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**Brief Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Rajya Sabha held on the 14th  December, 2023**

11-00 a.m.

**1. Papers Laid on the Table**

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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, under sub-section (3) of Section 22 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995:- | | | |  | (1) | G.S.R. 121., in the Weekly Gazette dated the September 17 – September 23, 2023, publishing the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2023. | |  | (2) | G.S.R. 719 (E) dated the 5th October, 2023, publishing the Cable Television Networks (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023. |   2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | (i) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, Maharashtra, for the year 2022-23, 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 Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, for the year 2022-23, 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 Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Centre. | | (iv) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, Telangana, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Centre. | | (v) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Goa, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Centre. | |  | | | | 3. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), under sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the All India Service Act, 1951:- | | | |  | (1) | G.S.R. 862 (E) dated the 23rd November, 2023, publishing the Indian Forest Service (Probationers’ Training and Evaluation) Rules, 2023. | |  | (2) | G.S.R. 863 (E) dated the 23rd November, 2023, publishing the Indian Forest Service (Probation) Amendment Rules, 2023. | | 4. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) Notification No. G.S.R. 864 (E) dated the 23rd November, 2023 amending the Second Schedule to the Right to Information Act, 2005, under sub-section (3) of Section 24 of the said Act. | | | | 5. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013:- | | | | (i) | (a) | Sixty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), New Delhi, for the year 2022-23, 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. | | (ii) | (a) | Forty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Electronics Limited (CEL), New Delhi, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon. | |  | (b) | Statement by Government accepting the above Report. | | (iii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Maharashtra Association for the Cultivation of Science-Agharkar Research Institute (MACS-ARI), Pune, Maharashtra, for the year 2022-23, 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 Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital, Uttarakhand, for the year 2022-23, 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 Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru, Karnataka, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor’s Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Centre. | | (vi) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), Kolkata, West Bengal, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Association. | | (vii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, Karnataka, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. | | (viii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. | | (ix) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati, Assam for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor’s Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. | | (x) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST), Mohali, Punjab, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. | | (xi) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad, Telangana, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above Centre. | | (xii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru, Karnataka, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above Centre. | | (xiii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru, Karnataka, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above Institute. | | (xiv) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor’s Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above Institute. | | (xv) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Satyendra Nath Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS), Kolkata, West Bengal, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above Centre. | | (xvi) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, (WIHG), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. | | (xvii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Academy. | | (xviii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR), Shillong, Meghalaya, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Centre. | | (xix) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), New Delhi, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above Board. | | (xx) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), New Delhi, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Council. | | (xxi) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Vigyan Prasar, New Delhi, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above organization. | | (xxii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Academy of Sciences (IASc), Bengaluru, Karnataka, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. | | (xxiii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE), New Delhi, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor’s Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Academy. | | (xxiv) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above Academy. | | (xxv) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA), Kolkata, West Bengal, for year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. | | (xxvi) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above Academy. | | (xxvii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above Institute. | | (xxviii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Bose Institute (BI), Kolkata, West Bengal, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working the above Institute. | | 6. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-Section (4) of Section 5 and Section 6 of the Asiatic Society Act, 1984:- | | | |  | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, West Bengal, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor’s Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Society. | | 7. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:- | | | |  | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Akademi. | |  | | | | 8. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification No. S.O. 3840 (E) dated the 31st August, 2023 amending Principal Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E) dated the 14th September, 2006, issued under sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, along with Delay Statement. | | | | 9. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification No. S.O. 4994 (E) dated the 21st November, 2023 amending Principal Notification No. S.O. 83 (E) dated the 16th February, 1987, issued under sub-section (1) of Section 10 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. | | | | 10. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification No. S.O. 4995 (E) dated the 21st November, 2023 amending Principal Notification No. S.O. 84 (E) dated the 16th February, 1987, issued under sub-section (1) of Section 11 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. | | | | 11. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, issued under sub-sections (1) and (3) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986:- | | | |  | (1) | No. S.O. 3581 (E), dated the 10th August, 2023 amending the Principal Notification No. S.O. 6071 (E) dated the 27th December, 2022, along with Delay Statement. | |  | (2) | No. S.O. 4798 (E), dated the 3rd November, 2023 constituting the Andhra Pradesh Coastal Zone Management Authority and specifying its functions. | | 12. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification No. S.O. 4751 (E), dated the 31st October, 2023 constituting the Daman and Diu Coastal Zone Management Authority and specifying its functions, issued under sub-section (3) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. | | | | 13. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, under Section 26 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986:- | | | |  | (1) | G.S.R. 826 (E) dated the 8th November, 2023, publishing the Environment (Protection) Fifth Amendment Rules, 2023. | |  | (2) | G.S.R. 833 (E), dated the 10th November, 2023 publishing the Water Purification System (Regulation of Use) Rules, 2023. | | 14. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification No. S.O. 3547 (E) dated the 8th August, 2023, regarding ports of entry and exit for the purposes of Chapter VB of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, issued under sub-section (4) of Section 49H of the said Act. | | | | 15. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification No. S.O. 3548 (E), dated the 8th August, 2023, designating the institutes, as mentioned therein, as Scientific Authority for the purposes of Chapter VB of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, issued under sub-section (1) of Section 49F of the said Act. | | | | 16. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification No. S.O. 3558 (E), dated the 8th August, 2023, delegating the powers and functions conferred on the Management Authority under Sections 49 H, 49-I, 49 J, 49 K, 49 L to the persons mentioned therein, issued under sub-section (5) of Section 49E of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. | | | | 17. (1) A copy each (English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013:— | | | | (i) | (a) | Forty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation Limited (ANIFPDCL), Port Blair, for the year 2019-20, 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. | | (ii) | (a) | Forty-forth Annual Report and Accounts of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation Limited (ANIFPDCL), Port Blair, for the year 2020-21, 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. | | (2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) & (ii) (a) above. | | | | 18. 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, Uttarakhand, for the year 2020-21, 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 (a) above. | | (ii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBPNIHE), Almora, Uttarakhand, for the year 2021-22, 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 (a) above. | | (iii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBPNIHE), Almora, Uttarakhand, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor’s Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. | | 19. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Heritage Bye-laws of the Ministry of Culture, under sub-section (6) of Section 20E of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958:- | | | |  | (a) | Heritage Bye-Laws for Picture Gallery, Hussainabad Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. | |  | (b) | Heritage Bye Laws for Cemetery near Fort Machhi Bhawan Lucknow. | |  | (c) | Heritage Bye Laws for Chaturdasha Devata Temple, Tripura. | |  | (d) | Heritage Bye-Laws for Juma Masjid, Hardoi Road, Husainabad Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. | | 20. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:- | | | | (i) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), New Delhi, for the year 2021-22, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Confederation. | |  | (c) | Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. | | (ii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Kolkata, West Bengal for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Centre. | | (iii) | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC), Patiala, Punjab, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Centre. | | 21. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Seventieth Annual Report of the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), New Delhi, for the year 2022-23, under sub-section (2) of Section 74 of Employees’ Provident Funds Scheme, 1952. | | | | 22. 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) | Forty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC), Guwahati, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon. | |  | (b) | Statement by Government accepting the above Report. | | 23. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the 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 2023-24. | | | | 24. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:- | | | |  | (a) | Annual Report and Accounts of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, for the year 2022-23, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts. | |  | (b) | Review by Government on the working of the above Organization. | |

11-03 a.m.

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| **2**. **Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**  Shri Baburam Nishad laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (2023-24):-   1. Thirty Fifth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Thirty First Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on “Coarse Grains Production and Distribution” of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution);and   (ii) Thirty Sixth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the Thirty Second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on “Sugar Industry in India- A Review” of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution). |
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11-04 a.m.

3. **Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**

Shri Sakaldeep Rajbhar laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Final Action Taken Statements showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I of the following Action Taken Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (2023-2024):-

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|  |  | 1. Twenty Ninth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Twenty Fourth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2023-24) pertaining to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution); and 2. Thirtieth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the observations/recommendations contained in the Twenty Fifth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2023-24) pertaining to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs). |

11-05 a.m.

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| 4. **Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways**  Shri Narhari Amin laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the 17th Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (2023-24) ontheAction taken by Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in its 16th Report on Railways (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on ‘Performance of Rail Land Development Authority’. |

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| 5. **Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj**  Shri Ajay Pratap Singh laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Thirty-Sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Thirty-Second Report of the Committee on Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana pertaining to Department of Rural Development (Ministry of Rural Development).  11-06 a.m.  6. **Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj**  Shri Ajay Pratap Singh 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 and Panchayati Raj on:-   1. Thirty-Third Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty-Ninth Report of the Committee (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on "Demands for Grants (2023-24) of the Department of Rural Development (Ministry of Rural Development)”; 2. Thirty-Fourth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Thirtieth Report of the Committee (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on "Demands for Grants (2023-24) of the Department of Land Resources (Ministry of Rural Development)”; and 3. Thirty-Fifth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Thirty-First Report of the Committee (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on "Demands for Grants (2023-24) of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj”. |

11-07 a.m.

7. **Reports of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes**

Shri Rajendra Gehlot laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes:-

1. Twenty-Sixth Report on ‘Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their welfare in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)’ pertaining to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and
2. Twenty-Seventh Report on ‘Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their welfare in Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)’ pertaining to the Ministry of Steel.

**8.** **Statements of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes**

Shri Rajendra Gehlot laid on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes:-

1. Statement showing Final Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I of the Twenty-Second Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on ‘Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their welfare in Canara Bank’ pertaining to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services);
2. Statement showing Final Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I of the Twenty-Third Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on ‘Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their welfare in Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)’ pertaining to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and

(iii) Statement showing Final Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I of the Twenty-Fifth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Eighteenth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on ‘Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their welfare in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)’ pertaining to the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications).

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| 11-08 a.m.  **9.** **Report of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**  Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa laid on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty Ninth Report of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (2023-2024) on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty Third Report (17thLok Sabha) of the Committee on “Review of Functioning of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)”. |

11-09 a.m.

**10.** **Statements by Ministers**

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| 1. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; 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 laid on the Table, the following Statements regarding:— | | |
|  | (a) | Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the 382nd Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change on Demands for Grants (2023-24) of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) pertaining to the Ministry of Science and Technology. |
|  | (b) | Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the 384th Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change on Demands for Grants (2023-24) of the Department of Space pertaining to the Ministry of Science and Technology. |
| 1. Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Earth Sciences laid on the Table, the following Statements regarding:— | | |
|  | (a) | Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the 332nd Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change on Demands for Grants (2021-22) pertaining to the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). |
|  | (b) | Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the 347th Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change on Demands for Grants (2022-23) pertaining to the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). |
|  | (c) | Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the 364th Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change on Demands for Grants (2022-23) pertaining to the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). |
|  | (d) | Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the 372nd Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change on Demands for Grants (2022-23) pertaining to the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). |
|  | (e) | Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the 379th Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change on Demands for Grants (2023-24) pertaining to the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). |
| (iii)Shri Rameswar Teli, Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment laid on the Table, a Statement regarding Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the 41st Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour, Textiles and Skill Development on Demands for Grants (2023-24) pertaining to the Ministry of Labour and Employment. | | |

11-11 a.m.

**11. Leave of Absence**

Dr. Manmohan Singh (Assam) was granted Leave of Absence from 6th to 22nd December, 2023 during the current 262nd Session of Rajya Sabha on Medical ground.

11-12 a.m.

**12. Observation by the Chair**

The Chairman made the following observation :-

“Hon'ble Members, the competent authority Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha had, on 10th August 2022, ordered unified operational command of Parliamentary security service under Joint Secretary(Security) and all matters related to security aspects were directed to be dealt with in consultation with Joint Secretary(Security).

 As regards the incident yesterday, the Hon'ble Speaker has catalysed, high-level probe that is underway.

 Investigation has been set in motion with respect to the FIR registered at the instance of Secretariat.

 Hon’ble Members may note that the issue of security is within the domain of Parliament and is being effectively addressed.”

11-13 a.m.

**13. Matters raised with Permission**

1. Shri Pabitra Margherita raised a matter regarding demand to rename Dibrugarh Airport as 'Chowlung Siukafa' Airport.

[[1]](#footnote-1)#11-20 a.m.

**14.**  **Withdrawal of Member**

Due to his grossly disorderly conduct of entering the well of the House, approaching the Table aggressively and gesticulating at the Chair; shouting slogans and defying the directives of Chair, the Chairman directed Shri Derek O’ Brien, Member to withdraw immediately from the Council.

However, Shri Derek O’ Brien, Member defied the directives and refused to leave the Council.

11-21 a.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 12-00 Noon.*

12-00 Noon

**15.**  **Starred Questions**

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 121 was orally answered. Answers to remaining Starred Question Nos. 122 to 135 were laid on the Table.

**16. Unstarred Questions**

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1281 to 1440 were laid on the Table.

[[2]](#footnote-2)∀12-02 p.m.

**17. Suspension of Member**

Despite repeated directions by the Chair, Shri Derek O’ Brien, Member refused to leave the Council and he continued to defy the directives of the Chair.

The Chair made the following observations*:*

*“Hon'ble Members, gross defiance to the directions imparted by the Chair was noticed when Shri Derek O'Brien, despite being named and the direction being given to withdraw from the Council immediately, continued to not only remain in the Chamber but shouted slogans, gesticulated aggressively and even reached the Table from the well of the House. Such gross misconduct on part of Shri Derek O'Brien cannot be countenanced.  I again name Shri Derek O'Brien for violating the directions of the Chair.”*

Thereafter, on a motion moved by Shri Piyush Goyal, Leader of the House and adopted by the House, Shri Derek O’Brien, Member was suspended from the service of the Council for the remaining period of the current (262nd ) Session.

[[3]](#footnote-3)@12-06 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-00 p.m.*

2.00 p.m.

Shri Derek O’Brien continued to defy the directives of the Chair to leave the Council even after the adoption of the motion for his suspension from the service of the Council, the Chair made the following observations:

*“I urge Hon'ble Member Shri  Derek O'Brien to forthwith withdraw from the House in compliance to the resolution of the House and direction of the Chair to enable smooth conduct of Business of House and allow other MPs to discharge constitutional obligations.*

*It is unfortunate that his defiance continues constituting a serious breach of dignity of the House.*

*The House is adjourned to meet at 2.30 PM. I am sure he will reflect on this and appeal to other Members to afford counsel.”*

[[4]](#footnote-4)$2-03 p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 2-30 p.m.*

2.30 p.m.

The Chairman made the following observations:

*“Hon’ble Members, it is most unfortunate that suspended Member Shri Derek O’Brien continues to be present in the House in outrageous defiance of the resolution of the House and directive of the Chair. His conduct has handicapped the House from transacting the listed business, and is against public interest. People of this country suffer financial burden of the proceedings of the House. It is our bounden duty to rise upto the expectation of the Citizens.*

*I urge suspended Member Shri Derek O’Brien to forthwith withdraw from the House.*

*As suspended Member Shri Derek O’Brien has not withdrawn from the House, the House is adjourned to meet at 3.00 PM with the expectation that good sense prevails over the Member and he withdraws to enable the House to justify the confidence of the people in the House.”*

[[5]](#footnote-5)#2-33p.m.

*The House adjourned and re-assembled at 3-00 p.m.*

3.00 p.m.

As the suspended Member Shri Derek O’ Brien continued to remain on his seat in the House, the Chair made the following observations:

*“Hon'ble Members, this morning I requested Hon'ble Leader of Opposition and Floor Leaders of Political Parties as also the Leader of the House to confer with me in my Chamber. Leader of the House and also Floor Leaders of some Political Parties met me while Leader of the Opposition and Floor Leaders of some Political Parties conveyed that they will not participate in the meeting.*

*At 2.30 PM, I invited Leader of Opposition, Shri Mallikarjun Kharge one more time to confer with me in my Chamber.  I adopted a healthy practice as interaction in chamber is highly productive and helps us to navigate the issues.  I indicate to the House that Leader of the Opposition have conveyed his disinclination to confer with me in my Chamber.  It is a painful matter for me and not in consonance with healthy parliamentary practice.*

*Hon'ble Members, I still find suspended Member, Shri Derek O'Brien in the House in defiance of resolution of the House and directive of the Chair on his suspension, at 2.00 PM and 2.30 PM today. Such conduct is absolute transgression of Rules and is unbecoming of a Member of the House.  Transaction of Business in the House is adversely affected due to this defiance, I seek to give another opportunity to the suspended Member, Shri Derek O'Brien to reflect on his conduct and desist from any further non-compliance of the Chair and forthwith withdraw from the House.  As suspended Member, continues to be defiant and continues the disruption, the House stands adjourned to meet at 4.00 p.m.”*

[[6]](#footnote-6)⊗3-04 p.m.

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

4-00 p.m.

18. **Observation by the Chair**

The Chairman made the following observations:

“*I request Shri Derek O' Brien, Hon'ble Member, who has been suspended from the service of the Council, to immediately leave the precincts of the Council as required under Rule 256(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council (Rajya Sabha).*

*The refusal by the Hon'ble Member, Shri Derek O' Brien to comply with the decision of the House and the directions imparted is a severe violation of the Rules of Procedure and amounts to willful contempt of the House.  Due to his ignoble conduct the House could not take up the Question Hour and other Legislative Business, thereby affecting the rights of Members and public at large. It thus becomes a question of privilege of Members.   We all are constitutionally ordained to discharge function as Members and this continued defiance has handicapped it and is an unproductive drain on the public exchequer.”*

Despite repeated requests, Shri Derek O’ Brien, Member continued to remain in the Council.

4.02 p.m.

**19.** **Reference to Committee of Privileges**

Shri Piyush Goyal, Leader of the House sought leave of the Council to move a question of privilege against Shri Derek O’ Brien, Member.

4.03 p.m.

On objections taken to the leave being granted, the Chairman, under Rule 190(2), requested those Members, who were in favour of leave being granted, to rise in their places.

 4.04 p.m.

The Chairman observed that more than 25 Members have risen in their places and informed that the Leader of the House had the leave of the Council to move the motion.

4.05 p.m.

The Leader of the House moved the following motion:—

"That the House takes a serious note of the conduct of Shri Derek O' Brien, Member, who was suspended from the service of the Council under Rule 256(2), to deliberately continue in the Chamber in gross violation of Rule 256(3) and disregarding repeated directions imparted by the Chair thereby compounding his offence and committing a serious contempt of the House and breach of privilege of Members and agrees that the matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges of Rajya Sabha for examination, investigation and report within a period of three months."

  The motion was adopted by the House and the Chairman announced that the matter stands referred to the Committee of Privileges, Rajya Sabha for examination, investigation and report within a period of three months.

The Chairman also urged Shri Derek O’ Brien, Member to withdraw from the House, so that listed business can be taken up.  Since, the Member continued to be defiant and continued the disruption, the House was adjourned for the day.

4-07 p.m.

The House adjourned till 11-00 a.m. on Friday, the 15th December, 2023.

*(Due to gross disorderly conduct in violation of the rules and etiquette of Rajya Sabha by the following Members, who entered the ‘Well’ of the House, shouted slogans, and persistently and willfully obstructed the proceedings of the House, the Chair repeatedly adjourned the House):––*

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|  | *Dr. Amee Yajnik* |
|  | *Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar* |
|  | *Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah* |
|  | *Shri Syed Nasir Hussain* |
|  | *Shri K.T.S. Tulsi* |
|  | *Shrimati Phulo Devi Netam* |
|  | *Shri Neeraj Dangi* |
|  | *Shrimati Rajani Ashokrao Patil* |
|  | *Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham* |
|  | *Shri Derek O’Brien* |
|  | *Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray* |
|  | *Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas* |
|  | *Dr. Santanu Sen* |
|  | *Shrimati Mausam Noor* |
|  | *Shri Jawhar Sircar* |
|  | *Shri Prakash Chik Baraik* |
|  | *Shri Samirul Islam* |
|  | *Shri M. Shanmugam* |
|  | *Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla* |
|  | *Shri S. Kalyanasundaram* |
|  | *Shri R. Girirajan* |
|  | *Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya* |
|  | *Dr. John Brittas* |
|  | *Dr. V. Sivadasan* |
|  | *Shri A. A. Rahim* |
|  | *Shri Javed Ali Khan* |
|  | *Shri Sanjay Raut* |
|  | *Shrimati Priyanka Chaturvedi* |
|  | *Shri Binoy Viswam* |
|  | *Shri Sandosh Kumar P* |
|  | *Shri Syed Nasir Hussain* |
|  | *Shri Rajmani Patel* |
|  | *Shri Kumar Ketkar* |
|  | *Shri Shaktisinh Gohil* |
|  | *Shri K.C.Venugopal* |
|  | *Shrimati Ranjeet Ranjan* |
|  | *Shri Imran Pratapgarhi* |
|  | *Shri Sandeep Kumar Pathak* |
|  | *Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha* |
|  | *Shri Aneel Prasad Hegde* |
|  | *Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav* |

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*Secretary-General*

1. # From 11-16 a.m. to 11-20 a.m.- some points were raised. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. ∀ From 12-01 p.m. to 12-02 p.m.- some points were raised. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. @ From 12-04 p.m. to 12-06 p.m.- some points were raised. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. $ From 2-02 p.m. to 2-03 p.m.- some points were raised [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. # From 2-32p.m. to 2-33 p.m.- some points were raised. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. ⊗ From 3-03p.m. to 3-04 p.m.- some points were raised. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)