

WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH JULY, 2017

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

11-00 a.m.

1. Paper Laid on the Table

Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir (Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs) laid on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. S.O. 1548 (E), dated the 15th May, 2017, inserting certain entries in the Schedule to the Intelligence Organization (Restriction of Rights) Act, 1985, under sub-section (2) of Section 6 of the Intelligence Organization (Restriction of Rights) Act, 1985.

11-01 a.m.

2. Report of the Select Committee on the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Third Amendment) Bill, 2017

Shri Bhupender Yadav presented the Report (in English and Hindi) of the Select Committee on the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Third Amendment) Bill, 2017.

3. Evidence tendered before the Select Committee on the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Third Amendment) Bill, 2017

Shri Bhupender Yadav laid on the Table, a copy of the evidence tendered before the Select Committee on the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Third Amendment) Bill, 2017.

11-02 a.m.

4. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers

Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Thirty-fifth *Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on the subject 'Revival of Sick PSUs in Chemicals and Petrochemicals Sector' relating to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals).

* Thirty-fifth Report was presented to the Speaker, Lok Sabha on 19th May, 2017 and to the Chairman, Rajya Sabha on the 24th May, 2017. The Speaker, Lok Sabha had ordered the printing, publication and circulation of the Reports.

5. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers

Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Action Taken Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers (2016-17):—

- (i) Final Action Taken Replies of the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty-fifth Report of the Committee (2015-16) on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Seventeenth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee (2015-16) on the subject 'Petroleum Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions (PCPIR)' relating to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals);
- (ii) Final Action Taken Replies of the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty-sixth Report of the Committee (2015-16) on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Twenty-first Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee (2015-16) on the 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Fertilizers);
- (iii) Final Action Taken Replies of the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty-seventh Report of the Committee (2016-17) on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Twenty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee (2015-16) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals); and
- (iv) Final Action Taken Replies of the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty-eight Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) of Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers regarding Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twentieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Functioning of Autonomous Institutions - Central Institute of Plastics Engineering Technology (CIPET) and Institute of Pesticides Formulation and Technology (IPFT)' relating to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals).

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6. Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development

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 Rural Development (2016-17):—

- (i) Thirty-seventh Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty-fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj' relating to the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Rural Development);
- (ii) Thirty-eighth Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Thirty-sixth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)' relating to the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Rural Development); and
- (iii) Thirty-ninth Report on 'Watershed Development component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) erstwhile IWMP relating to the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Land Resources).

7. Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development

Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development (2016-17):—

- (i) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I and final replies included in Chapter -V of the Thirteenth Action Taken Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in the Fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2014-15)' of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation;

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- (ii) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter – I and final replies included in Chapter –V of the Fourteenth Action Taken Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in the Forty-second Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA)' in respect of the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Rural Development);
- (iii) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter – I and final replies included in Chapter –V of the Eighteenth Action Taken Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in the Sixth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2015-16)' of the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Rural Development);
- (iv) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter – I and final replies included in Chapter –V of the Twenty-ninth Action Taken Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in the Twenty-second Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Land Resources);
- (v) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter – I and final replies included in Chapter –V of the Thirtieth Action Taken Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in the Twenty-third Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation; and
- (vi) Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter – I and final replies included in Chapter –V of the Thirty-first Action Taken Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on the recommendations of the Committee contained in the Twenty-fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17)' of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

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11-03 a.m.

8. Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee

The Deputy Chairman announced the recommendations made by the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 18th of July, 2017.

The Deputy Chairman made the following announcement in the House today(19-7-2017):—

"I have to inform Members that the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 18th of July, 2017, has allotted time for Government Legislative Business, as follows:—

BUSINESS

TIME ALLOTTED

Consideration and passing of the following Bills, as passed by Lok Sabha:—

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| (a) The Footwear Design and Development Institute Bill, 2017. | One Hour |
| (b) The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2016. | Two Hours |
| (c) The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017. | Three Hours |
| (d) The Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill, 2017. | One Hour |
| (e) The Collection of Statistics (Amendment) Bill, 2017. | One Hour |
| (f) The National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (Amendment) Bill, 2017. | One Hour" |

◇ 11-15 a.m.

9. Matters raised with Permission

1. Shri A.K. Selvaraj raised a matter regarding need to get Presidential assent to the NEET Bill, passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

◇ From 11-04 a.m. to 11-15 a.m., some points were raised.

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Shrimati Kanimozhi, Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan, Shri T.K. Rangarajan, Shri D. Raja and Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth also spoke.

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development and Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Minister of Health and Family Welfare responded.

® 11-25 a.m.

2. !Shri Ali Anwar Ansari raised a matter regarding death of four sanitation workers in a septic tank in Ghitorni, Delhi.

!Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment responded.

11-34 a.m.

3. Shri D. Raja raised a matter regarding need to revoke the move to annexe the Central Institute of Classical Tamil to the Central University, Tiruvarur.

Shri T.K. Rangarajan and Shrimati Kanimozhi also spoke.

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development responded.

© 11-39 a.m.

4. Shri K.K. Ragesh raised a matter regarding privatization of the Hindustan News Print and other Public Sector Units.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen also spoke.

11-42 a.m.

5. Shri Tapan Kumar Sen raised a matter regarding Government's move to outsource defence related production to private sector.

Shri Anand Sharma also spoke.

11-46 a.m.

6. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy raised a matter regarding serious concern over increasing drug menace in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

® From 11-22 a.m. to 11-25 a.m., some points were raised.

© From 11-37 a.m. to 11-39 a.m., some points were raised.

! Spoke in Hindi.

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11-49 a.m.

7. !Shri Partap Singh Bajwa raised a matter regarding need for speedy return of 39 Indians stuck in Iraq since 2014.

11-52 a.m.

8. Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy raised a matter regarding need to take urgent steps to prevent vector-borne diseases in metropolitans cities.

11-57 a.m.

9. Shri Tiruchi Siva raised a matter regarding unrest among farmers of Tamil Nadu due to leakage of oil from the pipelines laid by O.N.G.C. in agricultural lands.

12-00 Noon

10. Starred Questions

The following Starred Questions were orally answered:-

The Starred Question No. 31 regarding **Cow vigilantism**.

°12-19 p.m.

(The House adjourned and at 12-19 p.m. and re-assembled at 12-29 p.m.)

The Starred Question No. 32 regarding **Honorarium for artists in different fields**.

The Starred Question No. 33 regarding **Contribution to Employees' Provident Fund**.

The Starred Question No. 34 regarding **Status of ethanol production capacity and blending in Petrol**.

Answered to remaining Starred Question Nos. 35 to 45 were laid on the Table.

11. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 321 to 480 were laid on the Table.

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

° From 12-17 p.m. to 12-19 p.m., some points were raised.

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*2-09 p.m.

12. Short Duration Discussion

!Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, *Leader of the Opposition*, raised a discussion on the situation arising out of the reported increase in the incidents of lynching and atrocities on minorities and *dalits* across the country.

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

2-46 p.m. 1. !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*

2-58 p.m. 2. !Shri Naresh Agrawal

⊙3-10 p.m.

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

∇3-38 p.m.

(*The House adjourned at 3.38 p.m. and re-assembled at 4-00 p.m.*)

√4-18 p.m. 3. Shri Sitaram Yechury

4-40 p.m. 4. Shri Derek O' Brien

λ5-01 p.m. 5. Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth

5-11 p.m. 6. !Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey

5-20 p.m. 7. !Shri Satish Chandra Misra

◇5-45 p.m. 8. Shri Majeed Memon

5-53 p.m. 9. Shri Swapan Dasgupta

The discussion was not concluded.

* From 2-00 p.m. to 2-09 p.m., some points were raised.

⊙ From 3-01 p.m. to 3-10 p.m., some points were raised.

∇ From 3-21 p.m. to 3-38 p.m., some points were raised.

√ From 4-00 p.m. to 4-09 p.m., some points were raised, From 4-09 p.m. to 4-17 p.m., Shri Naresh Agrawal continued his speech; and From 4-17 p.m. to 4-18 p.m., some points were raised.

λ From 4-59 p.m. to 5-01 p.m., some points were raised.

◇ From 5-33 p.m. to 5-45 p.m., some points were raised.

! Spoke in Hindi.

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6-01 p.m.

13. Special Mentions

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

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| 1. Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy | Demand to exempt yarn from GST. |
| 2. Shrimati Chhaya Verma | Demand to take effective steps to check the increasing number of crimes against women in the country, particularly in Delhi. |
| 3. Dr. Sanjay Sinh | Demand to expedite the completion of construction of a railway over-bridge at 33B Railway Crossing in Sultanpur. |
| 4. Shri La. Ganesan | Demand to take early steps to check terrorist and other anti-national activities in Tamil Nadu. |
| 5. Shrimati Kahkashan Perween | Demand to frame rules for proper disposal of the impounded vehicles in various police stations in the country. |
| 6. Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya | Demand to take strict action against people involved in the attack against <i>dalits</i> in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. |
| 7. Shri S. Muthukaruppan | Demand to expedite the release of funds sanctioned for centrally sponsored schemes in Tamil Nadu. |

(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:-

1. *Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth*
2. *Shri K.R. Arjunan*
3. *Shri R. Vaithilingam*

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4. *Shri S. Muthukaruppan*
5. *Shri A.K. Selvaraj*
6. *Shri A. Navaneethakrishnan*
7. *Shri A. Vijayakumar*
8. *Shri T. Rathinavel*
9. *Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam*
10. *Shri N. Gokulakrishnan*
11. *Dr. R. Lakshmanan*
12. *Shri R.S. Bharathi*
13. *Shri T.K.S. Elangovan*
14. *Shrimati Kanimozhi*
15. *Shri Javed Ali Khan*
16. *Shri Neeraj Shekhar*
17. *Shri Alok Tiwari*
18. *Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav*
19. *Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad*
20. *Shri Kiranmay Nanda*
21. *Shri Surendra Singh Nagar*
22. *Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav*
23. *Shri Ravi Prakash Verma*
24. *Shri Sanjay Seth*

(The House adjourned at 6-11 p.m. till 11-00 a.m. on Thursday, the 20th July, 2017.)
