

LOK SABHA

SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES (Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)

Wednesday, April 12, 2017/ Chaitra 22, 1939 (Saka)

SUBMISSION BY MEMBERS

Re: Reported threatening statement made by a political activist of West Bengal against Chief Minister of West Bengal

**THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND
MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)**

responding to the issue raised by several hon. Members, said: The statement is totally wrong. We strongly condemn this statement. Ms. Mamta Banerjee is an elected Chief Minister and due respect must be given to her.

*MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (i) **SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY** laid a statement regarding inclusion of aborigines of Santhal Pargana in the list of Scheduled Tribes.
- (ii) **SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL** laid a statement regarding need to run a direct train between Surat and Mumbai.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Speaker.

- (iii) **SHRI CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANGA** laid a statement regarding need to stop ongoing survey by ONGC in Mumbai High at B-157 and give compensation to fishermen for the loss.
- (iv) **SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU** laid a statement regarding need to provide a stoppage of Jan Shatabdi Express (Train No. 12069/70) at Bilha Railway Station in Bilaspur Parliamentary Constituency, Chhattisgarh.
- (v) **SHRI MANSHUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA** laid a statement regarding need to review the list of Scheduled Tribes and delete the ineligible tribes not fulfilling the fixed norms from the list.
- (vi) **SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI** laid a statement regarding need to set up Skill Development Centres in Dibrugarh, Assam.
- (vii) **SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to accord approval to the proposal for setting up a new steel plant at Chatra in Jharkhand.
- (viii) **SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA** laid a statement regarding need to reduce wastage of food.
- (ix) **DR. MANOJ RAJORIA** laid a statement regarding need to enhance the amount of rehabilitation package for families displaced from Sariska, Ranthambhore and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserves in Rajasthan.
- (x) **ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR** laid a statement regarding need to construct adequate number of mobile towers in Goa.

- (xi) **SHRI RAMACHARAN BOHARA** laid a statement regarding need to accord Central University status to University of Rajasthan.
- (xii) **COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY** laid a statement regarding problems being faced by people living in remote and inaccessible areas situated near international border.
- (xiii) **SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY** laid a statement regarding need to set up a separate Railway Zonal Headquarters and office of IRCTC at Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- (xiv) **SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH** laid a statement regarding need to evolve a mechanism to deal with stay orders given by courts.
- (xv) **KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV** laid a statement regarding alleged harassment of genuine citizens while updating National Register of Citizens in Assam.
- (xvi) **SHRI D.K. SURESH** laid a statement regarding need to set up Trauma Centres at Kanakpura and Channapatna in Karnataka.
- (xvii) **SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN** laid a statement regarding need for a comprehensive law to prevent sale and export of harmful food stuff.
- (xviii) **SHRI K. PARASURAMAN** laid a statement regarding need to establish AIIMS at Sengipatti in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu.

- (xix) **SHRI M. UDHAYAKUMAR** laid a statement regarding upgradation of National Highway 209 in Tamil Nadu.
- (xx) **SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to release balance funds for setting up of four ITIs in Odisha.
- (xxi) **SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR** laid a statement regarding need to prepare a list of approved engineering colleges in Maharashtra.
- (xxii) **SHRI JAYADEV GALLA** laid a statement regarding problems faced by Chilli farmers in Andhra Pradesh.
- (xxiii) **SHRI M. B. RAJESH** laid a statement regarding need to obtain Presidential assent to the Bill passed by Kerala Legislative Assembly.

VALEDICTORY REFERENCE

HON'BLE SPEAKER: Hon. Members, the Eleventh Session of the Sixteenth Lok Sabha is coming to a close today.

The first part of this Budget Session commenced on 31 January, 2017 with the Address by the Hon'ble President to the members of both the Houses assembled together in Central Hall.

In a historic move, the Union Budget, comprising both General and Railway Budgets for the year 2017-18, was presented on 1st February, 2017.

During the Session, we had 29 sittings spread over 176 hours 39 minutes. Of these, 7 sittings were held in the first part and 22 sittings were held in the second part of the Session.

The House discussed the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address, a copy of which was laid on the Table of the House on 31 January, 2017. It was passed on 7 February, 2017 after a debate lasting for 10 hours and 38 minutes.

A discussion on the Union Budget for 2017-18, was held on 8th and 9th February, 2017 for 9 hours 58 minutes.

The House adjourned on 9 February, 2017 to enable the Standing Committees to examine the Demands for Grants of various Ministries/ Departments and submit their Reports thereon.

After the recess, the second part of the Budget Session commenced on 9 March, 2017.

During the second part, the Demands for Grants, in respect of the Ministries of Railways, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Defence and Home Affairs were discussed for more than 26 hours and voted in full. All the other outstanding Demands for Grants in respect of Budget (General) for 2017-18 of the remaining Ministries were submitted to the vote of the House and voted in full on 20th March, 2017 and the related Appropriation Bill was passed.

The Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2016-17 and Demands for Excess Grants (Railways) for 2013-14 were passed and related Appropriation Bills were passed. The Supplementary Demands for Grants

(General) for 2016-17 were passed after a discussion lasting for 3 hours 46 minutes and related Appropriation Bill was also passed.

The House discussed the Finance Bill, 2017 on 21 and 22 March, 2017 and it was passed after a discussion lasting for 8 hours and 41 minutes. Hon'ble Members, as I have already noted with appreciation on 5 April, 2017, this has been a singular achievement on the part of our entire fraternity of parliamentarians for having completed the entire budgetary process before end of the Financial year which has facilitated availability of fund for welfare schemes from 1st April itself.

During the current Session, 24 Government Bills were introduced. In all, 23 Bills were passed, notably, Payments of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017, the Specified Bank Notes Bill, 2017; the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016; Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill, 2016; Enemy Property (Amendment) Bill, 2016; the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2017; the Mental Healthcare Bill, 2016; National Institutes of Technology, Science, Education and Research (Second Amendment) Bill, 2016; Footwear Design and Development Institute Bill, 2017; The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2016; the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2016; and the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Third Amendment) Bill, 2017; Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention & Control) Bill, 2017.

Apart from this, another significant achievement has been the passing of four GST related Bills, namely, the Central Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017; the

Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017; the Central Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017; the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017.

During the session, out of 560 starred questions 136 Questions were answered orally. Thus, on an average, 4.68 Questions were answered per day. Written replies to the remaining Starred Questions alongwith 6440 Unstarred questions were laid on the Table.

About 541 matters of urgent public importance were raised by the members after the Question Hour and after completion of formal business of the House by sitting late in the evening. Hon. Members also raised 494 matters under rule 377.

During this Session, the Departmentally Related Standing Committees presented 68 reports.

The House also held a short duration discussion under rule 193 on the Sustainable Development Goals way forward for the Health and well being for all. The discussion, however, was not concluded.

As many as 51 statements were made by the Ministers on various important subjects including 5 Statements made by Minister of Parliamentary Affairs on Government Business. During the Session, as many as 1864 papers were laid on the Table of the House by the Ministers concerned.

As many as 158 Bills on different subjects were introduced by private members during the Session. Motion for consideration of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2015 moved by Shri Vincent H. Pala on 5 August,

2016 during the ninth session, was taken up for further discussion on 10 and 24 March and 7 April, 2017. However, the discussion on the Bill was not concluded on 7 April, 2017.

As regards, Private Members' Resolutions, further discussion on the resolution regarding steps to ensure welfare of Employees Provident Fund pensioners, which was, moved by Shri N.K. Premachandran on 11 December, 2015 during the sixth session and discussed on 6 May and 29 July, 2016 during eighth and ninth sessions, respectively, was further discussed on 23 and 31 March, 2017 during the session. However, the discussion did not conclude on 31 March, 2017.

In this session, while we lost 8 hours 12 minutes of time due to interruptions and forced adjournments, the House also sat late for 28 hours and 40 minutes and transacted urgent Government Business. This has been an immensely fruitful and productive session, which is very much conducive to uphold the credibility of all of us.

I would like to thank the hon. Deputy Speaker and my colleagues in the Panel of Chairmen for their co-operation in the smooth conduct of the House. I am extremely grateful to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Leaders and Chief Whips of various parties and groups and the Hon'ble Members for their cooperation. I would also like to thank, on behalf of all of you, our friends in the Press and the Media. I take this opportunity to thank the Secretary-General and the officers and staff of the Lok Sabha Secretariat for their

dedicated and prompt service to the House. I also thank the allied agencies for their able assistance in the conduct of the proceedings of the House. I also thank all of you and I am sure that we will continue to strive hard for the progress of our country.

NATIONAL SONG

The National Song was played.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned sine die.

ANOOP MISHRA
Secretary General

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