

## RAJYA SABHA

*Thursday, 17th November, 2016/26th Kartika, 1938 (Saka)*

*The House met at eleven of the clock,*

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

### OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of **Pramukh Swami Shastri Narayan Swarup Das**, President of the Bochasanvasi Akshar Purushottam Sanstha (BAPS), on the 13th of August, 2016, at the age of 95 years.

Born in December, 1921, at Chansad village in Vadodara District of Gujarat into a farmer's family, **Swamiji** was inclined to spirituality and austerities right from his childhood. He renounced worldly life at the age of 18 years and was initiated into sainthood in 1940 and got renamed as **Narayan Swarupdas Swami**. His striking humility, noble services, saintliness and selfless desire to help all, endeared him to everyone and at the age of 28 years, he was appointed as the President of BAPS, whereupon he affectionately became known as '**Pramukh Swami**'. During his tenure, he catapulted the sect to a global socio-cultural spiritual movement engaged in running charitable hospitals, gurukuls, schools and shelters in tribal areas, eradication of ill practices in society and spreading modern awareness with a reformist spirit.

In the passing away of **Pramukh Swami Shastri Narayan Swarup Das**, the country has lost a towering spiritual personality, who was an embodiment of compassion and humility.

We deeply mourn the passing away of **Pramukh Swami Shastri Narayan Swarup Das**.

I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

*(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)*

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### PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

#### **Reports and Accounts (2014-15) of various societies and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

- (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Goa Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Panaji, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) (a) above.

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- (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Himachal Pradesh School Education Society implementing Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Shimla, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (ii) (a) above.

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- (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Nagaland Education Mission Society, Kohima, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iii) (a) above.

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- (iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) of the U.P. Education for All Project Board, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, for the year 2014-15, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (iv) (a) above.

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