017.

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

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), 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 papers mentioned at (a) above.

**Shri Parshottam Rupala** (Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and farmers Welfare; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare), under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955:—

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1. S.O. 2315 (E), dated the 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, notifying certain manufacture mentioned therein to sell City Compost in bulk directly to farmers for a period of three years.
2. S.O. 1444 (E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, publishing the Fertiliser (Control) Third Amendment Order, 2017.
3. S.O. 1445 (E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, notifying the specifications of certain fertilizers to be imported in India for a period of three years.
4. S.O. 1446 (E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, notifying the specifications in respect of provisional fertilizer 24-24-0 to be manufactured in India for a period of three years.
5. S.O. 1447 (E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, amending Notification No. S.O. 977 (E), dated the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1987, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.

II. 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. 2152 (E), dated the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India (Sixth Amendment) Order, 2017, under sub-section (2) of Section 4D of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914.

III. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for not laying the Annual Reports and Accounts of the Jammu and Kashmir Horticulture Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation Ltd. (J&K HPMC), Srinagar, for the years 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, within the stipulated period.

**Shri M.J. Akbar** (Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of External Affairs Notification F. No. Q/11017/08/2016-OIA-I, dated the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, regarding closure of the Mahatama Gandhi Pravasi Suraksha Yojana (MGPSY) *w.e.f.* 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of External Affairs Notification No. G.S.R. 864 (E), dated the 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana 2017.

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**Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey** (Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource and Development) on behalf of Shri Upendra Kushwaha laid on the Tabel:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of School Education and Literacy), under sub-section (3) of Section 38 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, along with delay Statement:—

- (1) G.S.R. 155 (E), dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017, publishing the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (2) G.S.R. 1206 (E), dated the 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, granting relaxation to the State of Assam in respect of the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan Samithi, Karnataka, Bengaluru, for the year 2014-15, 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 papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, U.T. of Puducherry, 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 papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Union Territory Mission Authority, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, 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 papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.

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- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, UT Mission Authority, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Port Blair, 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 papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Mission, U.T. Administration of Daman and Diu, Daman, 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 papers mentioned at (v) (a) above.
- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad, Mumbai, 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 papers mentioned at (vi) (a) above.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for the year 2012-13, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vii) (a) above.
- (viii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Paschim Banga Sarva Shiksha Mission, West Bengal, Kolkata, 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 papers mentioned at (viii) (a) above.

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- (ix) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the State Education Mission Authority of Meghalaya, implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Shillong, 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 papers mentioned at (ix) (a) above.
- (x) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Odisha Primary Education Programme Authority (OPEPA), Bhubaneswar, 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 papers mentioned at (x) (a) above.
- (xi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Telangana Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Society, Hyderabad, Telangana, 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 papers mentioned at (xi) (a) above.
- (xii) (a) Annual Report of the Axom Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Mission, Guwahati, Assam, for the year 2015-16.
  - (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (xii) (a) above.
- (xiii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Andhra Pradesh Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Society, Hyderabad, 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 papers mentioned at (xiii) (a) above.

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- (xiv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, State Mission Authority Manipur, Imphal, 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 papers mentioned at (xiv) (a) above.
- (xv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Nagaland Education Mission Society, Kohima, 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 papers mentioned at (xv) (a) above.
- (xvi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Uttar Pradesh Education for All Project Board, implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Lucknow, 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 papers mentioned at (xvi) (a) above.
- (xvii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Uttarakhand Sabhi Ke Liye Shiksha Parishad, implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Dehradun, 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 papers mentioned at (xvii) (a) above.
- (xviii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Telangana Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Society, Hyderabad, for the year 2014-15, 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 papers mentioned at (xviii) (a) above.

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**Shri Krishan Pal** (Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities), under sub-section (3) of Section 100 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

- (1) G.S.R. 591 (E), dated the 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, publishing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017.
- (2) G.S.R. 939 (E), dated the 21<sup>ST</sup> July, 2017, publishing corrigenda to Notification No. G.S.R. 591 (E), dated the 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 in Hindi only.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rajasthan Netraheen Kalyan Sangh, Jaipur, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Sangh.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Mitra Jyothi, Bengaluru, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Society.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the All India Confederation of the Blind, New Delhi, for the year 2016-17, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Confederation.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Ramakrishna Mission Regional Braille Press, Kolkata, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Organisation.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.
- (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) and the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), for the year 2017-18.

**Shri Sudarshan Bhagat** (Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and farmers Welfare) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries), under sub-section (3) of Section 66 of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984:-

- (1) G.S.R. 456 (E), dated the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, amending the Indian Veterinary Council Rules, 1985, to insert/substitute certain entries therein.
- (2) G.S.R. 489 (E), dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017, publishing the Veterinary Council of India (Procedure for recognition and de-recognition of Veterinary Colleges and Veterinary Qualifications) Rules, 2017.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries) Notification No. DEL: NDDDB, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the NDDDB (Administration of Fund, Accounts & Budget) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017, under Section 50 of the National Dairy Development Board Act, 1987.

**Shri Jayant Sinha** (Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation) laid on the Table:-

- (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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- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Air India Limited, New Delhi, along with that of its subsidiary companies, 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.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.
- (c) Statement by Government on the Annual Accounts of the above Company.

(2) Chronological Statement (in English and Hindi) showing 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 the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Medium-term Expenditure Framework Statement (August, 2017), under Section 3 of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003.

**Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey** (Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development) laid on the Table:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education), under sub-section (2) of Section 43 of the Central Universities Act, 2009:—

- (1) No. 269, dated the 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2013, regarding proposed Amendment to Section 2(4) of Statute of the Central Universities Act, 2009.
- (2) No. R/2012/380, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, regarding making additional statutes with regard to creation of school of studies in Statute 15(1) in the second Schedule of the Act.
- (3) No. 243, dated the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, publishing Amendment to Section 15 (1) of Statute of the Central Universities Act, 2009.

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education), under sub-section (1) of Section 26 of the National Institutes of Technology Science Education & Research Act, 2007:—

- (1) G.S.R. 947 (E), dated the 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the First Statutes of the National Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Statutes, 2017.

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- (2) G.S.R. 948 (E), dated the 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, publishing the Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology, Shibpur (Amendment) Statute, 2017.

III. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 22 of the National Institutes of Technology Act, 2007:—

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology, Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology, Jamshepur, Jharkhand, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT), Allahabad, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Indore, Madhya Pradesh, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.



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- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.
- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.
- (iii) (a) Fifty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.
- (iv) (a) Fifty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.
- (v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Raipur, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (v) (a) above.
- (vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Foundry and Forge Technology (NIFFT), Ranchi, Jharkhand, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

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- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vi) (a) above.
- (vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (vii) (a) above.
- (viii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (viii) (a) above.
- (ix) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
  - (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.
  - (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ix) (a) above.

**Shrimati Krishna Raj** (Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development) laid on the Table:-

(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of Section 16 and sub-section (4) of Section 29 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Performance Review of the above Commission, for the year 2015-16.

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

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**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 Mansukh L. Mandaviya laid on the Table:-

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 24 of the National Highways Authority of India Act, 1988:—

- (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), New Delhi, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Authority.

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

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:-

- (a) Sixty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL), Pune, for the year 2014-15, 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 Company.

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

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

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Limited (KAPL), for the year 2017-18.
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL), for the year 2017-18.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore (FACT) Limited, for the year 2017-18.

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- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the FCI Aravali Gypsum & Minerals India Limited (FAGMIL) Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL), for the year 2017-18.
- (vi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), for the year 2017-18.
- (vii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Projects & Development India Limited (PDIL), for the year 2017-18.
- (viii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF) Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (ix) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Shipping) and the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), for the year 2017-18.
- (x) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Shipping), and the Dredging Corporation of India Limited, for the year 2017-18.
- (xi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Shipping) and the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., 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) on behalf of Shri C.R. Chaudhary laid on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution) and the Food Corporation of India, for the year 2017-18.

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**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 Piyush Goyal laid on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Loans to Independent Power Producers by Rural Electrification Corporation Limited and Power Finance Corporation Limited, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 – Union Government (Commercial) – Ministry of Power, Report No. 34 of 2017 (Compliance Audit) under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution.

2-06 p.m.

**5. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture**

Shri Lal Sinh Vadodia presented the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture:—

- (i) Two Hundred Fifty First Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in its Two Hundred and Forty Fourth Report on the Demands for Grants (2017-18) of Ministry of Civil Aviation;
- (ii) Two Hundred Fifty Second Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in its Two Hundred and Forty Sixth Report on the Demands for Grants (2017-18) of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways; and
- (iii) Two Hundred Fifty Third Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in its Two Hundred and Forty Seventh Report on the Demands for Grants (2017-18) of Ministry of Shipping.

2-07 p.m.

**6. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare**

Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav presented the One Hundred Second Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare on the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016.

**7. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry**

Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav presented the Two Hundred and Eighty-third Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on Action Taken on the Two Hundred and Eighty-second Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises (Department of Public Enterprises).

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

Shri Shankarbai N. Vegad 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) Forty-First Report on Action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-Fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the subject 'Steps taken to Bridge the Gap between the Demand and Availability of Fodder through Sub Mission on Fodder and Feed Development' pertaining to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries); and
- (ii) Forty-Second Report on Action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-Fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' pertaining to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare).

2-08 p.m.

**9. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemical and Fertilizers**

Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers:—

- (i) Thirty-Sixth Report of the Committee on Action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants 2017-18' pertaining to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Fertilizers);
- (ii) Thirty-Seventh Report of the Committee on Action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants 2017-18' pertaining to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Pharmaceuticals);
- (iii) Thirty-eight Report on Action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Thirty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants 2017-18' pertaining to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals); and
- (iv) Thirty-ninth Report on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Thirty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject "Implementation of Policy on Promotion of city compost" pertaining to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Fertilizers).

**10. Statement of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemical and Fertilizers**

Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statement containing the Final Action Taken Replies of the Government on the recommendations contained in the Nineteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers regarding Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee (2014-15) on the subject 'Movement of Fertilizers and Monitoring System' of Department of Fertilizers.

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2-09 p.m.

### **11. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel**

Shri Ram Vichar Netam laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel (2016-17):-

- (i) Thirty-Third Report of the Committee on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Twenty-Ninth Report of the Committee (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on "Demands for Grants (2017-18)" pertaining to the Ministry of Steel; and
- (ii) Thirty-Fourth Report of the Committee on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Twenty-Eighth Report of the Committee (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on "Demands for Grants (2017-18)" pertaining to the Ministry of Mines.

### **12. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution**

Shri Ripun Bora laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Seventeenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (2016-17) on Action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Twelfth Report of the Committee on the subject 'Computerization of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)', pertaining to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution).

2-10 p.m.

### **13. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour**

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour (2016-17) on the subject 'Cess funds and their utilization for workers' welfare', pertaining to the Ministry of Labour and Employment.



**14. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment**

Shri Ramkumar Verma laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment (2016-17):—

- (i) Forty-Fourth Report of the Committee on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in Thirty-sixth Report on "Demands for Grants (2017-18)" pertaining to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Social Justice and Empowerment);
- (ii) Forty-Fifth Report of the Committee on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in Thirty-seventh Report on "Demands for Grants (2017-18)" pertaining to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities);
- (iii) Forty-Sixth Report of the Committee on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in Thirty-eighth Report on "Demands for Grants (2017-18)" pertaining to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- (iv) Forty-Seventh Report of the Committee on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in Thirty-ninth Report on "Demands for Grants (2017-18)" pertaining to the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

**15. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment**

Shri Ramkumar Verma laid on the Table, a copy each of the following Statements (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment:—

- (i) Statement showing Final Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations contained in the Thirty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment (2016-17) on the Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations contained in the Thirtieth Report of the Committee on 'Demands for Grants - 2016-17' of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

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- (ii) Statement showing Final Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations contained in the Thirty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment (2016-17) on the Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations contained in the Twenty-eighth Report of the Committee on 'Demands for Grants - 2016-17' of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities).
- (iii) Statement showing Final Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Fortieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment (2016-17) on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Twenty-fifth Report of the Committee on 'Persons affected by Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) abuse, their treatment/rehabilitation and role of Voluntary Organizations' of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Social Justice and Empowerment).
- (iv) Statement showing Final Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations contained in the Forty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment (2016-17) on the Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations contained in the Twenty-ninth Report of the Committee on 'Demands for Grants - 2016-17' of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs).
- (v) Statement showing Final Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Forty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment (2016-17) on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Thirty-first Report of the Committee on 'Review of the functioning of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC)' of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Social Justice and Empowerment).

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2-11 p.m.

**16. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development**

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

- (i) Eighteenth Report of the Committee on Action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Twelfth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Modernization of Directorate of Printing, Government of India Stationery Office and Department of Publication';
- (ii) Nineteenth Report of the Committee on Action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' pertaining to the Ministry of Urban Development; and
- (iii) Twentieth Report of the Committee on Action taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18)' pertaining to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.

2-12 p.m.

**17. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources**

Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources (2016-17):—

- (i) Seventeenth Report of the Committee on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations / Recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;

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- (ii) Eighteenth Report of the Committee on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations / Recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report on “Indigenous and Modern Forms of Water Conservation – Techniques and Practices” pertaining to the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation; and
- (iii) Nineteenth Report of the Committee on “The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2017”.

### **18. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources**

Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources (2016-17):-

- (i) Statement showing Further Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report (Action Taken Report) pertaining to the observations/recommendations of the Standing Committee on Water Resources contained in their Fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on ‘Review of Ground Water Scenario, need for a comprehensive policy and measures to address problems in the country with particular reference to (i) Dark Blocks; and (ii) Contamination of underground water by certain industries’.
- (ii) Statement showing Further Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Twelfth Report (Action Taken Report) pertaining to the observations/recommendations of the Standing Committee on Water Resources contained in their Ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Demand for Grants (2016-17) of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

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2-13 p.m.

### **19. Reports of the Railway Convention Committee**

Shri T.K. Rangarajan laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Railway Convention Committee (2014):—

- (i) Fifteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the subject 'Safety Provisions at Unmanned Level Crossings' pertaining to the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board).
- (ii) Sixteenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the subject 'Track Upgradation & Modernisation' pertaining to the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board).

### **20. Report of the Committee on Petitions**

Shri Ritabrata Banerjee presented the Hundred and Fifty-fourth Report (in English and Hindi) on the petition praying for enactment of a separate legislation for offences of road rage.

2-14 p.m.

### **21. Statements by Ministers**

1. Shrimati Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Minister of Women and Child Development, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Sixty-eighth and Two Hundred and Seventy-eighth Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on Demands for Grants (2015-16) and (2016-17) respectively, pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

2. Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundred and Thirty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on Demands for Grants (2010-11) Demand No. 58, pertaining to the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

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3. 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 statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on the Final Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report of the Committee pertaining to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

4. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, in the Department of Atomic Energy and in the Department of Space, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Two Hundredth 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 Ninety-sixth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2016-17) pertaining to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

5. Shri Parshottam Rupala, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, laid on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on the subject 'Augmenting Rural Storage Infrastructure through scheme of Rural Godowns'.

6. Shri Ajay Tamta, Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles, 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 Labour on Demands for Grants (2017-18) pertaining to the Ministry of Textiles.

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2-16 p.m.

**22. Motion for Election to the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit**

A motion for election of two members to the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit was moved and adopted.

2-17 p.m.

**23. Motion for Appointment to the Joint Committee on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016**

A motion for appointment of three members to the Joint Committee on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 was moved and adopted.

2-18 p.m.

**24. Motion for Appointment to the Joint Committee on the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015**

A motion for appointment of one member to the Joint Committee on the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015 was moved and adopted.

2-19 p.m.

**25. Farewell to the retiring Members**

The Deputy Chairman bade farewell to 9 Members of the Rajya Sabha representing the States of Gujarat and West Bengal, who will be retiring on the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, on completion of their term of office.

The following Members spoke on the occasion:—

1. Shri Arun Jaitley, *Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence and Leader of the House*
2. !Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of the Opposition*
3. !Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav
4. Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan
5. Shri Tiruchi Siva

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! Spoke in Hindi.

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6. Shri D. Raja
7. Shri Derek O' Brien
8. !Shri Ali Anwar Ansari
9. Shri Jairam Ramesh
10. Shri Naresh Gujral
11. Shri D. Bandyopadhyay
12. !Shri Dilipbhai Pandya
13. Shri Sitaram Yechury

≡3-47 p.m.

**26. <sup>§</sup>Statutory Resolution disapproving the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 — Negatived**

Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy moved the following Resolution:—

"That this House disapproves the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 (No.1 of 2017), promulgated by the President of India on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017."

3-51 p.m.

**27. Government Bill — Passed**

**<sup>§</sup>The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017, as passed by the Lok Sabha**

**Shri Arun Jaitley** (Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence) moved:-

"That the Bill further to amend the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The following Members took part in the combined discussion on the Statutory Resolution and the motion for consideration of the Bill:—

- \*4-07 p.m.                      1.                      Shri Basawaraj Patil

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≡ From 2-45 p.m. to 2-49 p.m., and

From 3-45 p.m. to 3-47 p.m., some points were raised.

<sup>§</sup> Discussed together.

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\* From 4-02 p.m. to 4-07 p.m., some points were raised.

! Spoke in Hindi.



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| 4-08 p.m. | 2.  | Shri Jairam Ramesh         |
| 4-19 p.m. | 3.  | !Shri Naresh Agrawal       |
| 4-30 p.m. | 4.  | Shri N. Gokulakrishnan     |
| 4-36 p.m. | 5.  | Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy   |
| 4-43 p.m. | 6.  | !Shri Harivansh            |
| 4-49 p.m. | 7.  | Shri Tapan Kumar Sen       |
| 5-02 p.m. | 8.  | !Shrimati Sarojini Hembram |
| 5-07 p.m. | 9.  | !Shri Veer Singh           |
| 5-12 p.m. | 10. | Dr. Narendra Jadhav        |
| 5-15 p.m. | 11. | Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy    |
| 5-20 p.m. | 12. | Shri D. Raja               |
| 5-24 p.m. | 13. | Shri Tiruchi Siva          |

♦5-27 p.m.

Shri Arun Jaitley replied to the debate.

5-43 p.m.

The Statutory Resolution was negated.

5-44 p.m.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 4 were adopted.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were adopted.

5-45 p.m.

The motion moved by Shri Arun Jaitley that the Bill, be passed, was adopted and the Bill, was passed.

## <sup>Ω</sup>28. **Resignation by Member**

The Deputy Chairman made the following announcement in the House:—

“I have to inform Members that the Hon'ble Chairman had received a letter, dated the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017, from Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Member, representing the State of Rajasthan, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. The Hon'ble Chairman has accepted his resignation with effect from the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017.”

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♦ From 5-26 p.m. to 5-27 p.m., see item at Sl. No. 28.

<sup>Ω</sup> At 5-26 p.m.

! Spoke in Hindi.

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5-46 p.m.

### 29. Special Mentions

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

1. Dr. V. Maitreyan Demand to give adequate compensation to land owners in Tamil Nadu for their land acquired by the National Highway Authority of India.
2. Shri T. Rathinavel Demand to allocate funds for conducting archeological excavations at Keezhadi in Tamil Nadu.
3. Shrimati Rajani Patil Demand to restart light and sound show at the Jalianwala Bagh Memorial.
4. Shri C.M. Ramesh Demand to allocate 100 additional undergraduate medical seats to Fatima Institute of Medical Sciences in Andhra Pradesh retrospectively, *i.e.*, from academic year, 2015-16.
5. Shri P.L. Punia Demand to make a time-bound plan to fill up vacancies of teachers in institutions of higher studies.
6. Shri S. Muthukaruppan Demand to take steps to allow the use of Tamil in Madras High Court and declare all the languages in Eighth Schedule to the Constitution as official languages of the Union.
7. Shri Narendra Kumar Swain Demand to introduce a new train and increase the frequency of an existing train from Bhubaneswar to Mumbai.
8. Ms. Dola Sen Demand to implement the West Bengal model of Kanyashree scheme throughout the country.

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9. Shri Derek O' Brien                      Concern over Aadhaar being made mandatory for Mid-day Meals in schools.
10. Shri B.K. Hariprasad                      Demand to make public the contents of Indo-US logistics agreement (LEMOA).
11. Shri Harivansh                              Demand to address the issues of delay in arrival and departure by some Superfast Trains of South Central Railway and North Central Railway.
12. Shri Alok Tiwari                              Concern over the ill-effects of global warming resulting in increased number of suicides by people.
13. Shri A.K. Selvaraj                              Demand to release funds for Kadayampatti and Bhavani textile clusters and grant in principle clearance for other four textile clusters in Tamil Nadu.
14. Shrimati Chhaya Verma                      Demand to set an enquiry into the matter of overpricing of generic medicines at AIIMS, Raipur in Chhattisgarh and appoint adequate staff at the Institute.
15. Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda                      Demand to make a national database on working conditions, accidents and workplace deaths of construction workers to address their plights.
16. Shri Tiruchi Siva                              Demand to withhold the introduction of GM mustard into the farming in the country.

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17. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy Demand to set up an integrated steel plant in YSR Kadapa District in Andhra Pradesh as outlined in the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2014.
18. Shri Manish Gupta Demand to address the problems being faced by Sweet industry, particularly in West Bengal after imposition of GST on it.
19. Shri Ram Nath Thakur Demand to take necessary steps to provide basic maternity facilities in rural areas, particularly in Bihar.
20. Shri La. Ganesan Demand to take immediate steps to ensure restricted supply of LNG and closure of illegal industries in the Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ), Agra to protect Taj Mahal from air pollution.
21. Shri Shadi Lal Batra Demand to declare 833 gold alloy (20 carat) legal in the interest of poor people and workers engaged in the business of gold jewellery.
22. Shri K.C. Ramamurthy Demand to consider the suggestions made by the Chief Minister of Karnataka to effect changes in the Manual for Drought Management.
23. Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey Demand to instruct MMTC to provide the additional equity support to the National Ispat Nigam Ltd. (NINL) in Odisha.

*(The House adjourned at 5-53 p.m till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.)*