

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, clause-by-clause discussion will take time.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Bill at item No.2 will be passed without discussion. It will take only five minutes. ...*(Interruptions)*.....Not even five minutes. ...*(Interruptions)*..... It will take only two minutes. ...*(Interruptions)*..... Second one will take only minutes.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, there are three Bills. Whether you pass this first or that second, that does not matter. Let us agree which are the two Bills that you are willing to pass without discussion. ...*(Interruptions)*... Tell us frankly. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: On the first Bill, we have reservations. Second one we are willing to pass without discussion. On third one, we want some discussion.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Then let us pass the second one first and then the third one. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is what I said. First we will pass second one without discussion. On the third Bill, there will be a brief discussion. So, now, Shri K.C. Venugopal.

### **The Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University Bill, 2013**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill to establish and incorporate a national aviation University to facilitate and promote aviation studies and research to achieve excellence in areas of aviation management, policy, science and technology, aviation environment, training in governing fields of safety and security regulations on aviation and other related fields to produce quality human resources to cater to the needs of the aviation sector and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

*Clauses 2 to 48 were added to the Bill.*

*Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.*

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill be passed.

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

**The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Bill, 2013**

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Bill, 2013. Hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition has requested that there should be a brief discussion. How much time you need? Okay. We will have half-an-hour discussion. Now, Kumari Selja.

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (KUMARI SELJA):  
Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill to provide for the prohibition of employment as manual scavengers, rehabilitation of manual scavengers and their families, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

Sir, the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Bill, 2012 was introduced in Lok Sabha on 3rd of September, 2012. The Bill was referred to the Department-related Standing Committee on 9th of September, 2012 by the hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha for examination and report. The Committee laid its Report on the Table of the House on 4th of March, 2013. After careful consideration, it was considered appropriate to introduce certain amendments to the Bill. Elimination of dry latrines and manual scavenging, and the rehabilitation of manual scavengers in alternative occupations has been an area of high priority for the Government. Despite concerted efforts made in the past to eliminate the dehumanising practice of manual scavenging, the practice still persists in various parts of the country. Existing laws have not proved adequate in eliminating the twin evils of insanitary latrines and manual scavenging. These evils are inconsistent with the right to live with dignity, which is an essence of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed in Part III of the Constitution. It is also felt that the existing laws are not stringent enough to eliminate these evil practices.

In view of the above, there is a need to make comprehensive and stringent provisions for the prohibition of insanitary latrines and employment of persons as manual scavengers, rehabilitation of manual scavengers and their families, and to discontinue the hazardous manual cleaning of sewage and septic tanks by use of technology and for matters connected therewith. With a view to eliminate manual scavenging and insanitary latrines, and to provide for the rehabilitation of manual