

LOK SABHA

LIST OF BUSINESS

Friday, January 5, 2018 /Pausha 15, 1939 (Saka)

PART I

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

A list showing Government Business will be issued separately.

PART II

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

1. FURTHER DISCUSSION on the following resolution moved by Shri Raghav Lakhanpal on the 22nd December, 2017 :-

“This House expresses its grave concern over the population explosion in our country, which, if not taken care of, would lead to demographic catastrophe in the next fifty years, and urges upon the Government to implement a stringent policy aiming at population control at the earliest.”

Implementation of a stringent population control policy.

2. DR. UDIT RAJ to move :-

“In order to protect the interests of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and promote their welfare, this House urges upon the Government to take immediate steps to provide for -

Immediate steps for providing reservation to the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in posts and services under the State and reservation in higher judiciary.

(i) reservation in favour of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in proportion to their population in posts and services under the State;

(ii) reservation in promotion in all services in favour of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes;

(iii) fixing responsibility of the Head of every Department to fill up vacancies meant for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in a time bound manner;

(iv) doing away with the practice of hiring services on contract basis for Group 'D' posts or outsourcing such services keeping in view that in all Government departments majority of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes are employed for Group 'D' posts, particularly in posts of safai karamcharis;

(v) re-introduction of scheme of Tribal Sub-Plan and Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan and allocating budget to such plans in proportion to the population of the Scheduled Tribes and the Scheduled Castes; and

(vi) reservation in favour of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in higher judiciary.”.

3. SHRI OM BIRLA to move :-

“Taking into consideration the various social, economic and political disadvantages of holding elections at different point of time to the House of the People and the various State Legislative Assemblies, this House urges upon the Government to take necessary steps for holding simultaneous elections to the House of the People and various State Legislative Assemblies from the year 2019 onwards so as to ensure more focused, consolidated and efficient legislative and policy formulation both at the Centre and State levels.”.

Simultaneous elections to the House of the People and various State Legislative Assemblies.

4. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY to move :-

“Having regard to the fact that:-

(i) the first ever cases of endemic skeletal fluorosis in the world were recorded from Podili, Darsi and Kanigiri areas of Prakasam district in the State of Andhra Pradesh in 1937;

(ii) fluorosis has been ruining generation-after-generation in Prakasam district in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(iii) forty-eight Mandals out of fifty-six in Prakasam district are affected with fluorosis and forcing the people to suffer from dental and skeletal fluorosis, deformation of bones, kidney malfunctioning, etc., in the early years of their life due to excessive presence of fluorine, strontium and uranium;

(iv) the source of fluorosis is not limited to groundwater but it has infected the soil to the extent that whatever crop is grown is also affected with fluorosis and as a result people eating rice or wheat or cattle eating grass are also affected with fluorosis;

(v) successive Governments have grossly neglected and utterly failed in controlling fluorosis and left people of Prakasam district to their destiny;

(vi) other areas in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Telangana are also affected with fluorosis;

Measures for prevention and control of fluorosis in Prakasam district in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(vii) magnitude of the problem has gone up exponentially in the last two years and the official figures of kidney-related deaths in Prakasam district between June, 2014 and June, 2016 showed death of 427 people and more than 2,100 patients were undergoing dialysis in Prakasam district;

(viii) in the absence of sufficient number of pre-diagnostic testing centres, many people died due to kidney-related problems and they could not be officially counted and come to the notice of medical officials;

(ix) piecemeal and cosmetic measures failed to address the problem;

(x) the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis was started on 16th April, 2012, but has not yielded tangible results, because, under this Programme, 787 villages selected for survey and even after four years *i.e.*, as on 1st January, 2016 only about 500 villages have been surveyed and 287 are yet to be surveyed;

this House urges upon the Government-

(i) to supply water for drinking and irrigation through canals or pipeline from Krishna River to fluoride-affected areas;

(ii) to take steps to complete Veligonda project and supply water through pipeline or canals to the affected areas in forty-eight Mandals of Prakasam district;

(iii) to open sufficient number of pre-diagnostic testing centres in Prakasam district;

(iv) to impart training to paramedical staff, health workers, ASHAs and anganwadi workers in primary healthcare centres;

(v) to impart training to teachers and officials of department of women and child development to take up health education activities;

(vi) to set up a permanent research centre in Prakasam district to find out causes of persisting problem of fluorosis;

(vii) to set up laboratories for testing of fluorosis;

(viii) to install large RO plants in every village and provide medical facilities including medicines, vitamin C and vitamin E supplements and nutritious food to villagers;

(ix) to include forty-eight Mandals of Prakasam district under NRDWP in order to provide safe drinking water to the inhabitants in the first phase to alleviate the sufferings of people;

(x) to provide grant of rupees one thousand crores to complete Veligonda project to provide piped drinking water to every nook-and-corner of the Prakasam district for overcoming kidney-related problems among inhabitants; and

(xi) to speed up the pace of National Programme for prevention and control of fluorosis to achieve the desired result meticulously without fail in a time bound manner.”.

NEW DELHI;

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,
Secretary General.

January 1, 2018

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