COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (SIXTEENTH LOK SABHA) (2014-2015)

THIRD REPORT

[ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE OBSERVATIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIRTY-THIRD REPORT (2012-2013) OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (FIFTEENTH LOK SABHA)]

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COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (2014-2015)

1.	Shri Dilipkumar Mansukhlal (Gandhi	<u>Chairperson</u>					
2.	Shri Idris Ali							
3.	Shri C. R. Chaudhary							
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12.	Adv. Narendra Keshav Sawa	aikar						
13.	Shri Ram Kumar Sharma							
14.	Shri Nandi Yellaiah							
15.	Shri Birendra Kumar Chaud	lhary						
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2.	Shri Raju Srivastava	-	Additional Director					
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4.	Smt. Vidya Mohan	-	Committee Officer					
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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairperson, Committee on Subordinate Legislation having been authorised

by the Committee to submit the report on their behalf, present this Third Action Taken

Report.

2. This Report relates to the action taken on the observations/recommendations of the

Committee contained in the Thirty-third Report (2012-2013) (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) which

was presented to Lok Sabha on 8.5.2013.

3. The Committee considered and adopted this Report at their sitting held on

9.3.2015.

4. The summary of recommendations contained in the Thirty-third Report and action

taken reply of the Government thereon have been reproduced in Appendix I of the Report.

5. The Extracts of the Minutes of the sitting of the Committee relevant to this report are

brought out in Appendix II.

6. An analysis of the action taken by Government on the recommendations contained

in the Thirty-third Report of the Committee (15th Lok Sabha) is given in Appendix III.

New Delhi; 9 March, 2015

18 Phalguna, 1936 (Saka)

DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI, CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

(v)

REPORT

This Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation deals with the action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Thirty-third Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) which was presented to Lok Sabha on 8.5.2013. The Thirty-third Report dealt with the following Chapters: -

- I. The Department of Space (Principal Private Secretary) Recruitment Rules, 2009 (GSR 180-E of 2009).
- II. Infirmities in the Tea Board (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Directors of Tea Promotion appointed by Government) Amendment Rules, 2007 (GSR 443-E of 2009).
- III. Delay in laying of the Madras High Court (Establishment of a Permanent Bench at Madurai) Amendment Order, 2009 (GSR 786-E of 2009).
- 2. The shortcomings observed during scrutiny of the rules mentioned in Chapters (I) to (III) above were brought to the notice of the Ministries concerned for their comments/necessary corrective action. The Ministries concerned have accepted those shortcomings and have rectified the same. A statement showing the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Thirty-third Report is given in Appendix-I.

New Delhi; 9 March, 2015 18 Phalguna,1936(Saka) DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI, CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

APPENDIX - I

(vide Para 5 of Introduction of the Report)

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE THIRTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (15th LOK SABHA)

I. <u>The Department of Space (Principal Private Secretary) Recruitment Rules, 2009 (GSR 180-E of 2009).</u>

Recommendation (Para 1.3)

The Committee note that the Department of Space (Principal Private Secretary) 2009 dated 23 February, 2009 were published in the Gazette of India, Recruitment Rules. Extraordinary on 19 March, 2009 after a delay of 24 days. Strangely, the Department of Space has held the view that there was no delay in publishing the notification and has cited the date(s) of transmission of the notification to its Branch Secretariat, GOI Press, Faridabad and GOI Press, Ring Road, New Delhi. Matters of urgent importance only need to be published in the Extraordinary Gazette and should be published on the same day of the date of the notification. In the case under reference, the matter does not appear to be of extraordinary character and it is not clear why the Deptt. of Space treated the notification of recruitment rules as 'extraordinary'. Having treated the matter as 'extraordinary', what one would have expected of the Deptt. of Space is to get the notification published on the same day. Instead, the notification was handled very casually and was sent to the Branch Secretariat first and then to Faridabad Press instead of Ring Road Press. In the process, there was a delay of 24 days which is on account of lapses on the part of the Deptt. of Space. The Committee urge the Deptt. of Space to have a fresh look at the procedures of handling of notifications and streamline the same, if necessary, to ensure that there is no recurrence of the mishandling of notifications.

Reply of the Ministry

The observations/recommendations are brought to the notice of all concerned in the Department to have a fresh look at the procedure of handling of notifications and streamline the same, if necessary, to ensure that there is no recurrence of the mishandling of notifications.

[Department of Space OM No. 22014/30/2013- Sec 5 dated 4.06.2013]

II. <u>Infirmities in the Tea Board (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Directors of Tea Promotion appointed by Government) Amendment Rules, 2007 (GSR 443-E of 2009).</u>

Recommendation (Para 2.3)

The Committee note that the Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Deptt. of Commerce) has taken as long as one and half years to publish the Tea Board (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Directors of Tea Promotion appointed by Government) Amendment Rules, 2007 in final form after publishing draft rules inviting objections and suggestions. The rules in final form in such cases should have been published within three months after publication of the draft rules, if there are no large number of objections/suggestions. In this case, there was only one representation which should have been processed within the stipulated time and the rules in final form ought to have been published in time. The Deptt. of Commerce have clearly failed in this respect. The explanation of the Deptt. of Commerce that the delay was due to time taken to dispose off the representation in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division and Integrated Work Study Unit of the Department of Commerce is not convincing. The Committee caution the Deptt. of Commerce to exercise due care in future and strictly adhere to the prescribed time limit. The Committee also expect the Deptt. of Commerce to ensure that there is no recurrence of such inordinate delays in publication of final rules in future.

Recommendation (Para 2.5)

The Committee note that there was a discrepancy in the short-title of the Rules. On being pointed out, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce) have issued corrigenda rectifying the discrepancy. The Committee would like the Ministry to be vigilant and ensure that error of this nature does not recur in future.

Reply of the Ministry

The observations/recommendations of the Committee have been noted for future compliance.

[Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Department of Commerce) No. T-49014/1/2007-Plant 'A' dated 12.6.2013]

III. <u>Delay in laying of the Madras High Court (Establishment of a Permanent Bench at</u> Madurai) Amendment Order, 2009 (GSR 786-E of 2009).

Recommendation (Para 3.3)

The Committee note that the Madras High Court (Establishment of a Permanent Bench at Madurai) Amendment Order, 2009 (GSR 786-E) dated 26 October, 2009 was published in the Gazette on 28 October, 2009. The order was not laid on the Table of the House as per procedures. Only after the Committee took up the matter with the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice), the order was laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 2 December, 2010. In the process, there was a delay of over one year in laying the order on the Table of the House.

Recommendation (Para 3.4)

There is a procedural requirement that when there is delay in laying a notification on the Table of the House, an explanatory note giving reasons for such delay should be appended to the order. Even this requirement was not fulfilled by the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice). The Committee take a serious note of the casual attitude of the Department of Justice in this regard. The Committee demand an explanation from the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice) regarding reasons for inordinate delay in laying the notification on the Table of the House which has deprived the House of the information regarding establishment of a permanent Bench of the Madras High Court in Madurai, for over one year. The Committee also require the Department of Justice to explain as to why the requirement of appending an Explanatory Note regarding delay was not adhered to while laying the notification on the Table of the House.

Reply of the Ministry

The above lapse in meeting the procedural requirement is regretted. The lapse was inadvertent and was in no way intended to show any disrespect to the Committee on Subordinate Legislation or to deprive it of information about the issue of the Madras High Court (Establishment of a Permanent Bench at Madurai) Amendment Order, 2009 dated 26 October, 2009. The Department of Justice extends its apology to the Committee. To ensure that such delays in laying of the rules or orders do not take place again, instructions on the procedure to be followed in laying of the rules/orders in each House of the Parliament are being reiterated to all the Officers/Divisions in the Department of Justice for strict compliance.

[Ministry of Law & Justice (Department of Justice) OM No. K-11018/5/98-US.I dated 4 September, 2014]

APPENDIX-II

(vide Para 6 of Introduction of the Report)

EXTRACTS OF THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (2014-2015)

The sixth sitting of the Committee (2014-15) was held on Monday, the 9th March, 2015 from 1500 to 1545 hours in Committee Room 'E', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

PRESENT

1. Shri Dilipkumar Mansukhlal Gandhi <u>Chairperson</u>

MEMBERS

- 2. Shri Idris Ali
- 3. Shri C.R. Chaudhary
- 4. Shri P.P. Chaudhary
- 5. Shri Shyama Charan Gupta
- 6. Shri S. P. Muddahanumegowda
- 7. Shri Prem Das Rai
- 8. Adv. Narendra Keshav Sawaikar
- 9. Shri Ram Kumar Sharma
- 10. Shri Nandi Yellaiah
- 11. Shri Birendra Kumar Chaudhary

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri Shiv Singh - Joint Secretary

2. Shri Ajay Kumar Garg - Director

Shri Raju Srivastava - Additional Director
 Smt. Jagriti Tewatia - Deputy Secretary

2.	At the outset,	the	Chairperson	welcomed	the	members	to	the	sitting	of the	Comi	mittee
(2014-	15).											

- 3. The Committee, then, considered and adopted the draft 'Third Action Taken Report' of the Committee without any modification. The Committee also authorised the Chairperson to present the report to the House.
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The Committee then adjourned.

APPENDIX-III

(vide para 7 of Introduction of the Report)

ANALYSIS OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE THIRTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (FIFTEENTH LOK SABHA)

l.	Total No. of observations/recommendations made	5
II.	Recommendations that have been accepted by the Government [vide recommendations at Sl. Nos. 1.3, 2.3, 2.5 3.3 and 3.4]	5
III.	No. of recommendations which the Committee do not want to pursue in view of Government reply	Nil
IV.	Percentage of recommendations accepted	100%