

from the NRC in Assam, and in future, in the rest of India.

Therefore, this is nothing less than an attempt to fundamentally alter and undermine the non-religious nature of Indian citizenship.

The rules were purportedly made under Section 14A of the Citizenship Act, 1955. However, the Citizenship Act, 1955 does not permit or require the creation of a National Population Register. Moreover, while the rules were notified on 10th December 2003, Section 14A came into effect only on 3rd December, 2004.

Thus, there are valid concerns as to the legality and constitutionality of NPR and NRC. While the said Rules carry a penalty for non-disclosure of Information for NPR, a Minister on behalf of the Government of India stated that the disclosure of Information is "voluntary" and "not mandatory."

Therefore, there is confusion even as to the mandatory nature of NPR.

The said Rules place a heavy burden on all residents of India to prove their citizenship through a discretionary procedure that permits any person to be marked as a 'doubtful citizen' and permits any citizen to file an objection against the inclusion of any name in the NRC.

In view of the above considerations, there are genuine apprehensions among the public as to the legal validity, and negative impact of NPR, which is the first step towards NRC.

Furthermore, confusion over whether NPR is mandatory or not is likely to cause widespread confusion and misinformation. In addition to this, the conflation of NPR and Census exercise has resulted in endangering the integrity and safety of the Census exercise. It is essential that data collection under the Census Act, 1948 is not harmed as a result of the justified mass anxiety against NPR.

In view of the apprehensions among a large section of people in India, the Legislative Assembly of Telangana resolves to urge the **Government of India** to amend the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 in order to remove all references to any religion or to any foreign country.

Further, this House expresses concern over the proposed implementation of NPR & NRC which may result in exclusion of large number of people.

This House, accordingly urges the Government of Telangana to take all necessary steps to safeguard the people of Telangana from exercises such as NPR and NRC."

(PAUSE)

The Motion was carried and the Resolution was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER:- The House is adjourned for lunch break.

(Then the House adjourned at 1.44 p.m, for lunch break)

2.40 | (The House Re-assembled at 2.45
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(Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair)

MR.SPEAKER:- Please resume your seats.

ANNOUNCEMENT

MR.SPEAKER:- I am to announce to the House that as per the proviso to Rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Telangana Legislative Assembly, answers to **28** Starred Questions and **3** Un-starred Questions, which were not included in the lists till 16.03.2020, are placed on the Table of the House. They shall form part of the proceedings of the House.

I am also to announce to the House that in respect of the Starred and Un-starred Questions, which were admitted and communicated to the Departments for which answers have not been received, the Ministers concerned are directed to furnish replies directly to the Members under intimation to the Legislature Secretariat.

GOVERNMENT BILLS:

Telangana Appropriation Bill, 2020 (Bill No.5 of 2020):

MR. SPEAKER:- I request the Minister for Finance to introduce the Telangana Appropriation Bill, 2020 (L.A.Bill No.5 of 2020).

SRI T. HARISH RAO:- Speaker Sir, I beg to move:

"That leave be granted to introduce the Telangana Appropriation Bill, 2020 (Bill No.5 of 2020)."

MR. SPEAKER:- Motion moved. The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce the Telangana Appropriation Bill, 2020 (Bill No.5 of 2020)."

(PAUSE)

The Motion was carried and the Bill was introduced.

MR. SPEAKER:- Now, I request the Minister for Finance to move the Motion for taking into consideration the Telangana Appropriation Bill, 2020 (Bill No.5 of 2020).

SRI T. HARISH RAO:- Speaker Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Telangana Appropriation Bill, 2020 (Bill No.5 of 2020) be taken into consideration."

**Telangana Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2020
(Bill No.6 of 2020):**

MR. SPEAKER:- Motion moved. I also request the Minister for Finance to introduce the Telangana Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2020 (L.A.Bill No.6 of 2020)

SRI T. HARISH RAO:- Speaker Sir, I beg to move:

"That leave be granted to introduce the Telangana Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2020 (Bill No.6 of 2020)."

MR. SPEAKER: Motion moved. The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce the Telangana Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2020 (Bill No.6 of 2020)."

(PAUSE)

The Motion was carried and the Bill was introduced.

MR. SPEAKER:- I request the Minister for Finance to move the Motion for taking into consideration the Telangana Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2020 (Bill No.6 of 2020).

SRI T. HARISH RAO:- Speaker Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Telangana Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2020 (Bill No.6 of 2020) be taken into consideration."

MR. SPEAKER:- Motion moved. I request the Minister to explain the aims, objects and salient features of both the Bills.

శ్రీ టి.హరీష్ రావు (సిద్దిపేట):- అధ్యక్షా, గౌరవ సభానాయకులు రిఫై సమయంలో సమాధానం చెబుతారు. అప్రాప్రియేషన్ బిల్లు మీద సభ్యులు తమ సూచనలు అభిప్రాయాలు ఇవ్వాలిందిగా కోరుతున్నాను.

MR. SPEAKER:- Now, discussion on consideration of both the Bills.

SRI MOHD. MOZAM KHAN (BAHADURPURA):- Before I speak on the Appropriation Bills, 2020, I would like to congratulate the Hon'ble Chief Minister Janab K. Chandrasekhar Rao, Hon'ble Speaker Sahab, Legislative Affairs Minister Sahab and all other Ministers for the successful conduct of the Budget Session. Apart from general discussion on the State Budget, we had fruitful discussions on all the 40 demands for grants, which were passed by the Assembly last night. As the sittings of the House were curtailed in view of the Corona Virus pandemic, the question hours were dispensed with to transact the official business yesterday and today. I would request that written answers shall be sent to the Members who had posed the questions but which could not be taken up due to curtailment of the Session. Yesterday evening, the Finance Minister Janab Harish Rao Sahab presented the Supplementary Estimates for the Financial Year 2019-2020. Apart from the State Budget of Rs.1,46,492 crores for 2019-20 presented during September 2019 in the House, the Supplementary Estimates for the current year amount to Rs.25,257 crores and only 15 days remaining for the closure of the Financial Year.

2.50 | **షు.** Speaker Sir, when the Demands for various Departments for 2020-21 were discussed, our Members had raised many important issues and wanted the Ministers to respond. We could not get positive response on some of the issues. Hence, I would like to seek the response of the Hon'ble Chief Minister