

LOK SABHA

BULLETIN – PART I

(Brief Record of Proceedings)

Friday, March 20, 2020/Phalguna 30, 1941 (Saka)

No. 79

11.00 A.M.

1. Starred Questions

Starred Question Nos. 381–383, 384(clubbed with 400), 386 and 387 were orally answered. Members in whose names Starred Question Nos. 385 and 400 were listed, were absent. However, Ministers concerned laid the replies on the Table. Supplementary Questions to Starred Question Nos. 385 and 400 were asked by the Members. Replies to Starred Question Nos. 388–399 were laid on the Table.

2. Unstarred Questions

Replies to Unstarred Question Nos. 4371–4600 were laid on the Table.

12.00 Noon

3. *Observation by the Speaker

The Speaker made an Observation regarding commencement of sitting of the House for 23rd March, 2020 at 2.00 P.M. instead of 11 A.M.

*Original in Hindi. For details, kindly see the debates for the day.

12.01 P.M.**4. Submission by Member**

Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury made submission regarding reported increase in prices of essential commodities.

%Shri Pralhad Joshi responded.

12.05 P.M.**5. Papers laid on the Table**

The Minister of Women and Child Development; and Minister of Textiles (Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani) laid on the Table a copy of Notification No. S.O.4579(E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated 20th December, 2019, reconstituting official member in the National Jute Board issued under sub-section 4(b) of Section 3 of the National Jute Board Act, 2008.

The Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Minister of Information and Broadcasting, and Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises (Shri Prakash Javadekar) laid on the Table:-

- (1) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Children's Film Society, India, Mumbai, for the year 2018-2019, alongwith Audited Accounts.
- (ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Children's Film Society, India, Mumbai, for the year 2018-2019.

% Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines

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

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey) laid on the Table:-

- (1) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, New Delhi, for the year 2018-2019, alongwith Audited Accounts.
- (ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, New Delhi, for the year 2018-2019.
- (2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.
- (3) A copy each of the following Annual Reports (Hindi and English versions) for the year 2018-2019 alongwith Audited Accounts in respect of the following centres:-
 - (i) Population Research Centre (Department of Economics, Lucknow University), Lucknow.
 - (ii) Population Research Centre (Department of General and Applied Geography, Dr. Harisingh Gour University), Sagar.
 - (iii) Population Research Centre (The Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare Trust), Gandhigram.
 - (iv) Population Research Centre (Utkal University), Bhubaneswar.
- (4) A copy of the Consolidated Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the above Population Research Centres for the year 2018-2019.

- (5) Four statements (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (3) above.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Shri Babul Supriyo) laid on the Table:-

- (1)
 - (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi, for the year 2018-2019, alongwith Audited Accounts.
 - (ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi, for the year 2018-2019.
- (2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.
- (3) A copy of the Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation and Control) Amendment Rules, 2019 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. S.O.4724(E) in Gazette of India dated 31st December, 2019 under Section 26 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

6. Messages from Rajya Sabha

Secretary General reported the following messages from Rajya Sabha:-

- (i) That at its sitting held on the 18th March, 2020, Rajya Sabha passed the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill, 2020.
- (ii) That its sittings held on the 18th March, 2020, Rajya Sabha passed the National Commission for Homoeopathy Bill, 2020.

7. Bills as passed by the Rajya Sabha – Laid on the Table

- (i) The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill, 2020
- (ii) The National Commission for Homoeopathy Bill, 2020

8. Reports of Committee on Papers laid on the Table

Shri Shyam Singh Yadav presented the First to Eighth Reports (Original) and Ninth to Twenty-third Reports (Action Taken) (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table (2019-2020).

9. Reports of Standing Committee on Information Technology

Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore presented the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Standing Committee on Information Technology (2019-20):-

- (1) Tenth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Fiftieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Progress of Implementation of BharatNet' of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications).
- (2) Eleventh Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their Fifty-ninth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Review of National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) – Problems and Challenges' of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- (3) Twelfth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their

Sixtieth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Setting up of Post Bank of India as a payments Bank – scope, objectives and framework' of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Posts).

10. Reports of Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers

Dr. Manoj Rajoria presented the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers:-

- (1) Sixth Report on 'Demands for Grants 2020-21' of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals).
- (2) Seventh Report on 'Demands for Grants 2020-21' of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Fertilizers).
- (3) Eighth Report on 'Demands for Grants 2020-21' of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Pharmaceuticals).

11. Statement by Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal made a statement regarding Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 23rd March, 2020.

12.11 P.M.

12. Motion

Shri Pralhad Joshi moved the following motion :-

"That this House do agree with the Fifteenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on 19th March, 2020."

The motion was adopted.

&12.22 P.M.

13. Submissions by Members

- (i) Prof. Saugata Roy made submission regarding need to close Stock Exchanges in view of rapid fall in Sensex.

%Shri Pralhad Joshi responded.

1.06 P.M.

- (ii) Smt. Navneet Rvi Rana made submission regarding pollution due to illegal stone crushing in Chikhaldara Hill Station.

@Shri Prakash Javadekar responded

1.30 P.M.

- (ii) Ms. Mahua Moitra made submission regarding dumping of biomedical wastes of Hospitals in forest areas.

@Shri Prakash Javadekar responded.

&From 12.12 P.M. to 1.32 P.M., Members raised matters of urgent public importance.

%Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines

@Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Minister of Information and Broadcasting, and Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

1.32 P.M.

14. Matters Under Rule 377

As directed by the Chair, the following members laid on the Table statements on matters sought to be raised by them under Rule 377 as indicated against each:-

- (1) Shri Sunil Kumar Singh regarding need to expedite construction of pending irrigation projects in Jharkhand.
- (2) Shri Prabhubhai Nagarbhai Vasava regarding need to include Sickle Cell disease in the list of diseases eligible for treatment under Ayushman Bharat Yojana.
- (3) Shri Sushil Kumar Singh regarding condition of NH-19.
- (4) Shri Bidyut Baran Mahato regarding need to provide secondary care treatment referral facility in ESIC hospital in Adityapur, Jharkhand and also set up a 250-bedded hospital in Adityapur.
- (5) Shri Vivek Narayan Shejwalkar regarding plan to tackle the negative impact of Corona virus menace on Indian economy.
- (6) Shri Vijay Baghel regarding participation of Members of Parliament in administrative board of educational institutions.
- (7) Shri Rebati Tripura regarding Tripura Tribal Autonomous District Council.
- (8) Shri Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava regarding need to provide irrigation facilities to Adivasi people living in forest area in Narmada and Bharuch districts, Gujarat.
- (9) Shri Rameshbhai Lavjibhai Dhaduk regarding need to modernise and develop Porbandar Railway Station in Gujarat as a model railway station.
- (10) Shri Janardan Mishra regarding need to provide compensation to farmers who suffered damage to their crops caused by heavy hailstorms in Rewa parliamentary constituency, Madhya Pradesh.
- (11) Dr. Virendra Kumar regarding conservation and development of historical fort at Deora in Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh as tourist destination.

- (12) Shri Gajendra Umrao Singh Patel regarding need to provide benefits under Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme to farmers in Madhya Pradesh.
- (13) Shri Kanakmal Katara regarding issuance of alleged illegal armed licence in Banswara district, Rajasthan.
- (14) Shri Rahul Kaswan regarding need to remove areas having ground water in Churu parliamentary constituency from the list of dark zones.
- (15) Shri K. Shanmuga Sundaram regarding deleting entry relating to wild boars/wild pigs from Schedule III of the Wild Life Protection Act.
- (16) Shri Vallabhaneni Balashowry regarding merger of Banks.
- (17) Shri Vinayak Bhaurao Raut regarding changes or amendments on Kharland Development Scheme.

1.33 P.M.

15. Amendments made by Rajya Sabha to Government Bill –Agreed to

The Central Sanskrit Universities Bill, 2019

The motion that the following amendments made by Rajya Sabha in the Bill, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration, was moved by Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' :-

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1. That at page 1, line 1, ***for*** the word "Seventieth", the word "Seventy-first" be ***substituted.***

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2. That at page 1, line 3, ***for*** the figure "2019", the figure "2020" be ***substituted.***

[#] The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha on the 12th December, 2019 and transmitted to Rajya Sabha for its concurrence. Rajya Sabha passed the Bill with amendments at its sitting held on the 16th March, 2020 and returned it to Lok Sabha on the 17th March, 2020.

The motion for consideration was adopted.

The motion that the amendments made by Rajya Sabha in the Bill be agreed to, was moved by Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.

The motion was adopted and the amendments were agreed to.

1.36 P.M.

16. Government Bill – Passed

The Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020

Time Taken: 2 Hrs. 24 Mts.

The motion for consideration of the Bill was moved by Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.

The following members took part in the debate:-

1. Shri Kodikunnil Suresh
2. Shri Ram Kripal Yadav
3. Prof. Saugata Roy
4. Shri Vinayak Bhaurao Raut
5. Shri Ramprit Mandal
6. Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab
7. Dr. Kalanidhi Veeraswamy
8. Shri Brijendra Singh
9. Kunwar Danish Ali
10. Shri B.B. Patil
11. Dr. Sukanta Majumdar
12. Smt. Goddeti Madhavi
13. Shri E.T. Mohammed Basheer

14. Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel
15. Shri Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka
16. Shri Girish Bhalchandra Bapet
17. Shri P. Raveendranath Kumar
18. Shri Thomas Chazhikadan
19. Shri Thirumaavalavan Thol
20. Shri Unmesh Bhaiyyasaheb Patil
21. Shri N.K. Premachandran
22. Shri Hasnain Masoodi
23. Shri Suresh Pujari
24. Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
25. Shri Nishikant Dubey
26. Shri Ritesh Pandey
27. Shri DNV Senthilkumar S.
28. Shri Anubhav Mohanty
29. Dr. Satyapal Singh

Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' replied to the debate.

The motion for consideration was adopted and clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill was taken up.

Clause 2 was adopted.

Clause 3 was adopted.

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

The motion that the Bill be passed was moved by Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.

The motion was adopted and the Bill was passed.

4.00 P.M.

17. Private Members' Resolution –Withdrawn

Further discussion on the following resolution moved by Shri Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel on the 21st June, 2019:-

“Having regard to the fact that due to scarcity of water and unavailability of fodder for cattle in the Bundelkhand region of the State of Uttar Pradesh, the people of the region are forced to leave their cows to graze in the open, which is popularly known as '*Anna Pratha*', and which causes damage to the standing crops, this House urges upon the Government to take steps to construct a network of canals from the proposed Ken-Betwa river-linking project in order to inter-connect and replenish the dams and ponds to overcome the problem of water scarcity and practice of *Anna Pratha* in the region.”

The following members took part in the debate:-

1. Shri Hanuman Beniwal (resumed his speech)
2. Shri Hasnain Masoodi

Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat replied to the debate.

Shri Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel spoke by way of his right of reply.

The Resolution was withdrawn by leave of the House.

5.42 P.M.

18. Private Members' Resolution – Under Consideration

Shri Ritesh Pandey moved the following resolution:-

"Keeping in view that the Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers provide many essential health and welfare services to women, children and adolescents, this House urges upon the Government to take following immediate steps to uplift their working conditions -

- (1) regularisation of employment of Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers;
- (2) changing the nomenclature of compensation category of Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers from "Honorarium" to "Salary";
- (3) payment of adequate amount of compensation to Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers, which would reflect importance of their services to the society;
- (4) improving working conditions of Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers and upgrading every Anganwadi Centre with all basic facilities including availability of Safe drinking water, clean toilets and proper ventilation; and
- (5) payment of all dues including pending rent for Anganwadi Centres which are being run on rented accommodation in the country."

Shri Nishikant Dueby took part in the debate and his speech was unfinished.

The discussion was not concluded.

6.01 P.M.

(Lok Sabha adjourned till 2.00 P.M. on Monday, the 23rd March, 2020)

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General