

LOK SABHA

SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES (Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)

Thursday, August 9, 2018 / Shravana 18, 1940 (Saka)

REFERENCE BY THE SPEAKER

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, today is 9th August. This date has special significance in the history of our country. It was on this day 76 years back in the year 1942 that Mahatma Gandhi gave a clarion call for solidarity among all the countrymen to free the country from the clutches of the British Rule by launching 'Quit India Movement'. The 'Quit India Movement' had been one of the most important moments of our freedom struggle which played a crucial role in achieving the dreamy goal to free our nation. On this occasion, on my own behalf and on behalf of the House, I would like to pay tribute to Father of the Nation as well as those martyrs who laid down their lives in the struggle for freedom and also many more other freedom fighters comprising both men and women who sacrificed their everything for the sake of our motherland. We re-dedicate ourselves to their high ideals to which they remained committed. Post independence, we take a resolve on this day for our independence, sovereignty, security and unity.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 120(1) of the Constitution of India, it gives me pleasure to inform the House that from now onwards the Members would be able to express their views in any of the 22 languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. So far, the facility of simultaneous interpretation was available to us only in 17 languages. We have since made arrangements for simultaneous interpretation of the speeches made in the remaining five languages i.e. Dogri, Kashmiri, Konkani, Santhali and Sindhi in collaboration with Rajya Sabha. However, under this arrangement, a 24 hour prior notice would be necessary to make the interpreters available with the cooperation of Rajya Sabha.

THE DNA TECHNOLOGY (USE AND APPLICATION) REGULATION

BILL, 2018

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN) moved that the leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the regulation of use and application of Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) technology for the purposes of establishing the identity of certain categories of persons including the victims, offenders, suspects, undertrials, missing persons and unknown deceased persons and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY *opposing the motion for introduction of the Bill, said:* I do vehemently oppose the introduction of the Bill as the Bill provides that the DNA samples can be collected from any accused, whether he has given it voluntarily or is compelled to give his DNA under direction of the court. Secondly, this is a gross violation of the provision of the Constitution and against the Fundamental Right to Life. The collection of DNA can be misused by police officials to create evidence against the accused. So, I would suggest the Government that there is a need of more scrutiny to be done by expert with regard to this Bill. The Bill should also take into consideration the holistic and comprehensive nature of this legislation. So, I would suggest that the Bill should be sent to the competent authority for further scrutiny.

DR. HARSH VARDHAN *replying said:* This Bill has gone through comprehensive scrutiny of experts, Ministries and even a committee comprising Home Minister, Law Minister and Finance Minister including myself. This Bill started its journey at the time of the erstwhile NDA Government and all these years, it has gone through so many scrutinies. Moreover, it is the need of the hour to bring this Bill for this country to ensure that there is a regulation for the DNA testing laboratories and DNA data bank. I can assure this House that all the privacy concerns have been adequately addressed in this Bill.

The Bill was introduced.

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- (1) **SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA** laid a statement regarding need to extend services of Udaipur - Khajuraho Express upto Manikpur junction and Saryu Express upto Chitrakoot Dham or Banda in Uttar Pradesh.
- (2) **SHRI NIHAL CHAND** laid a statement regarding need to provide Rajasthan its due share of Sutlej river water.
- (3) **SHRI VIKRAM USENDI** laid a statement regarding alleged irregularities in mining activities in Metabodeli village in Kanker district of Chhattisgarh.
- (4) **SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU** laid a statement regarding need to include Chhattisgarhi language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.
- (5) **SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO** laid a statement regarding load carrying capacity of heavy vehicles.
- (6) **SHRI DHARAMBIR** laid a statement regarding shortage of water in the country.
- (7) **SHRI GOPAL SHETTY** laid a statement regarding providing civic amenities in Mumbai slums.
- (8) **SHRI RAMEN DEKA** laid a statement regarding banning of plastic carry bags.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Speaker.

- (9) **SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS** laid a statement regarding need to expedite land acquisition work for Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded railway line in Maharashtra.
- (10) **SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI** laid a statement regarding encroachments around places of historical importance associated with Sant Kabir in Uttar Pradesh.
- (11) **SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY** laid a statement regarding pending railway projects in Jharkhand.
- (12) **SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI** laid a statement regarding a weekly train from Dibrugarh to Mumbai.
- (13) **SHRIMATI MALA RAJYALAKSHMI SHAH** laid a statement regarding need to introduce Toy Train between Mussorie and Dehradun.
- (14) **SHRI D. K. SURESH** laid a statement regarding problems faced by mango growers in Karnataka.
- (15) **SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS** laid a statement regarding banning of confession in Church.
- (16) **SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN** laid a statement regarding establishment of National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research at Madurai.
- (17) **SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR** laid a statement regarding supply of safe drinking water in the country.

- (18) **SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA** laid a statement regarding salt farming in Balasore Parliamentary Constituency of Odisha.
- (19) **SHRI PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA** laid a statement regarding need to renaming of International Airport at Chandigarh/Mohali after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
- (20) **SHRI DHARAM VIRA GANDHI** laid a statement regarding the condition of Sikh community in Meghalaya.
- (21) **SHRI NABA KUMAR SARNIA** laid a statement regarding need to ensure peace in BTC areas in Assam.

STATUTORY RESOLUTIONS

(i) *Re: Approval of Notification No. 43/2018 - Customs*

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF COAL, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL) moved that in pursuance of section 8A(1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, read with sub-section(3) of section 7 of the said Act, this House hereby approves of notification No. 43/2018-Customs, dated 10th April, 2018 which seeks to increase tariff rate of basic customs duty (BCD) on three tariff items covered under tariff sub head 0404 10 (Whey and modified Whey, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter) and under tariff item 0404 90 00 (Other Whey) from 30% to 40%.

The Resolution was adopted.

(ii) *Re: Approval of Notification No. 45/2018 - Customs*

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF COAL, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL) moved that in pursuance of section 8A(1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, read with sub-section(3) of section 7 of the said Act, this House hereby approves of notification No. 45/2018-Customs, dated 23rd May, 2018 which seeks to increase tariff rate of basic customs duty (BCD) on Walnuts in shell from 30% to 100% and increase tariff rate of basic customs duty (BCD) on Protein concentrates and textured protein substances from 30% to 40%.

The Resolution was adopted.

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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