

13. CONFERENCE & PROTOCOL SECTION

13.1 Responsibilities: During the year 2002, Conference & Protocol Section dealt with the following items of work: -

- (i) Visits of Indian Parliamentary Delegations to foreign countries.
- (ii) Visits of Dr. (Smt.) Najma Heptulla, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and President of IPU to foreign countries.
- (iii) Visits of Foreign Parliamentary Delegations to India.
- (iv) Nomination of Rajya Sabha Members on the Parliamentary Friendship Groups proposed to be formed with other countries.
- (v) Conferences of Presiding Officers and Secretaries of Legislative Bodies in India.
- (vi) 50th Anniversary of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- (vii) Issue of Diplomatic Passports/Visa Notes to the Members of Rajya Sabha and their Spouses.
- (viii) Acceptance of Foreign Hospitality by the Members of Rajya Sabha.
- (ix) Itinerary of Members going abroad.
- (x) Ceremonial departure/arrival of the President/Prime Minister to Foreign Countries.
- (xi) Republic Day/ Independence Day Celebrations.
- (xii) Association of Secretaries-General of Parliaments and the Society of Clerks-at-the-Table in Commonwealth Parliaments.
- (xiii) Functions to mark the birth/death anniversaries of National Leaders.
- (xiv) Purchase of Gifts/Bouquets.
- (xv) Miscellaneous.

13.2 Visits of Indian Parliamentary Delegations to Foreign Countries: This Section dealt with the work relating to nomination of Members of Rajya Sabha for inclusion in the Indian Parliamentary Delegations which went abroad and provided all assistance to them, as also to the Secretary-General and other Officers of the Secretariat, who accompanied the Delegations. Financial Sanctions were issued from time to time in connection with such visits.

Chart showing the visits of Indian Parliamentary Delegations to Foreign Countries during the year 2002 is at **(Annexure 13.1)**.

13.3 Visits of Dr. (Smt.) Najma Heptulla, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and President of IPU to Foreign Countries: This Section handled the visits of Hon'ble Deputy

Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Officers from her personal staff to foreign countries during the year 2002. Financial Sanctions were issued from time to time in connection with such visits.

Chart showing the visits of Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and President of IPU to foreign countries during the year 2002 is at **(Annexure 13.2)**.

13.4 Visits of Foreign Parliamentary Delegations to India:

A close liaison was kept with the Lok Sabha Secretariat in connection with the visits of the Foreign Parliamentary Delegations to India. Arrangements were also made for the meeting of the visiting delegations with Hon'ble Chairman/Deputy Chairman/Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha and witnessing the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha

Chart showing the visits of Foreign Parliamentary Delegations to India during the year 2002 is at **(Annexure 13.3)**.

13.5 Nomination of Rajya Sabha Members on the Parliamentary Friendship Groups proposed to be formed with other countries:

The process of nomination of Rajya Sabha Members for inclusion in the Parliamentary Friendship Groups with other countries was continued. During the year 2002, Members of Rajya Sabha were nominated by Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha on another six Friendship Groups namely, Peru, Turkey, Botswana, Bangladesh, Republic of Korea and Germany.

13.6 Conferences of Presiding Officers and Secretaries of Legislative Bodies in India:

The Annual Conferences of Presiding Officers and Secretaries of Legislative Bodies in India were held in Bangalore from 19th to 23rd June, 2002. Notes on the points on the Agenda of these Conferences were got prepared and all arrangements for the participation of Officers from Rajya Sabha were made. However, the visit of Secretary-General and officers of Rajya Sabha Secretariat to Bangalore for the said Conferences was cancelled at the last moment due to Presidential Election, 2002 conducted by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

13.7 50th Anniversary of the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha:

On the occasion of 50th Anniversary of the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha, a function was organized by the Ministries of Communications & Parliamentary Affairs on 13th May, 2002 at 7.00 P.M. in the Auditorium of Parliament Library Building, New Delhi where 'Commemorative Postage Stamp', 'First Day Cover' and 'Inland Letter Card' brought out

by Department of Posts and Publications entitled "Fifty Years of Indian Parliament" and "Parliament of India" brought out by the Lok Sabha Secretariat were released. The function was preceded by inauguration of an exhibition entitled "Parliament at 50" in the foyer of Parliament Library Building by the Prime Minister of India.

13.8 Issue of Diplomatic Passports/Visa Notes to the Members of Rajya Sabha and their spouses: 287 applications of the Members of Rajya Sabha and their spouses for issue of diplomatic passports/Visa Notes etc. were forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs, received back therefrom and delivered to the Members.

13.9. Acceptance of Foreign Hospitality by the Members of Rajya Sabha: 14 applications received from Members were forwarded to the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs for prior permission to accept foreign hospitality under Section 9 of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. Permissions received therefrom were communicated to the Members thereafter.

13.10 Itinerary of Members going abroad: Itineraries received from the Members of Rajya Sabha were faxed to the concerned Indian Missions for extending usual courtesies and assistance.

13.11 Ceremonial departure/arrival of the President/Prime Minister to/from Foreign Countries: - Members of Rajya Sabha were informed about the foreign visits of President/Prime Minister of India through Parliamentary Bulletins Part-II. The passes for the departure and arrival ceremonies in connection with those visits were collected from the Ministry of External Affairs and distributed to those Members who desired to attend those ceremonies.

13.12 Republic Day/ Independence Day Celebrations: - This Section maintained close liaison with the Ministry of Defence in connection with the Republic Day/Independence Day Celebrations. The names of Officers of the rank of Under Secretary and above were forwarded to the Ministry of Defence for issue of invitation cards for the Republic Day/Beating Retreat/Independence Day Ceremonies.

13.13 Association of Secretaries-General of Parliaments and the Society of Clerks-at-the-Table in Commonwealth Parliaments: The annual subscriptions to the Association of Secretaries-General of Parliaments, Geneva and the Society of Clerks-at-the-Table in Commonwealth Parliaments, London, were remitted. Replies to various questionnaires and notes on the points on the

agenda of the meetings of the ASGP and the Society of Clerks were got prepared for use of Secretary General, Rajya Sabha.

13.14 Analysis: The Section was able to complete the items of work enumerated above promptly and efficiently within the specified time. Besides, this Section also provided assistance for the Presidential Election, 2002 conducted by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. Officials of this Section were deputed at the airport alongwith Watch & Ward staff for receiving polled ballot boxes in connection with the Presidential Election, which arrived from the different States for counting. One Senior Assistant was posted in Table Office (Presidential Election Cell) for handling the work relating to the Presidential Election 2002.

13.15 Computerization: All items of work like notes, letters, bulletins, tour programmes, financial sanctions etc. relating to this Section are being done on computer (Windows-98). CRCs of the Parliamentary Bulletins Part-II issued from time to time are sent to the Table Office in a floppy. Internet is also being utilized to gather information. Messages are also being received and sent through E-Mail regarding the visits of Members of Rajya Sabha to Foreign Countries etc.

13.16. Annual Physical Verification of Gifts stock: Annual physical verification of gifts stock for the year 2002 was carried out by the Pay & Accounts Officer, Rajya Sabha on 9th January, 2003 as specified in the action plan of the Section for the quarter October-December, 2002.

13.17 Annual Inspection: Annual Inspection of the Section was carried out on 22nd January, 2003.

13.18. Training: One Senior Assistant attended a Computer Awareness Programme during the year.

13.19 Budget: The details of budget allocations under the different heads for the year 2002-2003 are given below:

Sr.	No.	Head	Budget
		Expenditure upto	
			Allocation
			31.12.2002

1. "01 104 02 00 12
Rs.1,80,00,000/- IPDGA" Rs.33,53,427/-
2. President of IPU
Rs.90,00,000/- Rs.29,65,712/-
07 00 12 (FTE)
3. "02 00 20 Members- Rs. 5,00,000/-
Rs.4,58,835/-
Other Administrative
Expenses"
4. "01 105 Rajya Sabha Rs.1,50,000/-
Rs.54,000/-
Secretariat 00 00 13
Office Expenses"

Annexure 13.1
Visits of Indian Parliamentary Delegations to Foreign Countries
During the year 2002

I. GOODWILL DELEGATIONS

S.No.	Country	Dates of R.S.Members	of Leader	No.	of
Officers					
Delegates					
			LS	RS	
1.	Poland	22-26,	May	5	
2	G.C. Malhotra, SG (LS)	Shri Karnendu	Shri Manohar	Shri	
2002	Joshi, HS(LS)	Shri John Joseph,JS (LS)-Secy.		Bhattacharjee (INC)	
	Shri Kripal Parmar			Shri Devender Singh DS, (LSS)	

(BJP)

Shri Surinder Kumar Watts,
DS(RSS)

2. Croatia 8-10 July, 5
2 Shri Eduardo Shri Manohar Shri
G.C.Malhotra (LS)
2002 Faleiro,
(INC) Joshi,HS(LS) Shri V.K.Sharma,Dir(LSS) -Secy.
Shri Yadlapati Shri Sharda Prasad CE (LSS)
Venkat Rao,(TDP) Shri Naresh
Kumar, US (RS)

II. INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

S.No.	Name of	Country	Dates of	No. of	
Officers			R.S. Members	Leader	
Conf./Meeting			Conf./Meeting	Delegates	
			LS	RS	
1.	Kasane - (Botswana)	8-13	January Shri G.M.C. 2002	- Shri R.C. Tripathi, SG(RS)	16 th Conf.
Commonwealth SG(LS)			Balayogi	Shri G.C. Malhotra,	Speakers
and			Speaker		Presiding
Officer			(LS)		
2.	Marrakech Shri P.G. Narayanan (Morocco)	14-23	March Smt. Margaret 2002	6 Shri K.V.Rao, J.S., (LSS)	3 107 th
Conference	(AIADMK)		Alva	- Secy.	

	Prof. (Smt.) Bharati Ray, CPI (M)	M.P.(LS)		Shri R.C. Ahuja, Dir (LSS)
	Dr. C. Narayana			Shri P.R. Guha Roy
				D.S.(RSS)
	Nominated			
3.	Seoul, Pacific Parliamentarians	Dr. A.K. Patel (South Korea)	10-13 July, Dr.A.K. Patel (BJP)	4 2 9 th Asia Shri R.N.Kalra, M.P.(RS) CPPS, LSS – Secy. Conference
on	Smt. Bimba Raikar, (INC)			Shri Gopal Singh, US(LSS) Environment Shri S.K. Tripathi, US(RSS)
and				
	Development			
4.	Windhoek Conf. 2002	Shri S.S. Ahluwalia Secy.	6-14 Sept. Shri S.S.Ahluwalia	7 3 48 th CPA Shri G.C. Malhotra SG(LS)- (Namibia) (BJP)
	Smt. Sarla Maheshwari, CPI (M)			Dr. Yogendra Narain, SG(RS)
	Shri Munavvar Hasan, (SP)			Shri R.C. Gupta, Dir.(LSS)
				Shri U.S. Saxena, DS(LSS)
	Goyal, DS(RSS)			Shri Deepak
5.	Geneva Session IPU	Shri Prithviraj Chavan, (INC)	25-27 Sept. 2002	3 2 Special of the Shri Manohar Joshi, HS(LS) Shri G.C. Malhotra, SG (LS) Dr. Yogendra Narain, SG(RS)
	Dr.V.Maitreyan Secy.			Shri P.K. Bhandari, Dir(LSS)-
	(AIADMK)			Shri K. Chakraborty, DS(LSS)
	Pande, DS(RSS)			Shri Mukul

6. Panama City 27-29 Nov. 7 3 4th
International Shri Kailash Joshi, Shri Kailash Smt. P.K. Sandhu, JS
(LSS)-Secy. (Panama) 2002 Forum
for (BJP) Joshi, MP(RS) Shri S.D. Gupta, PCPR(LSS)
Parliamentarians Prof. Ram Deo Smt. Agnes Momin
George, and
Local Bhandary (RJD)
DS(RSS) Authority with
an Interest in
Tourism

III. OTHER VISIT

S.No.	Name of	Country	Dates of		Leader	No. of
			R.S.	Members		
Officers			Conf./Meeting		Delegates	
Conf./Meeting			LS	RS		
1.	UK, USA, Shri T.N. France, Chaturvedi, (BJP) Netherlands, Shri Shankar	27 March, 9 April, 2002	4	2	Study Shri G.C. Malhotra, SG (LS) of the Joint Shri A.R. Mahepathi, JS(LSS)	
Parliamentary (LSS)	Germany & Roychowdhury, Belgium (Ind.)		Speaker(LS)		Shri Brahm Dutt, DS Committee Security Parliament	
Complex						

Annexure 13.2

Visits of Dr. (Smt.) Najma Heptulla, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and President of IPU to Foreign Countries during the year 2002

Sr.No. visit visit	Country	Dates of	Purpose of
1. 2002	Geneva Meeting of the IPU Executive Committee.	20-24 January,	
(Switzerland)			
2. 2002	Marrakech 107 th IPU Conference.	16-28 March,	
(Morocco)			
3. 2002	Beijing Conference of the Association of Asian Parliaments	14-18 April,	
(China)			for
Peace (AAPP).			
4. 2002 by IPU	New York Parliamentary Forum on Children jointly convened	7-20 May,	
(USA)			and
UNICEF on the occasion of the UNGA Session on			
Children and follow up meetings of the			
event.			
5. 2002 Summit	Johannesburg Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the World	28-31 August,	
(South			
Africa)			on Sustainable
Development.			

6. Saudi Arabia 6-13
September, To view the functioning of the Saudi Majlis-
e-Shoura for its membership of
2002
the IPU.
7. Geneva (Switzerland) 23-27
September, To Chair the forthcoming 171st Session of the
Council of Inter- 2002
Parliamentary Union
and related meetings.
8. Bangkok (Thailand) 6-8 December,
2002 To attend the 2nd Africa/Asia Parliamentarians Forum on
Human Security and Gender "Role of Legislatures".

Annexure 13.3

VISITS OF FOREIGN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS TO INDIA DURING 2002

Sr. No.	Country	Dates of visit
No of Delegates	Name of the Leader	
1. 2002	Belarus 11	21-26 February, H.E. Mr. Vadim A. Popov, Chairman, House of Representatives, National Assembly of Belarus.
2. March ,2002	Mauritius 10	28 February - 8 H.E. Mr. P. Ramnah, Speaker of the National Assembly of Mauritius.
3. March, 2002	Malaysian 20	24 February - 3 H.E. Dato' Prof. T. Marimuthu, President of the Senators' Club of

- Malaysia.
4. Ghana 13-21 April,
2002 8 H.E. Mr.
Peter Ala Adjetey, Speaker of the Ghanaian Parliament.
5. Nigeria 22-23 April,
2002
8 H.E. Mr. M. Kumalia, Leader of the All
People's Party (APP).
6. Mongolia 7-9 May,
2002 9 H.E. Mr. J.
Byambadorj, Deputy Chairman of the State Great Hural
Leader of the
majority group in the Parliament..
7. Mexico 27 July-3 August,
2002 4 H.E. Mrs. Beatriz Paredes,
President of the Chamber of Deputies of
Mexican Parliament.
8. Suriname 7-14 August,
2002
6 H.E. Mr. Ramdien Sardjoe, Speaker of the
National Assembly of
Suriname Parliament.
9. Thailand 27 September-
10 October, 2002 14 H.E. Mr. Kamon
Manpakdee, Third Vice-Chairman of the Senate
Standing Committee on
Independent Body Affairs.
10. Canada 17-23 November,
2002 7 H.E. Mr. Daniel Philip
Hays, Speaker of the Senate of Canadian

11. Turkey
2002 10
Speaker of the Turkish Grand National

Parliament.

15-20 December,
H.E. Mr. Bulent Arinc,

Assembly (TGNA).