

FRIDAY, THE 21ST JULY, 2017

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

11-00 a.m.

1. Papers Laid on the Table

Shri Sudarshan Bhagat (Minister State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare) on behalf of Shri Radha Mohan Singh laid on the Table:-

I A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 30 of the Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University Act, 2014:—

- (a) Annual Report of the Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

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

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

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications), under Section 37 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997:—

- (1) No. 305-27/2010-QoS, dated the 22nd November, 2016, publishing the Mobile Banking (Quality of Service) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2016 (in English only), along with delay statement.
- (2) No. 305-27/2010-QoS, dated the 23rd November, 2016, publishing the Mobile Banking (Quality of Service) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2016 (in Hindi only), along with delay statement.
- (3) No. 127, dated the 30th March, 2017, publishing corrigenda to Notification No. 305-27/2010-QoS, dated the 22nd November, 2016 (in English only) and No. 305-27/2010-QoS, dated the 23rd November, 2016 (in Hindi only).

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II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications), under sub-section (5) of Section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885:—

- (1) G.S.R. 297 (E), dated the 28th March, 2017, publishing the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (2) G.S.R. 314 (E), dated the 31st March, 2017, publishing the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (3) G.S.R. 406 (E), dated the 25th April, 2017, publishing the Indian Telegraph (Third Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (4) G.S.R. 439 (E), dated the 04th May, 2017, publishing the Indian Telegraph (fourth Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (5) G.S.R. 482 (E), dated the 18th May, 2017, publishing the Indian Telegraph (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (6) G.S.R. 507 (E), dated the 24th May, 2017, publishing the Indian Telegraph (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2017.
- (7) G.S.R. 540 (E), dated the 1st June, 2017, publishing the Indian Telegraph (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2017.

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 papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 30 of the Central Agricultural University Act, 1992:—

- (a) Annual Accounts of the Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur, for the year 2014-15, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (b) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts of the above University.

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

Shri Ajay Tamta (Minister of State in the Ministry of Textile) laid on the Table a copy in English and Hindi of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Textiles) and NTC Limited, for the year 2017-18.

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Shri Ram Vilas Paswan (Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution) on behalf of Shri C.R. Chaudhary laid on the Table :-

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) Notification No. G.S.R. 726 (E), dated the 29th June, 2017, publishing the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts) Regulations, 2017, under Section 52 of the Warehousing (Development & Regulation) Act, 2007.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), for the year 2017-18.

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

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice), under sub-section (1) of Section 30 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, along with delay statement :—

- (1) G.S.R. 75 (E), dated the 5th February, 2015, publishing the National Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Rules, 2015.
- (2) S.O. 2164 (E), dated the 10th August, 2015, publishing the National Legal Services Authorities (Second Amendment) Rules, 2015.
- (3) G.S.R. 263 (E), dated the 20th March, 2017, publishing the National Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Rules, 2017.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) draft Notification No. F. No. 10(1)/2017-Leg-III dated the 14th July, 2017, publishing amendment to the Fourth Schedule to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, under sub-section (2) of Section 11A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, along with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

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

- (i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Performance Audit of Agriculture Crop Insurance Schemes - Union Government (Civil), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Report No. 7 of 2017 (Performance Audit);
- (ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Scheme for Flood Control and Flood Forecasting for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Report No. 10 of 2017 (Performance Audit);
- (iii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Sharing of Revenue by Private Telecom Service Providers upto 2014-2015 - Union Government (Communications and IT Sector) Report No. 11 of 2017;
- (iv) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government (Civil), Compliance Audit Observations Report No. 12 of 2017;
- (v) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Catering Services in Indian Railways for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government (Railways), Report No. 13 of 2017.
- (vi) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government (Railways), Report No. 14 of 2017;
- (vii) Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government (Defence Service), Army and Ordnance Factories, Report No. 15 of 2017;
- (viii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Credit Risk Management in IFCI Limited for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government, Ministry of Finance, Report No. 16 of 2017 (Performance Audit);
- (ix) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government - Scientific and Environmental Ministries/Departments, Report No. 17 of 2017 (Compliance Audit);

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- (x) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government (Defence Public Sector Undertakings - Ministry of Defence), Report No. 19 of 2017;
- (xi) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government (Defence Services), Navy and Coast Guard, Report No. 20 of 2017;
- (xii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government (Ministry of Communications and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology), Report No. 21 of 2017;
- (xiii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Electrification Projects in Indian Railways for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government (Railways), Report No. 22 of 2017;
- (xiv) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Implementation of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 for the year ended March 2016- Union Government (Civil), Ministry of Human Resource Development Report No. 23 of 2017; and
- (xv) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Performance Audit of Reproductive and Child Health under National Rural Health Mission for the year ended March 2016 - Union Government (Civil), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Report No. 25 of 2017 (Performance Audit).

11-02 a.m.

2. Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment

Dr. Narendra Jadhav laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Forty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment (2016-17) on the subject "The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016" relating to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Social Justice and Empowerment).

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11-03 a.m.

3. Statement by Minister

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, in the Ministry of Shipping and in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, laid on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twentieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on the subject 'Functioning of Autonomous Institutions - Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET)'.
11-04 a.m.

4. Statement regarding Government Business

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, made a statement regarding Government Business for the week commencing Monday, the 24th of July, 2017.

11-43 a.m.

5. Motion for Election to the National Jute Board

A motion for election of one member to the National Jute Board was moved and adopted.

(The adjourned at 11-45 a.m. and re-assembled at 12-00 Noon.)

12-03 p.m.

6. Question of Privilege

The Chairman made the following observation:-

"..... I have received notice from some Members raising a question of privilege against a TV Channel and some newspapers for making defamatory remarks against a Member of this House. The Secretariat has been asked to issue a show cause notice and further inquire into the matter."

^o From 11-06 a.m. to 11-43 a.m., some points were raised.

^λ From 12-00 Noon to 12-03 p.m., some points were raised.

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12-04 p.m.

7. Starred Questions

Starred Question No. 61 to 65 were orally answered.

Starred Question No. 61 regarding **Performance of agricultural schemes.**

Starred Question No. 62 regarding **Appointment of women judicial officers.**

Starred Question No. 63 regarding **Approval for the project to increase the speed of trains.**

Starred Question No. 64 regarding **Lack of internet connectivity vis-à-vis digital literacy.**

Starred Question No. 65 regarding **Case of fraud in digital payments.**

Answers to remaining Starred Question Nos. 66 to 75 were laid on the Table.

8. Unstarred Questions

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 641 to 800 were laid on the Table.

(The House adjourned at 1-00 p.m. and re-assembled at 2-34 p.m.)

2-34 p.m.

9. Government Bill — Withdrawn

The North-Eastern Council (Amendment) Bill, 2013

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, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy and Minister of State in the Department of Space) moved for leave to withdraw the Bill further to amend the North-Eastern Council Act, 1971.

Dr. Jitendra Singh withdrew the Bill.

*2-37 p.m.

10. Private Members' Bills — Introduced

(1) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Insertion of new article 21B) was introduced by Shri K.K. Ragesh.

2-38 p.m.

(2) The Privately Financed Infrastructure Projects (Regulation of Swiss Challenge Method of Procurement) Bill, 2017 was introduced by Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy.

2-39 p.m.

(3) The Prevention of Crimes in the Name of Honour and Tradition and Prohibition of Interference with the Freedom of Matrimonial Alliances Bill, 2017 was introduced by Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy.

2-40 p.m.

(4) The Tribal Children and Lactating Women in Maharashtra and Other States (Removal of Hunger, Malnutrition and Prevention of Starvation Deaths) Bill, 2017 was introduced by Shri Rajkumar Dhoot.

2-41 p.m.

(5) The Water Scarce Regions of Marathwada, Vidharbha, Bundelkhand and in Eastern and Southern Parts (Prohibition of Growing Water Intensive Crops and Setting up of Thermal Power Plants and Other Large Scale Water Intensive Industries) Bill, 2017 was introduced by Shri Rajkumar Dhoot.

2-42 p.m.

(6) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Insertion of new article 24A) was introduced by Shri Rajkumar Dhoot.

2-43 p.m.

(7) The Gymnasiums and Fitness Centres (Regulation) Bill, 2017 was introduced by Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy.

* From 2-35 p.m. to 2-37 p.m., some points were raised.

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2-44 p.m.

11. Private Member's Bill — Withdrawn

The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (Amendment of the Eighth Schedule)

Further consideration of the following motion moved by Shri B.K. Hariprasad on the 7th April, 2017, continued:-

"That the Bill further to amend the Constitution of India, be taken into consideration."

The following Members took part in the discussion:—

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| 2-44 p.m. | 1. | !Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla |
| 2-52 p.m. | 2. | Shri Prasanna Acharya |
| 3-06 p.m. | 3. | !Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu |
| 3-17 p.m. | 4. | Shri La. Ganesan |
| 3-27 p.m. | 5. | !Shri Pradeep Tamta |
| 3-39 p.m. | 6. | !Shri Ram Vichar Netam |
| 3-49 p.m. | 7. | !Dr. Vikas Mahatme |
| 3-56 p.m. | 8. | Shri Kiren Rijiju, <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs</i> |

4-16 p.m.

Shri B.K. Hariprasad replied to the debate.

5-04 p.m.

The Bill was withdrawn by leave of the House.

(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. *Shri Neeraj Shekhar*
2. *Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad*
3. *Shri Kiranmay Nanda*

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4. *Shri Ravi Prakash Verma*
5. *Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav*
6. *Shri Surendra Singh Nagar*
7. *Shri Alok Tiwari*
8. *Shri Javed Ali Khan*
9. *Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy*
10. *Shri B.K. Hariprasad*
11. *Shri Pradeep Tamta*
12. *Shri Mahendra Singh Mahra*
13. *Shrimati Chhaya Verma*
14. *Dr. Sanjay Sinh*
15. *Shri Ripun Bora*
16. *Shri Santiuse Kujur*

[¢]5-15 p.m.

(On a question of quorum being raised by a member, the Deputy Chairman informed that since there was no quorum in the House, the Rajya Sabha stands adjourned at 5.15 p.m. till 11-00 a.m. on Monday, the 24th July, 2017)

[¢] From 5-05 p.m. to 5-15 p.m., some points were raised.