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BJP walks out over LPG shortage

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BJP members staged a walkout from Lok Sabha expressing dissatisfaction over Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar's reply to a calling attention motion on the shortage of LPG. Aiyar said the shortage would ease with the restoration of production by a Reliance refinery. He denied the government had asked he companies to stop issuing new LPG connections.

Fate of Indians in PoK not known: Ahamed

The fate of 17 Indians who were in PoK when the October 8 quake struck was not known. Out of 54 Indians on the

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Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus stranded in PoK, 36 have returned, Minister of State for External Affairs E Ahamed said in a written reply to Lok Sabha.

Manipur University Bill gets RS approval

Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed a bill to convert Manipur University into a Central university with Human Resource Development Minister Arjun Singh promising such institutions in the Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Sikkim as well. Singh announced that the Centre would set up an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Shillong for which foundation stone would be laid next month.

BJD protests shifting of science institute

The Biju Janata Dal members staged a dharna in the well of the Lok Sabha during Zero Hour protesting the UPA government's decision to set up the proposed National



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Institute of Science at Kolkata instead of Bhubaneswar.  
Party leader Brij Kishore Tripathy said Orissa, which had been been a victim of "such ill-treatment in the past" did not have even a single IIT or IIM or any such central institution.

**Bill for wider use of National Flag moved**

The government on Wednesday moved an amendment bill in Lok Sabha which while acknowledging the need to allow wider use of the National Flag by the public, will lay down penalty for its improper use. —*ENS&PTI*

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