



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 25 October, 2016

1. The House met at 11.23 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**  
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 20 October, 2016.

*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*

3. **Message**  
Mr Speaker read the following messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

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**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

20 October, 2016

Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

## **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 2016-2018 EXTERNAL BORROWING (ROLLING) PLAN**

*I wish to refer to the above subject and to submit the attached draft of Federal Government 2016-2018 External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan for consideration and early approval by the National Assembly to ensure prompt implementation of the projects. The projects cut across all sectors with*

special emphasis on Infrastructure, Agriculture, Health, Education, Water Supply, Growth and Employment Generation, Poverty Reduction through Social Safety Net programmes and Governance and Financial Management Reforms among others. The total cost of the projects and programmes under the Borrowing (Rolling) Plan is **\$29,960 billion** made up of Proposed Projects and Programmes loan of **\$11.274 billion** Special National Infrastructure Projects **\$10.686 billion** Euro Bonds of **\$4.5 billion** and Federal Government Budget Support of **\$3.5 billion**.

I would like to underscore the fact that the projects and programmes in the Borrowing Plan were selected based on positive technical economic evaluations as well as the contribution they would make to the socio-economic development of the country including employment generation and poverty reduction and protection of the most vulnerable and very poor segment of the Nigerian society. The projects and programmes will be implemented in all the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory.

Considering the huge infrastructure deficit currently being experienced in the Country and the enormous financial resources required to fill the gap in the face of dwindling resources and the inability of our annual budgetary provisions to bridge the infrastructure deficit, it has become necessary to resort to prudent external borrowing to bridge the financing gap which will largely be applied to key infrastructure projects namely: power, railway and roads projects among others. I wish to assure the Honourable Members that, the projects/programmes will be implemented in a financially sustainable manner to ensure that, the country is able to service its external debt as and when due, taking into consideration debt service to revenues.

However, I wish to draw your attention to some emergency projects in the borrowing plan which need immediate and urgent approval to avert long term damage. The recent outbreak of polio in the North East is a matter of concern, especially following the recent delisting of Nigeria from the list of polio endemic countries. This therefore calls for urgent and immediate action to stem the tide of the outbreak.

The World Bank has provided a loan in the sum of \$125 million to the FGN to procure vaccines and other ancillary facilities urgently required to effectively embark on the campaign to stop and eventually eliminate the outbreak.

Honourable Members may also wish to know that with the current relative peace and stability in the North East, it has become extremely urgent to start reconstruction and rehabilitation of the region in order to create jobs for the people and rehabilitate the schools to get the children off the streets and into schools. The World Bank has also provided a sum of \$450 million to assist the FGN in this reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts.

Accordingly, the entire projects earmarked for the North East are as follows:

|       |                                                            |   |                       |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| (i)   | Polio Eradication support and routine immunization Project | = | \$125 million;        |
| (ii)  | Community and Social Development Project                   | = | \$75 million;         |
| (iii) | Nigeria States Health Programme Investment Project         | = | \$125 million;        |
| (iv)  | State Education Programme Investment Project               | = | \$100 million;        |
| (v)   | Nigeria Youth Employment and Social Support Project        | = | \$100 million;        |
| (vi)  | Fadama III Project                                         | = | \$50 million;         |
|       | <b>Total</b>                                               | = | <b>\$575 million.</b> |

Given the emergency nature of these facilities and the need to consolidate the peace and return the region to normalcy and considering the time it will take to get National Assembly's approvals, it has become inevitable to request for the NASS leadership approval pending the consideration and approval of the 2016-2018 borrowing plan by the National Assembly to enable us disburse these funds immediately.

*Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed)*

**Muhammadu Buhari**

(ii)



**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

24 October, 2016

*Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.*

*Déar Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,*

**REQUEST FOR VIREMENT OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR SPECIAL  
INTERVENTION (RECURRENT) AND SPECIAL INTERVENTION (CAPITAL)  
FOR THE FUNDING OF CRITICAL RECURRENT AND CAPITAL ITEMS**

*I write to request for the virement of funds appropriated for Special Intervention (Recurrent) and Special Intervention (Capital) to fund some critical recurrent and capital items.*

*This request has arisen due to a number of reasons including: shortfalls in provisions for personnel costs; inadequate provision ab initio for some items like the amnesty programme; continuing requirements to sustain the war against insurgency; and depreciation of the Naira.*

*However, considering the fact that budgeted revenues are running behind target largely due to the renewed violence in the Niger Delta, and there are no supplementary revenue sources, the most viable option for now is the virement of appropriated funds from heads or sub-heads that may not be fully utilized before the end of this fiscal year.*

*In the course of implementing the 2016 Appropriation Act, several MDAs have presented issues pertaining to salary shortfalls, the settlement of part of which has led to the depletion of the Public Service Wage Adjustment (PSWA). This Vote, which had a provision of ₦33,597,400,000, now has a balance of ₦2,758,296,000. The Committee on Salary Shortfalls, set up by the Honourable Minister of Finance, has come up with a figure of ₦41,875,083,020 as the amount required to settle salary shortfalls of non-IPPIS MDAs. Similarly, most of the IPPIS MDAs have already been notified by the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) that they would soon be locked out of the IPPIS Platform as their Personnel Cost budgets would not cover salaries for the rest of the year. The IPPIS Department in the OAGF has forwarded a figure of ₦20,058,204,856 as the sum required to cover the shortfall in salaries of IPPIS MDAs.*

The Security-related lines in the Service Wide Vote, specifically Operations- Internal for the Armed Forces (₦13 billion) and Operation Lafiya Dole (₦8 billion) have all been totally released while the Nigerian Air Force needs about (₦12,708,367,476) to cover the foreign exchange differentials in the procurement of its critical capabilities.

The Contingency Vote of ₦12 billion has a balance of only ₦1,827,570,443. It is considered necessary to augment this vote in the light of frequently emerging contingencies.

Only ₦20,000,000,000 (already fully released) was provided in the 2016 budget for the Niger Delta Amnesty Programme. Consequently, the allowances to ex-militants have only been paid up to May 2016. This is creating a lot of restiveness and compounding the security challenge in the Niger Delta.

The Provision for NYSC in the 2016 budget is inadequate to cater for the number of corpsers to be mobilized this year. In fact, an additional ₦8.5 billion is required to cover the backlog of 129,469 corps members who are currently due for call up but would otherwise be left out till next year due to funding constraints. Similarly, the provision for meal subsidy for the Unity Colleges is inadequate for the number of students in the schools. Also, there was no provision for feeding of cadets at the Police Academy, Wudil, Kano. These situations are hampering the operations of the affected agencies.

The provision for Statutory Transfer to the Public Complaints Commission (PCC) was reduced to ₦2,000,000,000 in 2016 from ₦4,000,000,000 in 2015. Consequently, the agency is experiencing difficulty in paying salaries of its personnel as and when due.

Due to the devaluation of the Naira, the budgetary provisions for the foreign Missions are no longer sufficient to cover all their costs.

The provision for Presidential Initiative for the North East (₦12,000,000,000) has a balance of less than ₦1.5bn, and there continue to be emerging challenges with the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the zone.

I therefore request for virement from the Special Intervention (Recurrent) and Special Intervention (Capital) to fund the following critical expenditure items:

| Recurrent: |                                                                                          | (₦)                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (i)        | Service Wide Vote: Public Service Wage Adjustment (PSWA) (Details in Annexure 1)         | = 71,800,215,270         |
| (ii)       | Service-Wide Vote: Contingency                                                           | = 1,200,000,000          |
| (iii)      | Service Wide Vote: Margin for Increase in Cost (MIC)                                     | = 2,000,000,000          |
| (iv)       | Ministry of Interior: Cadet Feeding — Police Academy, Wudil, Kano                        | = 932,400,000            |
| (v)        | Service Wide Vote: Amnesty Programme                                                     | = 35,000,000,000         |
| (vi)       | Service Wide Vote: Internal Operations of the Armed Forces                               | = 5,205,930,270          |
| (vii)      | Service Wide Vote: Operation Lafiya Dole                                                 | = 13,933,093,000         |
| (viii)     | Ministry of Youth and Sports Development: NYSC                                           | = 19,792,018,400         |
| (ix)       | Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Foreign Missions                                            | = 14,667,230,014         |
| (x)        | Federal Ministry of Education: Augmentation of Meal Subsidy/Direct Teaching and Lab Cost | = 900,000,000            |
|            | <b>Sub Total</b>                                                                         | <b>= 165,430,886,954</b> |

**Statutory Transfer:**

|                                                                     |   |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Statutory Transfer: Public Complaints Commission (Salary Shortfall) | = | 1,200,000,000        |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                                                    | = | <b>1,200,000,000</b> |

**Capital:**

|      |                                                                            |   |                        |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| (i)  | Ministry of Defence: Nigerian Air Force (NAF)                              | = | 12,708,367,476         |
| (ii) | Capital Supplementation: Presidential initiative for the North East (PINE) | = | 1,500,000,000          |
|      | <b>Sub Total</b>                                                           | = | <b>14,208,367,476</b>  |
|      | <b>Grand Total</b>                                                         | = | <b>180,839,254,430</b> |

From the foregoing, the total recurrent expenditure requirement is **₦166,630,886,954** while the capital expenditure requirement is **₦14,208,367,476**. Most MDAs have substantially advanced work on their 2016 procurement plans, and are awaiting release of funds. The Personnel Cost and Overhead provisions leave no margin for amounts to be vired from them. The only viable provisions from which the required amounts can be vired are those for the Special Intervention Programme which are not likely to be fully utilized this year as it took some time to work out proper operational modalities for its operation. We are committed to the implementation of the Special Intervention Programme and intend to provide fully for it in the 2017 Budget.

Please find as tabulated below the proposed sources for the amounts to be vired:

| S/N. | MDA/Budget Line                                                         | Appropriation (₦)      | Balance (₦)            | Virement Proposal (₦)  |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1.   | Special Intervention (Recurrent) SWV                                    | 300,000,000,000        | 275,000,000,000        | 166,630,886,954        |
| 2.   | Capital in FGN Special Intervention Programme (Capital Supplementation) | 200,000,000,000        | 145,000,000,000        | 14,208,367,476         |
|      | <b>Total:</b>                                                           | <b>500,000,000,000</b> | <b>420,000,000,000</b> | <b>180,839,254,430</b> |

You may also wish to be informed that the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing has also requested for the virement of the sum of **₦300 million** appropriated under the 2016 Appropriation of the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) for the construction of 132KVA Substation at Gwaram, Jigawa State with Project Code No. TCN 018023829 to the construction of 2 x 60MVA 132/33 in Gagarawa, Jigawa State. However, it was observed that while the line to be vired from exists in the budget book published by National Assembly, the lines to be vired to do not exist. It is therefore recommended that the sum of **₦300 million** meant for the construction of 132KVA Substation at Gwaram, Jigawa State be vired to budget line TC 018021775 for **Reconstruction of Fallen Transmission Towers, Replacement of Glass Insulators, etc.** which has an appropriation of **₦4,880,000,000**.

I implore you to urgently consider the above proposals in order to support our efforts to improve the well-being of our citizens. I assure you that these proposals have been diligently evaluated, and are truly exigent.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

**Muhammadu Buhari**

**Ordered:** Committee on Rules and Business to ensure that the above communications from Mr President, including the 2017 - 2019 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper, are slated for debate on Thursday, 27 October, 2016.

**4. Announcements*****Visitors in the Gallery:***

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Doveland International School*, Wuse II, Abuja;
- (ii) Members of *Arewa Youth and Students Forum (AYSF)*, National Executive Council, Murtala Muhammed Square, Kaduna State;
- (iii) Staff and Students of *Lightway Academy*, Wuse II, Abuja; and
- (iv) Members of the *Delegation of the House Democracy Partnership (HDP)*, United States House of Representatives.

**6. Petition**

A petition from Hussainni Saidu on his dismissal from the Nigerian Prisons Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Umar Muhammed Rofia (*Agwara/Borgu Federal Constituency*).

*Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

**7. Presentation of Reports****(i) *Committee on Housing:***

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Housing, on the Investigation of Lack of Functional Infrastructure in the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) Estates Across the Country (**HR. 90/2015**) and the Looming Epidemic in FESTAC and Satellite Towns (**HR. 47/2015**).

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

**(ii) *Committee on Housing:***

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Housing on the Call for Measures to Stop the Incessant Collapse of Buildings in Nigeria (**HR. 138/2015**).

*Order deferred by leave of the House.*

**8. Consolidation of Bills**

- (i) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Hire-Purchase Act of 1968 and Re-enact the Hire Purchase Bill, 2015, to Provide for Regulation of Hire-Purchase and Credit Sales Transactions in Nigeria, and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Hire-Purchase Act, Cap. 114, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HBs 87 and 228) be further consolidated with a Bill for an Act to Amend the Hire-Purchase Act, Cap. 114, Laws the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 777)" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

- (ii) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council for Public Assistance to Widows, Dependent Children and Orphans, a Bill for an Act to Establish a Welfare Trust Fund and Management Commission for Effective Management of the Welfare of the Unemployed, People with Disability (Temporal/Permanent), Orphans, Widows, the Elderly and the Youths, Compensation for Citizens who are deprived of means of Livelihood as a result of Population, Demolition, Forced Relocation, Retirement and Health, Provision of Medical Care and Subsidies for Poor Families and to Protect the Less Privileged in the Society, and a Bill for an Act to Provide

for the Registration and Control of Orphanages and Other Institutions for the Boarding, Care and Maintenance of Orphans and Deserted Children and for Other Related Matters (HBs. 124, 126 and 183) be further consolidated with a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Youth Development Commission and for Other Related Matters (HB. 122)" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Agricultural Associations and to Provide for a Registrar who shall be Responsible for the Administration of the Act, in Accordance with the Objectives of Agricultural Related Associations, so as to Enhance their Capacity to Effectively Regulate Farming Activities in their Various Fields, especially those with the Intent of Profit making and to provide support to such Farmers even in the area of Disease Control, as well as Encourage their Expansion and Capacity to meet local and possible Export Demand and for Other Related Matters (HIB. 586) — *Second Reading*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Agricultural Associations and to Provide for a Registrar who shall be Responsible for the Administration of the Act, in Accordance with the Objectives of Agricultural Related Associations, so as to Enhance their Capacity to Effectively Regulate Farming Activities in their Various Fields, especially those with the Intent of Profit making and to provide support to such Farmers even in the area of Disease Control, as well as Encourage their Expansion and Capacity to meet local and possible Export Demand and for Other Related Matters (HIB. 586), be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike Garba — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.*

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agricultural Development Authority Act, Cap. N4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase its Membership and Functions for Strategic Operations and Interests and to Vest in the Authority Powers to Establish Farm Settlements across the Country for the Purposes of Attaining Food Sufficiency, and a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Farm Settlements and Youth Empowerment Agency to Create a Mechanized System of Farming that will be driven by Trained Youths as a means of Creating Job Opportunities, Wealth, Commercial and Sustainable Agricultural System and for Other Related Matters (HIBs. 458 and 771) — *Second Reading*

*Order read, and deferred to enable the Committee on Rules and Business consolidate the Bills with another Bill on the same subject matter, pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 14.*

11. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Security Agencies Act, Cap. N74, LFN, 2004 and Re-enact the National Security Agencies Act, 2016, to Define the Functions of Members of the National Security Agencies, the Defence Intelligence Agency, the National Intelligence Agency and the State Security Services and their Functions and Procedures, in Respect of Intelligence Relating to the Security of the Nation, and to Provide for the Appointment of the Principal Officers, the Coordinators of the Agencies, and Define their Functions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 551) — *Second Reading*

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

12. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the First Schedule to Section 3 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Reflect the Proper Name of 'Atisbo' Local Government Area of Oyo State and for Other Related Matters (HB, 716) — *Second Reading***

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

13. **Call for Investigation of the Outcome of Hand Band to 2016 Pilgrims**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* the introduction of hand band to the 2016 pilgrims by the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON), which serves as a chip to facilitate the identification and location of any missing pilgrim, if need be;

*Also notes* that the pilgrims paid Twenty-Five Thousand Naira (₦25,000.00) each, for the hand band but it was not given to them during the Hajj exercise;

*Observes* that a total of 65, 167 pilgrims from Nigeria, performed the Hajj, which means that the sum of One Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, One Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Naira (₦1,629,175,000.00) only, was supposed to have been generated by the Hajj Commission from the sales of the hand band;

*Resolves to:*

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the matter of the non-issuance of the hand band to the pilgrims for the 2016 Hajj exercise, including the company which was awarded the contract, and report back to the House within three (3) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu — Kano Municipal Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in the Prayer, and *insert* the words "Mandate the Committee on Nigeria - Saudi Relations to investigate the matter of the non-issuance of the hand band to the pilgrims for the 2016 Hajj exercise, including the company which was awarded the contract, and report back to the House within two (2) weeks for further legislative action" (*Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde Kajuru/Chikun Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* the introduction of hand band to the 2016 pilgrims by the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON), which serves as a chip to facilitate the identification and location of any missing pilgrim, if need be;

*Also noted* that the pilgrims paid Twenty-Five Thousand Naira (₦25,000.00) each, for the hand band but it was not given to them during the Hajj exercise;

*Observed* that a total of 65, 167 pilgrims from Nigeria performed the Hajj, which means that the sum of One Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, One Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Naira (₦1,629,175,000.00) only, was supposed to have been generated by the Hajj Commission from the sales of the hand band;

*Resolved to:*

Mandate the Committee on Nigeria - Saudi Relations to investigate the matter of the non-issuance of the hand band to the pilgrims for the 2016 Hajj exercise, including the company which was awarded the contract, and report back to the House within two (2) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 144/2016**).

*Motion referred to Special Committee on Nigeria - Saudi Relations.*

**14. Need for the Federal Government to Facilitate the Establishment of More Animal Feed Production Factories**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that in the recent time, a lot of clashes have occurred in many parts of the country between nomadic Fulani herdsmen and farmers, which led to loss of lives and is presently causing acrimony between people in different States and the nomadic herdsmen over grazing rights;

*Also notes* that while some Nigerians advocate the establishment of grazing reserves in different States for the nomadic herdsmen, others are opposed to the suggestion, as it could lead to the expropriation of the land of some people in favour of the herdsmen who are doing their private businesses and are making profits from it;

*Observes* that apart from the security measures which the government can take to reduce the clashes and killings between farmers and the herdsmen, it can facilitate the establishment of animal feed production factories in different parts of Nigeria where all those engaged in animal husbandry can buy feeds, for their animals, thereby stopping the movements across the length and breadth of Nigeria in search of pasture for their cattle;

*Also observes* that the situation informed the decision of the former Vice President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar to establish the Rico Gardo Nutritional, an animal feed production factory in Yola, Adamawa State which has the capacity to produce 50,000 tons of animal feeds, annually and has concluded plans to establish a branch of the factory in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory;

*Further observes* that the factory would not be able to provide enough feeds for the estimated 20 million heads of cattle and numerous goats, rams, sheep and other animals that are being reared by livestock farmers in Nigeria;

*Convinced* that if other businessmen are persuaded to establish animal feed production factories in different parts of Nigeria, it would help in providing enough feeds for the animals, guarantee the success of intensive animal husbandry, reduce the clashes between farmers and herdsmen and provide employment opportunities for numerous youths in different parts of Nigeria;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministries of Agriculture, Rural Development and Industry, Trade and Investment to encourage and facilitate the establishment of more animal feed production factories in Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, Rural Development, and Industry, to ensure implementation, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Hassan Omale — Ankpa/Omalu/Olamaboro Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the Prayers and *insert* a new prayer as follows:

“Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Industry to encourage and facilitate the establishment of more animal feeds production and promote sustainability of all existing factories in the country” (*Hon. Ali Isa JC — Balanga/Biliri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that in the recent time, a lot of clashes have occurred in many parts of the country between nomadic Fulani herdsmen and farmers which led to loss of lives and is presently causing acrimony between people in different States and the nomadic herdsmen over grazing rights;

*Also noted* that while some Nigerians advocate the establishment of grazing reserves in different States for the nomadic herdsmen, others are opposed to the suggestion, as it could lead to the expropriation of the land of some people in favour of the herdsmen who are doing their private businesses and are making profits from it;

*Observed* that apart from the security measures which the government can take to reduce the clashes and killings between farmers and the herdsmen, it can facilitate the establishment of animal feed production factories in different parts of Nigeria where all those engaged in animal husbandry can buy feeds for their animals, thereby stopping the movements across the length and breadth of Nigeria in search of pasture for their cattle;

*Also observed* that the situation informed the decision of the former Vice President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, to establish the Rico Gardo Nutritional, an animal feed production factory in Yola, Adamawa State, which has the capacity to produce 50,000 tons of animal feeds annually and has concluded plans to establish a branch of the factory in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory;

*Further observed* that the factory would not be able to provide enough feeds for the estimated 20 million heads of cattle and numerous goats, rams, sheep and other animals that are being reared by livestock farmers in Nigeria;

*Convinced* that if other businessmen are persuaded to establish animal feed production factories in different parts of Nigeria, it would help in providing enough feeds for the animals, guarantee the success of intensive animal husbandry, reduce the clashes between farmers and herdsmen and provide employment opportunities for numerous youths in different parts of Nigeria;

*Resolved to:*

Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Industry to encourage and facilitate the establishment of more animal feeds production and encourage sustainability of all existing factories in the country (**IHR. 145/2016**).

15. **Urgent Need to Address the Breach of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999 in the Concessioning of Nigerian Railways Corporation to General Electric (G.E.) of the United States of America (USA)**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Recalls* that the National Council on Privatization (NCP) had, on 16 April, 2015, considered and approved for the Bureau of Public Enterprises to, in collaboration with the Nigeria Infrastructure Advisory Facility (NIAF), commence preparatory works towards the concessioning of the Nigeria Railways Corporation and to develop a roadmap for the process, in accordance with the powers vested in it by section 6 (3) of the Act;

*Notes* that based on the approval, the BPE and the NIAF developed a roadmap for the concessioning in the form of an outline business case for the Western (Lagos-Kano) and Eastern (Port Harcourt-Maiduguri) rail lines, preparatory to implementing the transaction, despite the fact that the Nigerian Railways Corporation Act, did not envisage a concessioning of the Corporation;

*Cognizant* that the BPE, in collaboration with Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC), established the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and Project Delivery Team (PDT) for the concessioning, and both the PSC and PDT were inaugurated on Friday, August 12, 2016, by the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo;

*Aware* that the BPE has already engaged the Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF) and World Bank in discussion on accessing funding for Transaction Advisers (TA);

*Also aware* that the Federal Government had already constituted a task force headed by the Honourable Minister of Finance to drive the transaction process as was approved on Tuesday, 16 April, 2015 by the NCP, contrary to the provisions of the BPE Act;

*Further aware* that the Federal Government is already in discussion with General Electric with a view to engaging them as concessionaire for the NRC tracks;

*Resolves to:*

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the engagement of General Electric (GE) of the United States of America, in violation of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks, for further legislative action (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in the Prayer and *insert* as follows:

“Mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to investigate the engagement of General Electric (GE) of the United States of America, in violation of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks, for further legislative action” (*Hon. Muntari Dandutse — Funtua/Dandume Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Recalled* that the National Council on Privatization (NCP) had, on 16 April, 2015, considered and approved for the Bureau of Public Enterprises to, in collaboration with the Nigeria Infrastructure Advisory Facility (NIAF), commence preparatory works towards the concessioning of the Nigeria Railways Corporation and to develop a roadmap for the process, in accordance with the powers vested in it by section 6 (3) of the Act;

*Noted* that based on the approval, the BPE and the NIAF developed a roadmap for the concessioning in the form of an outline business case for the Western (Lagos-Kano) and Eastern (Port Harcourt-Maiduguri) rail lines, preparatory to implementing the transaction, despite the fact that the Nigerian Railways Corporation Act, did not envisage a concessioning of the Corporation;

*Cognizant* that the BPE, in collaboration with Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC), established the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and Project Delivery Team (PDT) for the concessioning, and both the PSC and PDT were inaugurated on Friday, August 12, 2016, by the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo;

*Aware* that the BPE has already engaged the Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF) and World Bank in discussion on accessing funding for Transaction Advisers (TA);

*Also aware* that the Federal Government had already constituted a task force headed by the Honourable Minister of Finance to drive the transaction process as was approved on Tuesday, 16 April, 2015 by the NCP, contrary to the provisions of the BPE Act;

*Further aware* that the Federal Government is already in discussion with General Electric with a view to engaging them as concessionaire for the NRC tracks;

*Resolved to:*

Mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to investigate the engagement of General Electric (GE) of the United States of America, in violation of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks, for further legislative action (**HR. 146/2016**).

*Motion referred to the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization.*

**16. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 26 October, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 3.03 p.m.*

**Yakubu Dogara**  
*Speaker*