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Regarding
INDIAN MEDICINES PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION LIMITED, ALMORA;
INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH & EDUCATION, DEHRADUN;
RASHTRIYA SANSKRIT VIDYAPEETHA, TIRUPATI;
CENTRE FOR WIND ENERGY TECHNOLOGY, CHENNAI;
BOARD OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING, CHENNAI AND
SUPER BAZAR, NEW DELHI

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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, Rajya Sabha having been authorized by the Committee to present the report on its behalf, do present this 90th Report to the Rajya Sabha.

2. The Committee in its meetings held on the 19th July, 2002 and the 16th December, 2002 considered inter-alia laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited, Almora; Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun; Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati; Centre For Wind Energy Technology, Chennai and Board of Apprenticeship Training, Chennai and decided to meet the management of these organizations to seek clarifications on various aspects of laying and other related issues. The Committee held discussion with the managements of the above mentioned organizations and the representatives of the concerned Ministries at the headquarters of these organizations.

3. The Committee also considered the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Super Bazar, New Delhi and decided to seek clarifications from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The Committee heard the representatives of the Ministry and the Super Bazar on the 8th August, 2002 in the matter.

4. The Committee considered and adopted the report in its meeting held on the 3rd September, 2003.

5. The recommendations/observations of the Committee are set out at appropriate places and also at Part-VII of the report.

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**REPORT
PART-I**

INDIAN MEDICINES PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION LIMITED, ALMORA

The Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited was registered on the 12th July, 1978 as a company

under the Companies Act, 1956. The primary objective of the Corporation is to manufacture quality Ayurvedic, Unani and Siddha drugs based on classical formulations for use mainly in the Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries/hospitals and various Research Councils functioning in the field of Indian Systems of Medicine under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Company has a paid-up capital of Rs.200 lakh with 51% share of the Government of India through the Department of Indian System of Medicine & Homeopathy and 49% share of Government of Uttaranchal through Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam Limited. The capital of the Company has been raised recently to Rs.200 lakh from Rs.100 lakh.

2. As per the recommendations of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (IMPCL) are required to be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha within 9 months of the date of the closure of the Annual Accounts of the Corporation. The Annual Accounts of the Corporation close on the 31st of March, therefore, it is necessary to lay the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the IMPCL by the end of December every year.

3. The position as regards the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the IMPCL since 1990-91 on the Table of the House is given below: -

Year	Due Date	Laid on	Delay		
			Y	M	D
1990-91	31.12.1991	11.05.1994	02	04	10
1991-92	31.12.1992	11.05.1994	01	04	10
1992-93	31.12.1993	18.05.1995	01	04	17
1993-94	31.12.1994	22.12.1995	00	11	21
1994-95	31.12.1995	18.12.1998	02	11	17
1995-96	31.12.1996	22.12.2000	03	11	21
1996-97	31.12.1997	23.04.2001	03	03	22
1997-98	31.12.1998	02.12.2002	03	11	01
1998-99	31.12.1999	08.05.2003	03	04	07
1999-00	31.12.2000	Not yet laid			
2000-01	31.12.2001	Not yet laid			
2001-02	31.12.2002	Not yet laid			

4. As can be seen from the above table, the Annual Reports and Annual Accounts of Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (IMPCL) had been laid belatedly on the Table of the House since the year 1990-91 onwards. The delays involved in the laying of the papers ranged from 11 ½ months to 3 years, 11 ½ months. The papers for the years 1999-00, 2000-01 and 2001-02 are still to be laid on the Table of the House. It has also been observed that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was not punctual in seeking timely extension of time for laying the papers of the Corporation. The Ministry was unable to lay the papers of the Corporation even within the extended period for which extension of time was sought. The Rajya Sabha Secretariat had *vide* its O.M. dated the 22nd March, 2001 conveyed the displeasure of the Committee regarding the persistent delay in the laying of the papers of the IMPCL but the laying position had not improved. Considering the continued delay in the laying of the papers of the Corporation, the Committee during its visit to Dehradun held discussions with the management of the IMPCL and the representatives of the Ministry on this issue.

5. The management of the Corporation explained that since the accounts and executive posts are vacant, the Annual Accounts are finalised by engaging a private Chartered Accountant firm approved by the Board. Previously, the statutory auditors were appointed by the Department of Company Affairs but now this practice has been changed and the appointment is now being made by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). In their replies to the questionnaire, the Ministry provided the following information regarding the completion of the various stages involved in the preparation of the Annual Reports and Annual Accounts of the IMPCL since 1990-91 onwards: -

Year	Date of appoint-	Date of forwarding	Date of completion	Date of submission	Date of issue of	Date of adoption of	Date of completion of
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	ment of auditors	accounts to auditors	of audit	to CAG	certificate by CAG	report by AGM	translation & printing & forwarding of papers to the Ministry
1990-91	22.04.92	05.08.92	18.08.92	August, 92	28.09.92	20.11.92	July, 93
1991-92	22.04.92	22.01.93	28.01.93	29.01.93	15.02.93	22.02.93	August, 93
1992-93	26.02.93	09.02.95	11.02.95	12.02.95	24.02.95	18.04.95	May, 95
1993-94	24.03.94	21.08.95	21.08.95/ 29.08.95*	24.08.95	29.08.95	13.09.95	07.12.95
1994-95	09.02.95	08.05.96/ 26.09.97	23.07.96/ 03.10.97*	25.12.96/ 06.10.97*	07.04.97/ 26.12.97*	07.04.98	01.09.98
1995-96	12.02.96	30.09.98	15.07.99	01.08.99	20.04.00	07.08.00	15.10.00
1996-97	20.08.99	04.10.00	04.10.00	06.11.00	04.12.00	29.01.01	24.02.01
1997-98	20.08.99	02.11.01	02.11.01/ 18.01.02*	12.11.01	21.02.02	24.04.02	30.05.02
1998-99	30.05.02	31.07.02					
1999-00	30.05.02						
2000-01	30.05.02						

Note:- Appointment of Statutory auditors were made by the Deptt. of Company Affairs. The practice has recently been changed. The appointment is now being made by the Office of CAG.

* Accounts were revised, in accordance with observation of the CAG auditors.

6. After an examination of the reasons stated by the Ministry, the Committee has come to the conclusion that the delay in the appointment of the statutory auditors and the inordinate time taken in the submission of the accounts to the auditors for auditing had been the main reasons behind the delay in the laying of the papers of the IMPCL. While the statutory auditors for the year 1990-91 were appointed by the Department of Company Affairs on 22.04.1992; those for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 were appointed on 20.08.1999. Even when the statutory auditors were appointed, the Corporation had been unable to forward the accounts to the auditors in time. Though the auditors for the year 1992-93 were appointed on 26.02.1993, the accounts were handed to the auditors on 09.02.1995 after nearly two years. Again, the accounts for the years 1995-96 and 1997-98 were forwarded to the auditors on 30.09.1998 and 02.11.2001 respectively after delays of more than 2 years each. The same thing had been repeated for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1996-97 also when the accounts were sent to the auditors after more than 1 year since the appointment of the auditors. It is also seen that from 1994-95 onwards, too much time is being taken in the issue of audit certificate by the office of CAG. For the year 1995-96, while the accounts and auditor's report were provided to the office of CAG on 01.08.1999, the audit certificate was issued by CAG after 8 ½ months on 20.04.2000. The Committee also notes that the Corporation had been taking excessive time in the completion of translation and printing work after the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Annual Reports.

7. The Committee expresses its dissatisfaction at the fact that there had been a consistent failure on the part of the Ministry and the IMPCL in ensuring the timely completion of all the necessary stages involved in the laying of the papers on the Table of the House. The non-appointment of the statutory auditors in time for the years 1990-91, 1996-97 and 1997-98 implies that the Ministry had not been properly following up this matter with the Department of Company Affairs and the CAG. The Committee is constrained to note that the Corporation had taken inexplicable time in forwarding the accounts to the statutory auditors, even when the process of finalising the Annual Accounts was done by engaging a private Chartered Accountant firm. The delay which had occurred at these two stages for a particular year had delayed the entire procedure involved in the laying of the papers of the Corporation for the subsequent years with the cumulative result being that the papers for the years 1999-00, 2000-01 and 2001-02 are yet to be laid on the Table of the House. The Committee directs the Ministry to immediately take suitable steps to streamline the audit procedure of the Corporation. The vacant accounts and executive posts in the IMPCL be filled up so that the finalisation of accounts is not delayed and should be completed within 3 months after the end of a financial year. The Ministry should take up the issue of timely appointment of auditors with the CAG and ensure that the auditors are appointed for at least 3 years at a time as had presently been done for the years 1998-99, 1999-00 and 2000-01.

8. The Committee notes that while laying the papers of the Corporation on the Table of the House, the Ministry does not elaborate in the delay statement the reasons leading to the delay in laying of the papers. The Committee directs the Ministry that henceforth the delay statement should explicitly indicate the various dates involved in the finalisation of each stage in the preparation of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Corporation so that the Committee is apprised of the causes and extent of delay involved and can suggest remedial measures, whenever required.

9. The Committee has also observed that the Ministry had approached the Committee for seeking extension of time for laying of the papers of the Corporation well after the expiry of the stipulated period. The request for extension of time for the years 1998-99 and 1999-00 were made on 07.07.2000 and 10.01.2002 respectively. The Committee, therefore, reiterates that such requests for extension of time should be made to the Committee well in advance of the expiry of the due date of laying of the papers and cogent reasons for the delay caused should be communicated in order to enable the Committee to suitably analyse such requests of extension.

The Committee expresses the hope that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited would take early measures to clear the arrears in the laying of the papers of the IMPCL on the Table of the House and ensure early laying of the papers for the years 1999-00 to 2001-02.

PART-II

INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH & EDUCATION, DEHRADUN

The Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Environment & Forests. It was created on 01.06.1991 with the mandate to formulate, organize, direct and manage forestry research, transfer the technologies developed to the States and other user agencies and impart forestry education. The Council has eight regional research institutes and three advanced centres in various parts of the country to cater to the forestry research needs of different biogeographical regions of the country.

2. The objectives of the ICFRE are: -

- i) to undertake, aid, promote and coordinate forestry education, research and its application;
- ii) to develop and maintain a National Library and Information Centre for forestry and allied sciences;
- iii) to act as a clearing-house for research and general information relating of forests and wildlife;
- iv) to develop forestry extension programmes and propagate the same through mass media, audio-visual aids and extension machinery;
- v) to provide consultancy services in the field of forestry research, education and training and allied sciences; and
- vi) to do other things considered necessary to attain the above objectives.

3. The recommendations of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, Rajya Sabha require that the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE) should be laid on the Table of the House within nine months of the closure of the annual accounts. Since the annual accounts of the ICFRE close on the 31st of March every year, the Ministry of Environment and Forests is required to lay the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the ICFRE by the 31st of December every year. The laying position of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the ICFRE over the last six years is as follows: -

Year	Due Date	Laid on	Delay		
			Y	M	D
1996-97	31.12.1997	23.12.1999	01	11	22
1997-98	31.12.1998	25.08.2000	01	07	24
1998-99	31.12.1999	10.08.2001	01	07	09
1999-00	31.12.2000	10.08.2001	00	07	09
2000-01	31.12.2001	08.03.2002	00	02	07
2001-02	31.12.2002	20.12.2002	In time		

4. The laying position of the papers of the ICFRE as stated in the Table above for the years 1996-97 to 2000-01 clearly shows that the Ministry of Environment & Forests failed in timely laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the ICFRE on the Table of the Rajya Sabha. For the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, the delays involved in the laying of the papers were more than 1 ½ years each, though the Ministry was able to reduce the delay for the year 2000-01 to 2 months. The Ministry had, however, not laid a comprehensive delay statement for the year 2000-01. The request from the Ministry for grant of extension of time from the Committee for laying the papers of

the ICFRE for the years 1998-99 and 1999-00 was received only on 11.05.2001, much after the expiry of the stipulated period. Besides, no extension of time for laying the papers for the year 2000-01 was sought by the Ministry.

5. In the meeting of the Committee held with the management and officials of the Ministry of Environment & Forests and the ICFRE at Dehradun on 14.09.2002, the Additional Director General of Forests in the Ministry explained the reasons for the delay caused in laying the papers of the ICFRE for the years 1996-97 to 2000-01. It was informed that for the year 1996-97, the audit of the accounts was completed on 14.07.1997 but the meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) could be held only on 11.11.1997. The meeting of the ICFRE Society could not be held from 12.11.1997 to 20.03.1998 and thereafter the term of the non-official members of the BOG and the ICFRE Society came to an end on 20.03.1998 and the BOG and the ICFRE Society were reconstituted on 02.09.1998. The minutes of the meeting of the ICFRE Society held on 02.12.1998 could be approved by the Ministry only on 05.10.1999 on receipt of clarifications from the Accountant General, Central Revenue which dispensed with the issuance of the Audit Certificate. The details of the activities in the chronological order in regard to the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the ICFRE for the years 1996-97 to 2000-01 are as under: -

Action taken	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
ICFRE approached CAG for appointment of auditors on CAG's recommendation for appointment of auditors received on	11.10.1996	17.12.1997	30.10.1998	07.03.2000	-
ICFRE appointed the Chartered Accountants on Accounts ready for being handed to auditors on	07.02.1997	27.01.1998	22.02.1999	17.04.2000	26.12.2000
Accounts handed to auditors on	26.03.1997	03.03.1998	19.03.1999	19.05.2000	30.07.2001
Audit completed on	10.04.1997	10.05.1998	-	30.04.2000	30.04.2001
Audited Accounts/Annual Reports approved by Board of Governors on	15.04.1997	12.05.1998	10.05.1999	05.06.2000	01.08.2001
Annual Reports/Audited Accounts approved by ICFRE Society on	14.07.1997	12.08.1998	17.12.1999	28.11.2000	15.10.2001
Draft Minutes approved by Minister & President, ICFRE on	11.11.1997 (AA) *	04.09.1998 (AA) *	22.06.2000 (AR) * *	29.11.2000	19.11.2001
Annual Reports/Audited Accounts sent for printing on	02.12.1998	17.03.1999 (AR) * *	29.11.2000 (AA) *	05.12.2000	5.12.2001
	-	02.03.2000	05.12.2000	05.12.2000	19.12.2001
	09.12.1998	18.04.2000	27.03.2001	27.03.2001	06.12.2001
	25.02.1999	15.05.2000	22.01.2001	20.07.2001	20.12.2001
		18.07.2000	20.07.2001	20.07.2001	

received in Ministry on Reports put up for authentication by MEF on Reports authenticated by MEF on Reports sent to Rajya Sabha on Reports laid in Rajya Sabha	-	-	24.07.2001	24.07.2001	20.12.2001 12.02.2002 (resubmitted) 20.02.2002
	29.11.1999	16.08.2000	02.08.2001	02.08.2001	
	02.12.1999	18.08.2000	03.08.2001	03.08.2001	22.02.2002
	23.12.1999	25.08.2000	13.08.2001	13.08.2001	08.03.2002

* AA – Audited Accounts

** AR – Annual Report

6. The Committee is constrained to note that after the completion of the audit for the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, the Institute had been unable to get the timely approval of its audited accounts by the Board of Governors, the ICFRE Society and the Minister and President of the ICFRE Society. The fact that for the year 1996-97, though the accounts were audited by 14.07.1997, yet their approval by the ICFRE Society on 02.12.1998 after 1 year, 4 months and the approval of the minutes of the ICFRE Society by the Ministry on 05.10.1999 after another 10 months gives the impression that no serious effort was made by the Council and the Ministry to expedite the same. The Council should have been well aware that the term of the non-official members is going to end and, therefore, it should have ensured an early meeting of the ICFRE Society to approve the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts. Even for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, there was an interval of as much as 7 months and 11 months respectively between the completion of the audit and the approval of the Audited Accounts and Annual Report by the Board of Governors. The Committee, therefore, directs the Ministry and the Council to ensure that delay on account of such things should not recur and the dates of the meetings of the Board of Governors and the ICFRE society for the approval of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts be fixed well in advance once it is clear that the audit of the accounts is going to be completed. Working with a sense of anticipation and foresight in this regard will be helpful to the Council as well as the Ministry in reducing delay in laying of the papers.

7. It is also noted that for the years 1998-99 and 1999-00, the auditors had taken extraordinary long time of 7 months and 5 ½ months respectively for conducting the audit of the accounts of the Council. While the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts for the concerned years were sent for printing on 22.01.2001, the printed copies were sent by the Council to the Ministry on 07.07.2001 and 19.07.2001 respectively after delays of 6 months each. The Committee directs the Council to make sure that the accounts are audited by the auditors within two months of their submission to them. The printing of the English and Hindi copies of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts should also not normally take more than one month so that there is no late submission of the Reports to the Parliament.

8. In case the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Council are delayed for laying on the Table of Rajya Sabha for some unavoidable reasons, the Ministry should seek prior extension of time from the Committee for laying the papers. Such request for extension of time should be made sufficiently in advance and the detailed reasons for the delay caused should be explicitly stated. In such cases, while subsequently laying the papers of the Council on the Table of the House, the Ministry should also lay a comprehensive delay statement indicating in chronological order the various dates of the completion of each stage involved in the laying of the papers of the Council.

9. It is hoped that the Ministry of Environment & Forests will closely monitor the timely laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education in the Parliament and take suitable steps so that the papers of the Council are not delayed for laying in future.

PART-III

RASHTRIYA SANSKRIT VIDYAPEETHA, TIRUPATI

In pursuance of the recommendation of the Central Sanskrit Commission, a Central Sanskrit Institute was established at Tirupati in 1961 by the Government of India for the preservation and propagation of traditional sanskrit learning combining it with the modern methods of research. The Government of India constituted an autonomous registered body called 'Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha Tirupati Society' for the administration of the institution. The Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha came under the aegis of 'Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan' - an autonomous body under the then Ministry of Education in April, 1971. Subsequently, the Vidyapeetha was declared as a Deemed to be a University

on the recommendation of University Grants Commission and was formally inaugurated on the 26th August, 1989. From 1991-92 academic year onwards, the Vidyapeetha has been awarding its own degrees.

2. The objectives of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha are the following :-

- i) to preserve and impart instruction in traditional Sanskrit lore with special attention to highly specialised branches of Sastras;
- ii) to undertake interpretation of Sastras and to establish their relevance to the problems in the modern context;
- iii) to provide means of intensive training in modern as well as Shastraic lore for teachers and to conduct research in pedagogical aspects of Sanskrit education;
- iv) to publish literature and develop print and non-print materials in and about Sanskrit including original texts, commentaries and translations;
- v) to collect, preserve and publish manuscripts and to provide means for training in manuscriptology specifically in scripts used for Sanskrit manuscripts; and
- vi) to provide facilities for the study of such languages and literatures of Asia as having a bearing on Sanskrit studies such as Pali, Tibetan, Mongolian, Japanese, etc.

3. The recommendations of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, Rajya Sabha require that the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of all Government Companies/Organisations/Institutes, etc. should be laid on the Table of the House within nine months of the closure of their annual accounts. Since the annual accounts of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati close on the 31st of March every year, therefore, the Ministry is required to lay the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Vidyapeetha on the Table of Rajya Sabha by the 31st of December each year.

4. Over the last six years, the laying position of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Vidyapeetha on the Table of Rajya Sabha is as under: -

Year	Due Date	Laid on	Delay		
			Y	M	D
1996-97	31.12.1997	17.07.1998	00	06	16
1997-98	31.12.1998	03.12.1999	00	11	02
1998-99	31.12.1999	25.08.2000	00	07	24
1999-00	31.12.2000	23.03.2001	00	02	22
2000-01	31.12.2001	08.03.2002	00	02	07
2001-02	31.12.2002	07.03.2003	00	02	06

5. It can be seen from the Table given above that there had been a persistent delay in the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati on the Table of the Rajya Sabha. The reports for the years 1996-97 to 2000-01 were never laid within the stipulated period. The delays involved ranged from 2 months to 11 months. It was also noted that even though the papers for the year 2000-01 were laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 08.03.2002 after a delay of more than 2 months, yet no delay statement was laid along with the said papers of the Vidyapeetha. Also, the review statement laid by the Ministry of Human Resource Development along with the papers for the year 2000-01 was not comprehensive and merely stated that the Ministry is in agreement with the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Vidyapeetha and hence no review is being laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha. The Ministry also failed to seek extension of time from the Committee for laying the papers of the Vidyapeetha for the years 1998-99 to 2001-02. Such procedural lapses on the part of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Vidyapeetha over the past years being a matter of concern to the Committee, the Committee visited Tirupati to hold discussions with the Institute and the Ministry's representatives on the issue.

6. In the replies to the questionnaire, the Ministry elaborated on the various stages involved in the preparation of the Annual Reports and Annual Accounts of the Vidyapeetha as under: -

Annual Accounts

Action taken	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Date of compilation of accounts	29.05.1997	May, 1998	15.06.1999	26.05.2000	11.04.2001
Date of	02.01.1998	July, 1998	18.06.1999	14.07.2000	27.06.2001

submission of
accounts to
Directorate of
Audit

Period of
audit

17.02.1998	04.09.1998	28.07.1999	14.08.2000	17.07.2001
to	to	to	to	to
27.02.1998	17.09.1998	17.08.1999	28.08.2000	31.07.2001

Receipt of
final audit
report from
Directorate of
Audit

04.05.1998	24.12.1998	10.01.2000	27.11.2000	23.10.2001
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Date of
approval of
accounts by
Finance
Committee

-	20.01.1999	26.02.2000	20.12.2000	15.11.2001
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Date of
approval of
accounts by
Executive
Council
(Karya
Parishad)

-	04.02.1999	28.04.2000	20.12.2000	15.11.2001
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Date of
approval of
audited
accounts by
General Body
(Shista
Parishad)

-	08.03.1999	28.04.2000	20.12.2000	15.11.2001
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Date of
sending
audited
accounts to
Ministry

21.09.1998	05.07.1999	29.05.2000	26.12.2000	19.11.2001
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Date on which
authenticated
by Minister

20.11.1998	05.11.1999	-	08.03.2001	-
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Date of laying
papers on the
Table of
Rajya Sabha

17.07.1998	03.12.1999	25.08.2000	23.03.2001	08.03.2002
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Annual Report

Action taken
Date of
compilation
of Annual
Report
Date of
approval of
Annual

1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
-	30.03.1998	30.03.1999	04.04.2000	11.04.2001
01.08.1997	28.09.1998	01.10.1999	20.12.2000	15.11.2001

Report by
Executive
Council
(Karya
Parishad)

Date of sending Annual Report for printing	27.11.1997	01.10.1998	01.05.2000	21.12.2000	16.11.2001
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Date of
approval of
Annual
Report by
General
Body (Shista
Parishad)

Date of approval of Annual Report by General Body (Shista Parishad)	27.12.1997	08.03.1999	28.04.2000	20.12.2000	15.11.2001
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Report by
General
Body (Shista
Parishad)

Date of sending Annual Report to Ministry	02.01.1998	05.07.1999	29.05.2000	26.12.2000	19.11.2001
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7. It was submitted by the Vidyapeetha that for the year 1996-97, after prolonged correspondence with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and with the Government of India, the Ministry of Human Resource Development vide their communication dated 07.01.1998 had communicated the re-entrustment of audit to the Accountant General (AG), Hyderabad. Due to this, the audit was taken up only in February, 1998, by the AG, Hyderabad. For the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, it was stated by the Vidyapeetha that the delay was due to non-receipt of audit report from the Accountant General, Hyderabad in time and due to non-approval of the Annual Reports in time by the Karya Parishad and the Shista Parishad of the Vidyapeetha.

8. The Committee observes that even though the work of compilation of annual accounts had been done by the Vidyapeetha in time, their late submission to the Directorate of Audit after 2-3 months had led to the delay in the audit work. The actual audit work of the accounts for the years 1996-97 to 1999-00 was started after 1 to 1 ½ months of the submission of accounts to the Directorate of Audit. For the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-00, 3 to 4 ½ months was taken in the receipt of the final audit report from the Directorate of Audit which is on higher side. The Committee, therefore, recommends the Ministry to take up the issue of the late start of the auditing of the accounts with the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General and ensure that the audit of the accounts is completed by the auditors before the 31st July and the final audit report is received from the Directorate of Audit by the 31st August every year. The Vidyapeetha should periodically follow up with the auditors the early completion of the audit work.

9. The Committee is constrained to note that the Vidyapeetha had not been able to get the timely approval of the Annual Accounts and the Annual Reports by its Finance Committee, Executive Council (Karya Parishad) and the General Body (Shista Parishad). While for the years 1999-00 and 2000-01, the accounts were approved by the Finance Committee, Executive Council and the General Body on the same day *i.e.*, 20.12.2000 and 15.11.2001 respectively; approval of the accounts for the year 1997-98 was done by the Finance Committee after about 1 month of the receipt of the final audit report and the approval by the Executive Council and General Body was obtained after another 15 days and 1 month respectively. While the Finance Committee approved the annual accounts for the year 1998-99 on 26.02.2000, the Executive Council's approval was obtained after another 2 months on 28.04.2000. The result has been that the Vidyapeetha has taken 4 ½ months to 6 ½ months in sending the audited accounts for the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 to the Ministry after the final audit report had been received by it. The Committee directs the Vidyapeetha that henceforth, the meetings of the Finance Committee, Executive Council and the General Body be fixed well in advance for the approval of the Annual Accounts and the Annual Reports so as to avoid the delay in submitting these reports to the Ministry.

10. The Committee also directs the Ministry that in case of delay in the laying of papers, a delay statement should be laid along with the papers of the Vidyapeetha. The Ministry also needs to lay a comprehensive review along with the papers covering the broad performance of the Vidyapeetha and a brief description of its activities during the year under review. If there is a likelihood of delay in the laying of the papers of the Vidyapeetha on the Table of the House, the Ministry should approach the Committee for seeking extension of time by quoting cogent reasons for the delay caused.

11. The Committee is optimistic that the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha would abide by the recommendations of the Committee and ensure the timely laying of the Annual Reports and the Audited Accounts of the Vidyapeetha on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

PART-IV

CENTRE FOR WIND ENERGY TECHNOLOGY, CHENNAI

To tackle the challenges in sustaining the development and accelerating the pace of utilization of wind energy in the country, the Centre for Wind Energy Technology (C-WET) has been established by the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources at Chennai, as an autonomous institution of the Government of India. C-WET was formed on the 18th February, 1998 and was registered as a society under Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 on the 21st March, 1998. C-WET acts as the technical focal point for wind power development in the country. It provides assistance to Indian industry in design and development of wind turbines suited for Indian wind, grid and climatic conditions. It is also assisting the industry in the production of cost-effective and high quality wind power systems.

2. The Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, Rajya Sabha had in its First Report recommended that the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of all Government Companies/Organisations/Institutes, etc. should be laid on the Table of the House within nine months from the date of closure of their annual accounts. Since the annual accounts of the Centre for Wind Energy Technology (C-WET), Chennai close on the 31st of March every year, therefore, it is imperative for the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources to lay the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the C-WET on the Table of Rajya Sabha by the 31st of December every year.

3. The laying position of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the C-WET on the Table of Rajya Sabha since 1998-99 onwards is tabulated below: -

Year	Due Date	Laid on	Delay		
			Y	M	D
1998-99	31.12.1999	17.08.2001	01	07	16
1999-00	31.12.2000	17.08.2001	00	07	16
2000-01	31.12.2001	22.03.2002	00	02	21
2001-02	31.12.2002	12.03.2003	00	02	11

4. It can be readily seen that the Annual Reports and the Audited Accounts of the C-WET had been laid belatedly on the Table of the Rajya Sabha for the years 1998-99 to 2001-02. The delay in the laying of the papers ranged from 2 ½ months to 1 year and 7 ½ months. While laying the papers of the C-WET for the years 1998-99 and 1999-00, the Ministry did not lay a comprehensive delay statement elaborating the details of all the dates of completion of the various stages involved in the laying of the papers of the C-WET. Further, no delay statement was laid along with the papers for the year 2000-01. The Ministry also did not seek extension of time from the Committee for the delay in the laying of the papers of the C-WET for the years 1998-99 to 2001-02.

5. The Committee heard the Secretary, Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources on the 5th March, 2003 in connection with the delayed laying of the papers of the C-WET. The Committee desired to know the reasons leading to the delay in the laying of the papers of the C-WET. The Secretary expressed apology regarding the delay in laying of the papers. It was informed that since the C-WET was set up in February, 1998, there was practically no activity during the year 1998-99. The Secretary stated that the C-WET was the first organisation whose papers were required to be laid on the Table of the House and the absence of knowledge of procedure and ignorance of rules led to the delay. The Secretary conceded that the Ministry had a wrong impression that if the accounts are finalised by December, then the papers should be laid in the subsequent session of Parliament. The absence of facility of Hindi translation in Chennai also contributed to the delay.

6. The details of date-wise completion of various activities relating to the laying of Annual Reports and

Audited Accounts of the C-WET for the years 1998-99 and 1999-00 are as under:

Action taken	1998-99	1999-00
Appointment of Auditors by C-WET (as per Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975)	25.06.1999	22.11.1999
Forwarding of accounts to the Auditors	02.07.1999	30.06.2000
Date of completion of Audit and approval by Governing Council	20.09.1999	21.09.2000
Adoption of report by AGM	20.09.1999	21.09.2000
Date of completion of translation	12.02.2001	12.02.2001
Date of completion of printing	25.04.2001	25.04.2001
Forwarding to the Ministry by C-WET	25.04.2001	25.04.2001
Laying on the Table of the House by the Ministry	17.08.2001	17.08.2001

7. For the year 2000-01, the Ministry informed that the printed Annual Report was forwarded by the C-WET to the Ministry on 06.02.2002 since there was some delay in the translation of the Annual Report into Hindi due to non-availability of experts locally. No delay statement was laid along with the papers as it was understood that the Report has to be tabled in the next session of Parliament after completion of nine months from the closure of accounts. The printed Annual Report for the year 2001-02 after being adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 25.09.2002 was sent to the Ministry by the C-WET on 23.12.2002 after close of the Winter Session of Parliament.

8. The Committee is distressed to note that the delay in the laying of the papers of C-WET had continued for all four years from 1998-99 to 2001-02. The unduly excessive time of 17 months for the completion of translation of the Annual Report and Audited Accounts after their adoption in the AGM for the year 1998-99 is a matter of great concern. Even for the year 1999-00, five months were taken for translation after the Annual Report and Audited Accounts had been adopted by the AGM on 21.09.2000. Further, 2 ½ months were taken for printing work for both the years 1998-99 and 1999-00. The delay in the Hindi translation of the papers has been a recurring phenomenon and the Committee is not satisfied with the explanation offered that there was absence of facility of Hindi translation in Chennai. The Committee directs the Ministry and the C-WET to take suitable measures to ensure that delay on such trivial grounds like Hindi translation and printing are avoided in future. C-WET should undertake simultaneous translation into Hindi while preparing the draft Annual Report and Annual Accounts because the auditors may alter only the figures involved while the main body of the Accounts and the Annual Report will remain the same.

9. The Committee is dissatisfied with the plea of ignorance by the Ministry regarding ignorance of rules and procedures connected with the laying of the papers of the C-WET. The Committee finds it difficult to believe that the Ministry had a wrong interpretation regarding the timely laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts and directs the Ministry to be careful in future regarding the modalities involved in the timely laying of the papers of the concerned organisations.

10. The Committee also directs the Ministry that in case of an anticipated delay in the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the C-WET on the Table of the House, the Ministry should approach the Committee sufficiently in advance for seeking extension of time by quoting cogent reasons for not laying the papers in time. Subsequently, when such delayed papers are actually laid on the Table of the House, a comprehensive delay statement delineating in chronological order the various dates of finalisation of annual accounts, appointment of auditors, forwarding the accounts to the auditors, date of completion of audit, submission to C&AG, date of issue of certificate by C&AG, adoption of report by AGM, date of completion of translation and printing and forwarding of the papers to the Ministry should invariably be laid.

11. The Committee expresses the trust in the Ministry that it will ensure that the Annual Reports and the Audited Accounts of the Centre for Wind Energy Technology, Chennai are laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in time in future.

PART - V

BOARD OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING, CHENNAI

The Government of India set up the Regional Board of Apprenticeship Training at Chennai in 1969 for the administration of the 'Practical Training Stipendiary Scheme' aimed at providing apprenticeship training. In 1973, the

Apprentices Act, 1961 was amended to bring the training of Graduates and Diploma Holders in Engineering/Technology within its purview and the Board of Apprenticeship Training, Chennai was notified as the Authorized Agency in its region for the implementation of the National Apprenticeship Scheme of training for Diploma Holders and Graduates in Engineering/Technology. In 1986, the Apprentices Act was further amended to bring the training of the students of the 10+2 Vocational Stream under the purview of the Act.

2. The Board of Apprenticeship Training (Southern Region), Chennai is responsible for implementing the provisions of the Act in the Southern Region comprising the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Pondicherry. The Board is fully financed by the Government of India and is responsible for the organization and supervision of apprenticeship training under the supervision of Industrial Training Specialists and other experts. For this purpose, the Board notifies the number of apprentices to be engaged by the industrial establishments of the region, depending upon the training facilities available with them and the number of technical/supervisory personnel employed by the units in various disciplines. The Board conducts survey of the training facilities available in the industries and other organizations. A provision has also been made to extend the facilities of apprenticeship training of the sandwich course for students of approved Degree/Diploma Institutions.

3. The Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, Rajya Sabha in its First Report had stipulated that the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Government Companies/Organisations should be laid on the Table of the House within a period of nine months from the date of closure of their annual accounts. Since the annual accounts of the Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT), Chennai close on the 31st of March each year, therefore, it is obligatory on the part of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Secondary and Higher Education) to lay the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the BOAT on the Table of Rajya Sabha by the 31st of December of that year.

4. The position as regards laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Board of Apprenticeship Training, Chennai on the Table of the Rajya Sabha from 1996-97 onwards is given as under: -

Year	Due Date	Laid on	Delay		
			Y	M	D
1996-97	31.12.1997	24.07.1998	00	06	23
1997-98	31.12.1998	12.03.1999	00	02	11
1998-99	31.12.1999	28.04.2000	00	03	27
1999-00	31.12.2000	27.04.2001	00	03	26
2000-01	31.12.2001	10.05.2002	00	04	09
2001-02	31.12.2002	07.03.2003	00	02	06

5. As is apparent from the laying position tabulated above, there had been a regular delay since the year 1996-97 onwards in the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT), Chennai on the Table of the House. The delay ranged from 2 months to 7 months. It was also observed that the Ministry did not seek timely permission from the Committee for grant of extension of time for laying the delayed papers of the BOAT in respect of the years 2000-01 and 2001-02.

6. The Committee during its visit to Chennai held discussion with the management of the Board of Apprenticeship Training, Chennai and the representatives of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Secondary and Higher Education) on the 8th January, 2003 to know the reasons of delay in the laying of papers of the BOAT. The Ministry while admitting the delay caused in the laying of the papers informed that the main delaying factor is the late receipt of the final audit certificate by the BOAT from the Principal Director of Audit (PDA), Chennai. For the year 2000-01, the BOAT received the final audit certificate on 04.01.2002 but due to some administrative technicalities, the meeting of the Board of Governors could not be convened by BOAT, Chennai immediately after the receipt of the final audit certificate and the documents were got approved from the members of BOAT through circulation on 28.02.2002 only. In respect of the year 2001-02, it was informed that the commencement of the inspection of the accounts of BOAT by the Principal Director of Audit (PDA), Chennai started on 04.09.2002 and the inspection was over on 25.09.2002. The Annual Report and Audited Accounts were approved by the Board of Governors on 25.11.2002 and the Inspection Report was received by BOAT from the AG on 05.12.2002 but as on date (*i.e.*, date of meeting with the Committee), the final audit certificate was not received from the PDA, Chennai.

7. As regards the year-wise delay in the laying of the papers of the BOAT, Chennai for the years 1996-97 to 2001-02, the Ministry provided the following statement regarding the completion of the various stages involved in the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts and the time taken in the processing of each stage involved: -

Action taken	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Date of finalisation of accounts by the Institute	15.07.97	31.07.98	16.08.99	30.06.00	31.07.01	25.07.02
Date of commencement of inspection of accounts by PDA	25.07.97	24.08.98	23.08.99	03.08.00	04.09.01	04.09.02
Date of receipt of audit certificate by the Institute	18.08.97	11.09.98	14.09.99	25.08.00	28.09.01	25.09.02
Date of approval of Annual Report/Audited Accounts by BOG of the Institute	10.11.97	10.12.98	17.01.00	27.12.00	04.01.02	Yet to be received
Date of despatch of Annual Report/Audited Accounts by the Institute to the Ministry	21.10.97	07.11.98	22.11.99	15.02.01	28.02.02	25.11.02
Date of receipt of Annual Report/Audited Accounts in the Ministry from the Institute	22.12.97	22.12.98	28.01.00	28.02.01	11.03.02	-
Date of laying of the Annual Report/Audited Accounts on the Table of Rajya Sabha	02.01.98	-	02.02.00	07.03.01	13.03.02	Yet to be received
	24.07.98	12.03.99	28.04.00	27.04.01	10.05.02	In the ensuing Budget Session of Parliament

8. The Committee expresses its dissatisfaction at the fact that the Ministry had failed to ensure the timely laying of the papers of the Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT) on the Table of the Rajya Sabha for each of the year from 1996-97 to 2001-02. BOAT had been taking four months for the finalisation of its annual accounts after the completion of the relevant financial year. For the years 1999-00, 2000-01 and 2001-02, the commencement of the inspection of the accounts by the Principal Director of Audit (PDA) took place after more than one month of the date of finalisation of the accounts by the BOAT. The late receipt of the final audit certificate by the BOAT from the PDA has also become a regular feature and the audit certificate for the concerned years was received after 3 to 4 months of the completion of the audit of the accounts. For the years 1999-00 and 2000-01, more than 1 ½ months were taken for the approval of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts by the Board of Governors of the BOAT after the receipt of the final audit certificate from the PDA. The Committee, therefore, directs the BOAT to suitably strengthen its internal audit machinery so that the process of finalisation of the annual accounts could be completed by mid-June each year. As regards the delay in the receipt of the final audit certificate, the BOAT is directed to pursue the matter with the office of the PDA, Chennai to ensure that the issuance of the final audit certificate is not unduly delayed. Once the audit certificate had been received, the meeting of the Board of Governors should be held early for the adoption of the Annual Reports and the Audited Accounts. The BOAT should ensure that the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts are sent to the Ministry by early November each year.

9. The Committee also advises the Ministry to reduce the time taken in the processing of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts for laying them on the Table of Rajya Sabha. The papers for the year 1996-97 were laid

on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 24.07.1998, more than six months after these were received by the Ministry and such delays need to be avoided. In case of any likelihood of delay in the laying of the papers of BOAT, the Ministry is directed to approach the Committee sufficiently in advance for seeking extension of time for the laying of the papers.

The detailed reasons for the delay caused in the laying of the papers should invariably be communicated to the Committee while seeking extension of time.

10. The Committee expresses the hope that the Ministry of Human Resource Development will take early steps to eliminate the delay caused in the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Board of Apprenticeship Training, Chennai.

PART-VI SUPER BAZAR, NEW DELHI

The Cooperative Store Limited, New Delhi, popularly known as the Super Bazar was set up in 1966 in the wake of rising prices of essential commodities and devaluation of rupee to undertake distribution of essential commodities. It was originally registered under the Bombay Cooperative Societies Act, 1925. It got itself registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 in January, 1996 extending its area of operation to the entire country.

As per the recommendations of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Societies registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 are required to be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha within a period of nine months of the closure of the Annual Accounts. Since the Annual Accounts of the Super Bazar close on the 31st of March every year, therefore, its Annual Reports and Audited Accounts should be laid on the Table of the House by the end of December each year.

The position of laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Super Bazar on the Table of the Rajya Sabha for the years 1993-94 onwards is given below : -

Year	Due Date	Laid on	Delay		
			Y	M	D
1993-94	31.12.1994	22.12.1995	00	11	21
1994-95	31.12.1995	17.03.1997	01	02	16
1995-96	31.12.1996	26.02.1999	02	01	25
1996-97	31.12.1997	29.11.2001	03	10	28
1997-98	31.12.1998	29.11.2001	02	10	28
1998-99	31.12.1999	Not yet laid			
1999-00	31.12.2000	Not yet laid			
2000-01	31.12.2001	Not yet laid			
2001-02	31.12.2002	Not yet laid			

4. As can be seen from the Table given above, the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Super Bazar, New Delhi had persistently been delayed since 1993-94 onwards for laying on the Table of the House. The delay for the years 1993-94 to 1997-98 ranged from 11 ½ months to 3 years, 11 months. Besides, the papers for the years 1998-99 to 2001-02 are yet to be laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha. It had also been observed that the delay statements laid along with the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 are not comprehensive. It was also noticed that the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution had been habitually approaching the Committee for seeking extension of time for laying of the papers of the Super Bazar but had been unable to lay the said papers within the extended period as sought for by them.

5. The matter regarding the persistent delay in the laying of the papers of the Super Bazar and non-adherence to the recommendations of the Committee was a matter of grave concern to the Committee. The Committee in its meeting held on the 8th August, 2002 heard the Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution regarding the persistent delay in the laying of the papers of the Super Bazar. The Secretary explained that till 1994-95, Super Bazar functioned more or less in a fairly efficient manner. But subsequently due to certain undesirable changes in the normal functioning and the management of the Super Bazar, it started incurring losses from 1996-97 onwards. Over a period of time, as the losses incurred by the Super Bazar became unbearable, the Government

decided to wind up the operations of the Super Bazar. On 30.10.2001, the Department of Consumer Affairs moved the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) to initiate measures for the winding up of the Super Bazar. The CRCS, after conducting an inquiry into the affairs of the Super Bazar issued orders for the winding up of the Super Bazar and appointed a liquidator on 05.07.2002. The Secretary stated that now it is only the liquidator who is supposed to complete all the unfinished tasks pertaining to the laying of the pending papers on the Table of the House.

6. As regards the completion of the various stages involved in the preparation of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Super Bazar for the years 1993-94 to 1997-98, the Ministry provided the following information: -

Action taken	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Date of finalization of Accounts	July, 94	Oct., 95	14.10.96	26.10.97	16.10.98
Appointment of auditors	Sept.,93	13.09.94	20.09.95	14.11.96	-
Forwarding of accounts to the auditors by Super Bazar	Aug., 94	Oct., 95	14.10.96	26.10.97	16.10.98
Date of completion of audit	27.10.94	26.10.95	19.10.96	29.10.97	29.10.98
Approval of report by Board of Directors	22.02.95	07.12.96	04.09.98	19.11.99	11.08.00
Adoption of report in AGM	22.04.95	27.12.96	08.11.98	21.04.01	21.04.01
Completion of translation and printing	Aug., 95	Jan., 97	Dec., 98	July, 01	July, 01
Forwarding of the report to the Ministry	Sept.,95	17.02.97	11.12.98	28.07.01	28.07.01
Laying of report in Rajya Sabha	22.12.95	17.03.97	26.02.99	29.11.01	29.11.01

7. Explaining on the matter, the Managing Director, Super Bazar stated that the Finance Department of the Super Bazar was in a very poor shape. The posts of the Controller of Finance & Accounts and the Deputy Controller of Accounts had been lying vacant for long and there was delay in appointing the successor in time. As a result of reduced staff, the work of bank reconciliation for the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 remained incomplete till 1998. To solve this problem of pending work of bank reconciliation, a firm of Chartered Accounts was appointed. It was also informed that though the majority of Directors in the Board of Directors of the Super Bazar were Government-nominated, there were other elected members in the Board and a 74-member Small Representatives General Body (SRGB) of Super Bazar, a majority of whom were elected members. Since Super Bazar is a cooperative organization, it was not the tradition to force the SRGB members into agreeing to passing the annual accounts in time. For the year 1994-95, the Board of Directors of the Super Bazar referred the annual accounts to the sub-committee of the Board for examining them in detail. The Board of Directors of the Super Bazar could approve these at their meeting held on 07.12.1996 after getting the recommendations from the sub-committee. For the year 1995-96, the Board of Directors had desired that the bank accounts as also the sundry debtors accounts be reconciled again. After these accounts were reconciled afresh, the Board of Directors approved these accounts at the meeting held on 04.09.1998.

8. The Ministry also informed that a writ petition (No. 2147/97) was filed in the Delhi High Court challenging the election of elected Directors in the Board of Directors on the ground that the Small Representatives General Body (SRGB) had not been properly constituted. The writ petition was disposed of on 17.02.1999 and elections of the delegates of the SRGB were completed in July, 2000. Elections of the elected members of the Board of Directors were held on 22.02.2001. The SRGB meeting held on 21.04.2001 adopted the accounts for 1996-97 and 1997-98. As regards the accounts for 1998-99, the SRGB took the view that the bank reconciliation should be completed first. The reconciliation could be completed in December, 2001, the reason for delay being mostly the agitation and unrest among the staff of the Super Bazar because of non-disbursement of salaries in time. The accounts for the year 1999-00 were audited by the statutory auditors in end-October, 2000 but the accounts for the year 2000-01 could not be finalized and got audited in time because of the prevailing situation in the Super Bazar. The Secretary submitted that a decision had

already been taken after discussion with the liquidator to engage whatever manpower or extra resources are required so that all the pending work regarding the finalisation of the accounts is completed at the earliest. The Committee was assured that subject to the clearance of these accounts by the SRGB, the Ministry would be able to clear the backlog of arrears in the laying of the pending papers of the Super Bazar by the end of April, 2003.

9. The Committee expresses its extreme dissatisfaction at the fact that there had been massive delay of more than 3 years in the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Super Bazar. Though the Super Bazar had been able to get its Annual Accounts audited by the Chartered Accountants by the end of October each year, the subsequent requirement of the adoption of these Accounts and the Annual Report by the Board of Directors and in the AGM took extraordinarily long time. The approval of the Annual Accounts by the Board of Directors was done nearly 2 years after the completion of the audit in respect of the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98. A further time of 17 months and 8 months respectively was taken to get the Annual Accounts and the Annual Reports adopted in the AGM for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98.

10. The fact that the bank accounts, the sundry bank accounts, etc. were required to be reconciled again for each of the years indicates that the accounts of the Super Bazar were not properly maintained at the initial stages itself. The non-appointment of suitable persons to the vacant posts in the Finance Department of the Super Bazar for long periods was a serious matter which needed early action. Even after having a majority of Government-nominated Directors in the Board of the Super Bazar, the accounts were not approved in time. The plea of the Ministry that Super Bazar being a cooperative organization was not able to force the Small Representatives General Body (SRGB) members into adopting the accounts is totally unacceptable since there are many other cooperative organizations under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 who are able to lay their papers on the Table of the House within the stipulated time and the management of the Super Bazar is at fault on this issue. The Committee feels that the delay in the laying of the papers has been wantonly created and the management of the Super Bazar had been unable to streamline the procedure over the years. There had been a total lack of monitoring by the Ministry over the requirement of ensuring timely completion of all the stages involved in the laying of the papers of the Super Bazar.

11. The Committee is unhappy to note that Super Bazar which was making profits till 1995-96 suddenly went into heavy losses during the subsequent years. This is a sad reflection both on the part of the management of the Super Bazar and the Ministry which did not exercise its controlling powers to check the losses. Since the winding up of the Super Bazar is already in progress, the Committee directs the Ministry to ensure that all the pending reports of the Super Bazar for the years 1998-99 onwards upto the actual date of winding up are laid on the Table of the House at the earliest. The papers laid should be accompanied by a comprehensive delay statement giving in chronological order the various dates involved in the finalisation of each stage involved in the preparation of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Super Bazar. The Liquidator entrusted with the winding up proceedings needs to ensure that all the remaining work regarding the finalisation of accounts, their approval by the SRGB and their laying in the Parliament are completed early and there is proper accounting of the vast public money which had been invested in the Super Bazar by the Government of India. The Committee directs the Ministry to regularly update the Committee on the progress achieved in the winding up proceedings of the Super Bazar and the completion of the stages involved in the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts for all the pending years since 1998-99 onwards.

12. The Committee hopes that the Ministry, the Liquidator and the Super Bazar would take earnest efforts to clear the backlog in the laying of the pending papers of the Super Bazar at the earliest.

PART-VII RECOMMENDATIONS

INDIAN MEDICINES PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION LIMITED, ALMORA

7. The Committee expresses its dissatisfaction at the fact that there had been a consistent failure on the part of the Ministry and the IMPCL in ensuring the timely completion of all the necessary stages involved in the laying of the papers on the Table of the House. The non-appointment of the statutory auditors in time for the years 1990-91, 1996-97 and 1997-98 implies that the Ministry had not been properly following up this matter with the Department of Company Affairs and the CAG. The Committee is constrained to note that the Corporation had taken inexplicable time in forwarding the accounts to the statutory auditors, even when the process of finalising the Annual Accounts was done by engaging a private Chartered Accountant firm. The delay which had occurred at these two stages for a particular year had delayed the entire procedure involved in the laying of the papers of the Corporation for the subsequent years with the cumulative result being that the papers for the years 1999-00, 2000-01 and 2001-02 are yet to be laid on the Table of the House. The Committee directs the Ministry to immediately take suitable steps to streamline the audit

procedure of the Corporation. The vacant accounts and executive posts in the IMPCL be filled up so that the finalisation of accounts is not delayed and should be completed within 3 months after the end of a financial year. The Ministry should take up the issue of timely appointment of auditors with the CAG and ensure that the auditors are appointed for at least 3 years at a time as had presently been done for the years 1998-99, 1999-00 and 2000-01.

8. The Committee notes that while laying the papers of the Corporation on the Table of the House, the Ministry does not elaborate in the delay statement the reasons leading to the delay in laying of the papers. The Committee directs the Ministry that henceforth the delay statement should explicitly indicate the various dates involved in the finalisation of each stage in the preparation of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Corporation so that the Committee is apprised of the causes and extent of delay involved and can suggest remedial measures, whenever required.

9. The Committee has also observed that the Ministry had approached the Committee for seeking extension of time for laying of the papers of the Corporation well after the expiry of the stipulated period. The request for extension of time for the years 1998-99 and 1999-00 were made on 07.07.2000 and 10.01.2002 respectively. The Committee, therefore, reiterates that such requests for extension of time should be made to the Committee well in advance of the expiry of the due date of laying of the papers and cogent reasons for the delay caused should be communicated in order to enable the Committee to suitably analyse such requests of extension.

INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH & EDUCATION, DEHRADUN

6. The Committee is constrained to note that after the completion of the audit for the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, the Institute had been unable to get the timely approval of its audited accounts by the Board of Governors, the ICFRE Society and the Minister and President of the ICFRE Society. The fact that for the year 1996-97, though the accounts were audited by 14.07.1997, yet their approval by the ICFRE Society on 02.12.1998 after 1 year, 4 months and the approval of the minutes of the ICFRE Society by the Ministry on 05.10.1999 after another 10 months gives the impression that no serious effort was made by the Council and the Ministry to expedite the same. The Council should have been well aware that the term of the non-official members is going to end and, therefore, it should have ensured an early meeting of the ICFRE Society to approve the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts. Even for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, there was an interval of as much as 7 months and 11 months respectively between the completion of the audit and the approval of the Audited Accounts and Annual Report by the Board of Governors. The Committee, therefore, directs the Ministry and the Council to ensure that delay on account of such things should not recur and the dates of the meetings of the Board of Governors and the ICFRE society for the approval of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts be fixed well in advance once it is clear that the audit of the accounts is going to be completed. Working with a sense of anticipation and foresight in this regard will be helpful to the Council as well as the Ministry in reducing delay in laying of the papers.

7. It is also noted that for the years 1998-99 and 1999-00, the auditors had taken extraordinary long time of 7 months and 5 ½ months respectively for conducting the audit of the accounts of the Council. While the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts for the concerned years were sent for printing on 22.01.2001, the printed copies were sent by the Council to the Ministry on 07.07.2001 and 19.07.2001 respectively after delays of 6 months each. The Committee directs the Council to make sure that the accounts are audited by the auditors within two months of their submission to them. The printing of the English and Hindi copies of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts should also not normally take more than one month so that there is no late submission of the Reports to the Parliament.

8. In case the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Council are delayed for laying on the Table of Rajya Sabha for some unavoidable reasons, the Ministry should seek prior extension of time from the Committee for laying the papers. Such request for extension of time should be made sufficiently in advance and the detailed reasons for the delay caused should be explicitly stated. In such cases, while subsequently laying the papers of the Council on the Table of the House, the Ministry should also lay a comprehensive delay statement indicating in chronological order the various dates of the completion of each stage involved in the laying of the papers of the Council.

RASHTRIYA SANSKRIT VIDYAPEETHA, TIRUPATI

8. The Committee observes that even though the work of compilation of annual accounts had been done by the Vidyapeetha in time, their late submission to the Directorate of Audit after 2-3 months had led to the delay in the audit work. The actual audit work of the accounts for the years 1996-97 to 1999-00 was started after 1 to 1 ½ months of

the submission of accounts to the Directorate of Audit. For the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-00, 3 to 4 ½ months was taken in the receipt of the final audit report from the Directorate of Audit which is on higher side. The Committee, therefore, recommends the Ministry to take up the issue of the late start of the auditing of the accounts with the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General and ensure that the audit of the accounts is completed by the auditors before the 31st July and the final audit report is received from the Directorate of Audit by the 31st August every year. The Vidyapeetha should periodically follow up with the auditors the early completion of the audit work.

9. The Committee is constrained to note that the Vidyapeetha had not been able to get the timely approval of the Annual Accounts and the Annual Reports by its Finance Committee, Executive Council (Karya Parishad) and the General Body (Shista Parishad). While for the years 1999-00 and 2000-01, the accounts were approved by the Finance Committee, Executive Council and the General Body on the same day *i.e.*, 20.12.2000 and 15.11.2001 respectively; approval of the accounts for the year 1997-98 was done by the Finance Committee after about 1 month of the receipt of the final audit report and the approval by the Executive Council and General Body was obtained after another 15 days and 1 month respectively. While the Finance Committee approved the annual accounts for the year 1998-99 on 26.02.2000, the Executive Council's approval was obtained after another 2 months on 28.04.00. The result has been that the Vidyapeetha has taken 4 ½ months to 6 ½ months in sending the audited accounts for the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 to the Ministry after the final audit report had been received by it. The Committee directs the Vidyapeetha that henceforth, the meetings of the Finance Committee, Executive Council and the General Body be fixed well in advance for the approval of the Annual Accounts and the Annual Reports so as to avoid the delay in submitting these reports to the Ministry.

10. The Committee also directs the Ministry that in case of delay in the laying of papers, a delay statement should be laid along with the papers of the Vidyapeetha. The Ministry also needs to lay a comprehensive review along with the papers covering the broad performance of the Vidyapeetha and a brief description of its activities during the year under review. If there is a likelihood of delay in the laying of the papers of the Vidyapeetha on the Table of the House, the Ministry should approach the Committee for seeking extension of time by quoting cogent reasons for the delay caused.

CENTRE FOR WIND ENERGY TECHNOLOGY, CHENNAI

8. The Committee is distressed to note that the delay in the laying of the papers of C-WET had continued for all four years from 1998-99 to 2001-02. The unduly excessive time of 17 months for the completion of translation of the Annual Report and Audited Accounts after their adoption in the AGM for the year 1998-99 is a matter of great concern. Even for the year 1999-00, five months were taken for translation after the Annual Report and Audited Accounts had been adopted by the AGM on 21.09.2000. Further, 2 ½ months were taken for printing work for both the years 1998-99 and 1999-00. The delay in the Hindi translation of the papers has been a recurring phenomenon and the Committee is not satisfied with the explanation offered that there was absence of facility of Hindi translation in Chennai. The Committee directs the Ministry and the C-WET to take suitable measures to ensure that delay on such trivial grounds like Hindi translation and printing are avoided in future. C-WET should undertake simultaneous translation into Hindi while preparing the draft Annual Report and Annual Accounts because the auditors may alter only the figures involved while the main body of the Accounts and the Annual Report will remain the same.

9. The Committee is dissatisfied with the plea of ignorance by the Ministry regarding ignorance of rules and procedures connected with the laying of the papers of the C-WET. The Committee finds it difficult to believe that the Ministry had a wrong interpretation regarding the timely laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts and directs the Ministry to be careful in future regarding the modalities involved in the timely laying of the papers of the concerned organisations.

10. The Committee also directs the Ministry that in case of an anticipated delay in the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the C-WET on the Table of the House, the Ministry should approach the Committee sufficiently in advance for seeking extension of time by quoting cogent reasons for not laying the papers in time. Subsequently, when such delayed papers are actually laid on the Table of the House, a comprehensive delay statement delineating in chronological order the various dates of finalisation of annual accounts, appointment of auditors, forwarding the accounts to the auditors, date of completion of audit, submission to C&AG, date of issue of certificate by C&AG, adoption of report by AGM, date of completion of translation and printing and forwarding of the papers to the Ministry should invariably be laid.

BOARD OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING, CHENNAI

8. The Committee expresses its dissatisfaction at the fact that the Ministry had failed to ensure the timely laying of the papers of the Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT) on the Table of the Rajya Sabha for each of the year from 1996-97 to 2001-02. BOAT had been taking four months for the finalisation of its annual accounts after the completion of the relevant financial year. For the years 1999-00, 2000-01 and 2001-02, the commencement of the inspection of the accounts by the Principal Director of Audit (PDA) took place after more than one month of the date of finalisation of the accounts by the BOAT. The late receipt of the final audit certificate by the BOAT from the PDA has also become a regular feature and the audit certificate for the concerned years was received after 3 to 4 months of the completion of the audit of the accounts. For the years 1999-00 and 2000-01, more than 1 ½ months were taken for the approval of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts by the Board of Governors of the BOAT after the receipt of the final audit certificate from the PDA. The Committee, therefore, directs the BOAT to suitably strengthen its internal audit machinery so that the process of finalisation of the annual accounts could be completed by mid-June each year. As regards the delay in the receipt of the final audit certificate, the BOAT is directed to pursue the matter with the office of the PDA, Chennai to ensure that the issuance of the final audit certificate is not unduly delayed. Once the audit certificate had been received, the meeting of the Board of Governors should be held early for the adoption of the Annual Reports and the Audited Accounts. The BOAT should ensure that the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts are sent to the Ministry by early November each year.

9. The Committee also advises the Ministry to reduce the time taken in the processing of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts for laying them on the Table of Rajya Sabha. The papers for the year 1996-97 were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 24.07.1998, more than six months after these were received by the Ministry and such delays need to be avoided. In case of any likelihood of delay in the laying of the papers of BOAT, the Ministry is directed to approach the Committee sufficiently in advance for seeking extension of time for the laying of the papers. The detailed reasons for the delay caused in the laying of the papers should invariably be communicated to the Committee while seeking extension of time.

SUPER BAZAR, NEW DELHI

9. The Committee expresses its extreme dissatisfaction at the fact that there had been massive delay of more than 3 years in the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Super Bazar. Though the Super Bazar had been able to get its Annual Accounts audited by the Chartered Accountants by the end of October each year, the subsequent requirement of the adoption of these Accounts and the Annual Report by the Board of Directors and in the AGM took extraordinarily long time. The approval of the Annual Accounts by the Board of Directors was done nearly 2 years after the completion of the audit in respect of the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98. A further time of 17 months and 8 months respectively was taken to get the Annual Accounts and the Annual Reports adopted in the AGM for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98.

10. The fact that the bank accounts, the sundry bank accounts, etc. were required to be reconciled again for each of the years indicates that the accounts of the Super Bazar were not properly maintained at the initial stages itself. The non-appointment of suitable persons to the vacant posts in the Finance Department of the Super Bazar for long periods was a serious matter which needed early action. Even after having a majority of Government-nominated Directors in the Board of the Super Bazar, the accounts were not approved in time. The plea of the Ministry that Super Bazar being a cooperative organization was not able to force the Small Representatives General Body (SRGB) members into adopting the accounts is totally unacceptable since there are many other cooperative organizations under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 who are able to lay their papers on the Table of the House within the stipulated time and the management of the Super Bazar is at fault on this issue. The Committee feels that the delay in the laying of the papers has been wantonly created and the management of the Super Bazar had been unable to streamline the procedure over the years. There had been a total lack of monitoring by the Ministry over the requirement of ensuring timely completion of all the stages involved in the laying of the papers of the Super Bazar.

11. The Committee is unhappy to note that Super Bazar which was making profits till 1995-96 suddenly went into heavy losses during the subsequent years. This is a sad reflection both on the part of the management of the Super Bazar and the Ministry which did not exercise its controlling powers to check the losses. Since the winding up of the Super Bazar is already in progress, the Committee directs the Ministry to ensure that all the pending reports of the Super Bazar for the years 1998-99 onwards upto the actual date of winding up are laid on the Table of the House at the

earliest. The papers laid should be accompanied by a comprehensive delay statement giving in chronological order the various dates involved in the finalisation of each stage involved in the preparation of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Super Bazar. The Liquidator entrusted with the winding up proceedings needs to ensure that all the remaining work regarding the finalisation of accounts, their approval by the SRGB and their laying in the Parliament are completed early and there is proper accounting of the vast public money which had been invested in the Super Bazar by the Government of India. The Committee directs the Ministry to regularly update the Committee on the progress achieved in the winding up proceedings of the Super Bazar and the completion of the stages involved in the laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts for all the pending years since 1998-99 onwards.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE, RAJYA SABHA

III

THIRD MEETING

The Committee met at 3.00 P.M. on Friday, the 19th July, 2002 in Room No. 67, 1st Floor, Parliament House, New Delhi.

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar - *Chairman*
2. Shri Bhagatram Manhar
3. Shri Aimaduddin Ahmad Khan (Durru)
4. Smt. Maya Singh
5. Shri Devi Prasad Singh
6. Shri Dina Nath Mishra
7. Shri Vijay Singh Yadav
8. Shri B.J. Panda

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri P.R. Guha Roy, *Deputy Secretary*
2. Shri K.P. Singh, *Under Secretary*
3. Smt. Santosh Dhingra, *Committee Officer*

2. The Committee took up for consideration the draft 83rd Report of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, Rajya Sabha regarding Notifications/Orders and the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of Government Companies/Organisations laid by the Ministries on the Table of the House during the 195th Session. The Committee considered and adopted the 83rd Report and decided to present the Report to the House in the current Monsoon Session, 2002. The Committee authorized the Chairman or in his absence Shri Bhagatram Manhar to present the Report.

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| 7. | The meeting then adjourned at 3.45 P.M. | | |

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IV

FOURTH MEETING

The Committee met at 12:00 noon on Thursday, the 8th August, 2002 in Room No. 67, 1st Floor, Parliament House, New Delhi.

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar - *Chairman*
2. Shri Bhagatram Manhar
3. Shri Aimaduddin Ahmad Khan (Durrus)
4. Smt. Maya Singh
5. Shri Devi Prasad Singh
6. Shri C.O. Pouluse
7. Shri P.G. Narayanan

WITNESSES

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS)

1. Shri S. Bandopadhyay, Secretary (CA)
2. Shri S. Nautiyal, Addl. Secretary
3. Shri Ziley Singh, Director
4. Dr. A.K. Misra, Liquidator
5. Shri P. Mitra, M.D., Super Bazar, Delhi

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri P.R. Guha Roy, *Deputy Secretary*
2. Shri K.P. Singh, *Under Secretary*
3. Smt. Santosh Dhingra, *Committee Officer*

2. The Committee took up for consideration the delayed laying of Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of Super Bazar, Delhi for the years 1993-94 onwards on the Table of Rajya Sabha and heard the Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Deptt. of Consumer Affairs) and M.D. Super Bazar on the various issues relating to the delayed laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of Super Bazar.

3. At the outset, the Chairman of the Committee welcomed the Secretary, Deptt. of Consumer Affairs and M.D., Super Bazar and requested them to share with the Committee, the difficulties faced by the Ministry and the Super Bazar and action taken by them to avoid the delay in the laying of Annual Report and Audited Accounts of Super Bazar. The Secretary, Deptt. of Consumer Affairs informed the Committee that the functioning of the Super Bazar had been badly affected from 1996-97 because of various extraneous factors. The delay in the laying of the papers for the concerned years had been mainly due to excessive time taken in the completion of the audit of the accounts, approval of report by the Board of Directors and its adoption in the AGM. The Finance Department was in a poor shape and posts were not filled up for long periods. The Secretary also informed that a liquidator has been recently appointed for winding up the Super Bazar and a decision has already been taken to engage extra manpower or other resources to complete all the unfinished tasks including the finalisation of the accounts.

4. The Committee expressed its unhappiness at the persistent delay in the laying of the papers of the Super Bazar and felt that the Ministry had not taken suitable corrective measures in time to ensure timely completion of the stages involved in the preparation of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Super Bazar. The Committee directed the Ministry to ensure that the last three years pending Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Super Bazar are laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

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8. A verbatim record of the proceedings of the Committee was kept.

9. The meeting then adjourned at 01:15 p.m.

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VI

SIXTH MEETING

The Committee met at 3.00 P.M. on Monday, the 16th December, 2002 in Room No. 67, 1st Floor, Parliament House, New Delhi.

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar - *Chairman*
2. Shri Bhagatram Manhar
3. Shri Aimaduddin Ahmad Khan (Durru)
4. Smt. Maya Singh
5. Shri Dina Nath Mishra
6. Shri P.G. Narayanan

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri N.C. Joshi, *Joint Secretary*
2. Shri P.R. Guha Roy, *Deputy Secretary*
3. Shri K.P. Singh, *Under Secretary*
4. Smt. Santosh Dhingra, *Committee Officer*

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3. The Committee also considered the delayed laying of Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of some of the Hyderabad, Chennai and Tirupati based Government Companies/Organisations and decided to meet their managements at their headquarters during the Committee's visit to Hyderabad, Chennai and Tirupati in the second week of January, 2003 to seek clarification regarding matters pertaining to the delay in laying of the papers.

4. The Committee authorized the Chairman to seek necessary permission of the Hon'ble Chairman for the proposed visit of the Committee to Hyderabad, Chennai and Tirupati.

5. The meeting then adjourned at 4.00 P.M.

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FIRST MEETING

The Committee met at 3.00 P.M. on Wednesday, the 3rd September, 2003 in Room No.63, First Floor, Parliament House, New Delhi.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| | 1. | Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar - | <i>Chairman</i> | |
| | 2. | Shri Lajpat Rai | | |
| | 3. | Smt. Maya Singh | | 4. Smt. Prema |
| Kariappa | 5. | Shri Vijay Singh Yadav | | |
| | 6. | Shri P.G. Narayanan | | |

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri N.C. Joshi, Joint Secretary
2. Shri P.R. Guha Roy, *Deputy Secretary*
3. Smt. Santosh Dhingra, *Committee Officer*

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4. The Committee also took up for consideration the x x x draft 91st Report of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table regarding Government Notifications/Orders and Annual Reports & Audited Accounts of Government Companies/Organisations Laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha during the 198th Session. The Committee considered and adopted the x x x 91st Reports and decided to present these Reports to the House in the Winter Session, 2003. The Committee authorized the Chairman or in his absence Shri Lajpat Rai to present the Report.

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7. The meeting then adjourned at 4.00 p.m.

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