

Secretariat

The total staff strength of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat during the year stood at 1151, out of which 299 persons were holding Group 'A' posts. On attaining the age of superannuation, 11 persons retired from service in the Secretariat. However, one Senior Parliamentary Reporter took voluntary retirement w.e.f. 11 May 2001. Three employees of the Secretariat expired during the year 2001. Two Security Assistants, namely, Shri Matbar Singh Negi and Shri Jagdish Prasad Yadav laid down their lives while performing official duty during the terrorist attack on Parliament House on 13 December 2001.

The Secretariat consists of the following main Services :

- (i) Legislative, Executive and Administrative Service;
- (ii) Library, Reference, Research, Documentation and Information Service;
- (iii) Verbatim Reporting Service;
- (iv) Private Secretaries & Stenographic Service;
- (v) Simultaneous Interpretation Service;
- (vi) Printing & Publications Service;
- (vii) Editorial and Translation Service;
- (viii) Watch & Ward, Door Keeping and Sanitation Service;
- (ix) Clerks, Typists, Staff Car Drivers & Despatch Riders Service; and
- (x) Messenger Service.

A brief description of the mandate of the Secretary-General, Additional Secretary, Joint Secretaries, Directors and Deputy Secretaries in charge of different divisions/services is given in the accompanying Table.

Responsibilities of the O & M Section are designed with a view to bringing more efficiency and transparency in the working of the Secretariat through improvement of the organizational pattern and simplification of procedures, etc.

During the year 2001, the Section compiled the Annual Report of the Secretariat-2000, giving statistical details to a considerable extent to enable performance appraisal. It also prepared and circulated the second draft of Manual of Office Procedure regarding the working of the Secretariat to all Sections for incorporating suggestions in the said Manual before being sent for final printing. Besides, the Section has also compiled "Action Plan of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat" for the period from July to December 2001 for reviewing the progress of different items of work of the Sections of the Secretariat. The Secretary-General held series of review meetings with the Directors/Deputy Secretaries of the Secretariat during the month of October, 2001 to discuss the problems being faced by the Section in achieving the targets.

The Distribution Section of the Secretariat is the nodal agency for receiving the communications and distributing parliamentary papers to the Presiding Officers, members, officers of the Secretariat, ministries and government departments and others. During the year, the Distribution Section received 11,049 communications. The total despatches made by the Section during the year came to 2,96,243.

The Printing and Publications Service of the Secretariat handled a total of 1,49,519 pages for printing.

The Training Unit of the Secretariat arranged training programmes for the officials and staff of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on Budget and Expenditure Analysis, Drafting of Committee Reports, Establishment Rules, Office Manual, Reservation in Services, Record Management, Parliamentary Procedures, Office Procedure, Organisational Development, etc. Workshops were organised on Noting, Drafting and Committee system.

The officers and staff of the Secretariat were sent to various organizations like DOPT, ISTM, IIPA, NIC, etc. for attending training courses, which also included computer training programmes.

During the year, a number of officers of the Secretariat were sent to the overseas training institutions namely, Royal Institute of Public Administration (RIPA) International, London and International Legislative Drafting Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A. for attending training courses on Human Resources and Management Aspects and Legislative drafting, respectively. One officer each of Interpretation, Translation and Reporters' Services of the Secretariat and one officer of the NIC, were sent for an attachment programme to European Parliament at Luxembourg and Strasbourg to acquaint them with the advanced procedures followed there in the speedy disposal of parliamentary work relating to the aforementioned services.

Training Unit also arranged an interactive session with the Members of Gombe State Assembly, Nigeria who visited the country in the month of February 2001. In October, interactive programmes were organised for Members of the Sub-Committee of the Library Committee of West Bengal Legislative Assembly and Sub-Committee of a Study Committee of the Maharashtra Legislature. The Training Unit also arranged

some interactive sessions for the professors and college students who had come from Touro College, Law Centre, USA. Apart from this, a four days programme was arranged for the fellows of the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ICPS). Another programme was arranged in which Dr. (Shrimati) Najma Heptulla, Deputy Chairperson, Rajya Sabha introduced the media persons to the Rajya Sabha website.

The Training Unit also set up Computer Clinic for members of Rajya Sabha and their staff.

RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT

Main responsibilities of the officers of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat

Name, designation & official telephone nos.	Main responsibility
Shri R.C. Tripathi Secretary-General 303-4695 301-7355	<i>Parliamentary Adviser to the Hon. Chairman, Rajya Sabha and through him to the House</i> <i>Administrative Head of the Secretariat of Rajya Sabha and overall in charge of all administrative and executive functions on behalf and in the name of the Chairman</i>
Shri Satish Kumar Additional Secretary 303-4204 301-2592	<i>Establishment (G) Section; Establishment (A/Cs) Section; Watch and Ward Office; Questions Branch; General supervision of all Department-related Committees; Pay & Accounts Office; Welfare Unit; M.S. & A. Section; Editorial and Translation Service; Verbatim Reporting Service; Simultaneous Interpretation Service; Any other work assigned</i>
Shri S. Vijay Kumar Joint Secretary 303-4604 301-1328	<i>General supervision of all Standing Committees except Department-related Committees; Table Office; Notice Office; Legislative Section; Bill Office; Lobby Office; Watch and Ward Office; Any other work assigned</i>
Shri N.C. Joshi Joint Secretary 303-4733 379-3651	<i>Research and Library Service; Ethics Committee; Printing and Publications Service; Sales & Archives Section; Training Unit; Computer Cell and Committee on Provision of Computers to Members of Rajya Sabha; MPLADS Committee; Any other work assigned</i>
Shri H.K. Chanana Joint Secretary	<i>Committee on Science & Technology; Questions (Overall in charge of Questions Branch); Distribution Branch; O & M Section; JPC on Wakf Boards; Any other work assigned</i>

303-4530	
301-2550	
Smt. Vanaja N. Sarna Director (A) 303-4206 301-5585	Personnel Section; Estt.(G) Section; Estt. (A/Cs) Section; G.A. Section; Stores Section; Conference & Protocol Section; Pay & Accounts Office
Shri Tapas Das Gupta Director (MA) 303-4057 379-4328	Committee on Industry; M.A. Section; MPLADS Committee
*Shri L. Srirama Murty Principal Chief Parliamentary Reporter 303-4137 379-3419	Reporters' Branch
Smt. Vandana Garg Director (HRD) 303-4212 379-3412	Committee on Human Resource Development; Questions (one group)
Shri S.K. Tyagi Director (PSSS) 303-4710 301-7516	Attached with Chairperson of Parliamentary Committee
Shri R.P. Sehrawat, Principal Chief Editor 303-4240	Editorial and Translation Service
Shri R.V. Savani Principal Chief	Interpretation Service

Parliamentary Interpreter 303-4456 301-3927	
Shri N.K. Singh Director (R&L) 303-4532 301-8620	Research and Library Section; Ethics Committee; Administration work relating to Printing and Publications Service
Shri Tapan Chatterjee Director (HA) 303-4187 301-0718	Committee on Home Affairs; Questions (one group)
Shri Sham Sher Singh Dy. Secy. (L) 303-4693	Legislative Section; Bill Office; Committee on Government Assurances
Shri G.C. Miglani Dy. Secy.(Com.) 303-4557	Committee on Petitions; Committee Coordination
Smt. Agnes Momin George Dy.Secy.(E) 303-4240	Establishment(G)Section; Establishment (A/Cs) Section; Committee on Transport and Tourism
Shri P.R. Guha Roy Dy. Secy. (P) 303-4202	Personnel Section; Committee on Papers Laid on the Table
Shri Surinder Kumar Watts Dy. Secy. (Q-I) 303-4262	Committee on Commerce; Questions (one group)
Shri S.K. Ganguli	Notice Office; Table Office; Lobby Office; Stenographers' Pool; Watch & Ward Office

Dy. Secy.(T) 303-4668	
Shri Deepak Goyal Dy. Secy. (Q-II) 303-4201	Committee Section-I; Questions (one group)
Shri Devi Dass Dy. Secy. (MS&A) 303-4264	M.S & A. Section; Questions (one group)
Shri Surinder Kumar Verma Controller of Printing and Publications 303-4540	Printing and Publications Service
Shri P.P.K. Ramacharyulu Dy. Secy (D) 303-4162	O & M Section; Distribution Section, JPC on functioning of Wakf Boards; Committee on Science & Technology
Shri Ajit Singh Joint Director (Admn., Fire & Sant.) 303-4780	Technical & Materials, Personnel and Training, Sanitation and Fire
Shri Mukul Pande Dy. Secy (Trg) 303-4014	Sales & Archives Section; MPLADS Committee; Computer Cell; Committee on Provision of Computers to members of Rajya Sabha; Training Unit

Do you want more information on Rajya Sabha?

For more information readers may like to refer to the following publications:

1. Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States
2. Rajya Sabha At Work
3. Rajya Sabha Practice & Procedure Series (1-20)

4. Parliament of India : An Introduction

These publications can be purchased from the Sales Counter (Rajya Sabha Secretariat), Parliament House Reception Office, New Delhi (Tel : 3034360) and also from the Executive Officer, Sales and Archives Section, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Room No.002, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi-110001 (Tel. : 3034160).

Information regarding Rajya Sabha is also available on the Internet at <http://parliamentofindia.nic.in> and <http://rajyasabha.nic.in>

* Retired from the Rajya Sabha Secretariat w.e.f. 31 January 2002.

§ Retired from the Rajya Sabha Secretariat w.e.f. 30 April 2002.

International cooperation and inter-parliamentary dialogue

Inter-parliamentary cooperation promotes understanding at the level of people's representatives. In order to promote understanding among parliamentarians of the world and also put forth India's viewpoint at various fora, 5 Indian parliamentary delegations attended international conferences/meetings in various countries during the year. The other visits were paid by Indian parliamentarians to Mexico, Indonesia and Cambodia, Mongolia and U.S.A. During this period, a total of 9 foreign parliamentary delegations visited India. The details of these visits are given in the Tables (Tables A & B) below:

A. Visits of Indian Parliamentary Delegations Abroad

Visits of Indian Parliamentary Delegations to Foreign Countries during the year 2001

1. INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

COUNTRY	DATE OF VISIT	NO. OF DELEGATES		PURPOSE OF VISIT	NAME OF RS MEMBER	NAME OF LEADER
		LS	RS			
1. Havana (Cuba)	1-6 April, 2001	8	4	105 th IPU Conference	Shri Raju Parmar (INC) Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma (BJP) Shri Khagen Das CPI(M) Smt. Vanga Geetha (TDP)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi Speaker (LS)
2. Brussels (Belgium)	10-13 April, 2001	2	1	Seminar on "European Parliament,	Shri K.M. Khan	-

					Trade Development and Democracy: the Need to reform the WTO"	(INC)	
3.	Geneva (Switzerland)	8-9 June, 2001	4	1	Parliamentary Meeting on "International Trade for a free, just and equitable Multilateral Trading System: Providing a Parliamentary Dimension"	Shri Dilip Singh Judev (BJP)	Shri Sharad Pawar (NCP)
4.	Canberra (Australia)	4 -14 September, 2001	7	3	47 th CPA Conference	Smt. Ambika Soni (INC) Shri Satish Pradhan (S. S.) Shri P.N. Siva (DMK)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker(LS) Shri P.M. Sayeed, Deputy Speaker(LS) (Alternate Leader)
5.	Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)	9 - 13 September, 2001	6	1	106 th IPU Conference	Shri Anantray Devshanker Dave (BJP)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker(LS)

2. OTHER VISITS

COUNTRY	DATE OF VISIT	NO. OF DELEGATES		PURPOSE OF VISIT	NAME OF RS MEMBER	NAME OF LEADER
		LS	RS			

1.	Mexico	27 May- 1 June, 2001	5	2	Goodwill Delegation	Maulana Obaidullah Khan Azmi (JD) Shri Sangh Priya Gautam (BJP)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker (LS)
2.	Indonesia & Cambodia	31 May- 5 June, 2001	-	3	Goodwill Delegation	Shri Ramdas Agarwal (BJP) Shri Balkavi Bairagi (INC) Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar (TDP)	Hon'ble Vice- President of India
3.	Mongolia	8-12 July, 2001	7	2	Goodwill Delegation	Shri Sukhbir Singh (SAD) Smt. Basanti Sarma (INC)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker(LS)
4.	U.S.A.	10-13 September, 2001		4	Study visit of Ethics Committee, Rajya Sabha to the US Congress	Shri S.B. Chavan Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma Prof. Ram Deo Bhandary Shri S. Viduthalai Virumbi	Shri S.B. Chavan

B. Visits of Foreign Parliamentary Delegations to India during the year 2001

	COUNTRY	DATE OF VISIT	NO. OF DELEGATES	NAME OF LEADER
1.	China	9-17 January, 2001	8	H.E. Mr. Li Peng, Chairman, National Peoples' Congress of China (NPC)
2.	Tanzania	16-20 April, 2001	8	H.E. Mr. Pius Msekwa, Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania
3.	Yemen	26 April – 2 May, 2001	6	H.E. Sheikh Abdulla Bin Hussein Al-Ahmar, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Yemen
4.	Thailand	7-13 July, 2001	10	H.E. Mr. Boonton Dockkhaisong, the Second Vice-President of the Senate of the Thailand
5.	Republic of Korea	19-23 July, 2001	4	H.E. Mr. Lee Sang Soo, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the National Assembly and Floor Leader of New Millenium Democratic Party of Korean Parliament
6.	Nigeria	14-20 August, 2001	21	Hon' ble Senator Ibrahim Mantu, Deputy President of the Senate and Hon'ble C. Nwuche, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
7.	Mongolia	15-22 October, 2001	2	H.E. Mr. Navaansamdangiin Ganbyamba and Mr. Ochiryn Suren, Members of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia

8.	Israel	26 November – 2 December, 2001	6	H.E. Mr. Amnon Rubinstein, M.P., Chairman of the Israel – India Parliamentary Friendship League
9.	Romania	26-30 November, 2001	4	H.E. Mr. Ghiorighi Prisacaru, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Policy of the Romanian Senate

In her capacity as the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha and the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council, Dr. (Shrimati) Najma Heptulla visited different countries during the year in connection with Parliamentary Conferences, etc. The following were the countries which she visited:

	COUNTRY	DATE OF VISIT	PURPOSE OF VISIT
1.	Phnom Penh (Cambodia)	16-24 2001	January, Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace Conference
2.	Geneva (Switzerland)	21-25 2001	February, First Session of the Preparatory Committee of the proposed Parliamentary Meeting on International Trade
3.	Havana	28 March- 7 April, 2001	105 th IPU Conference
4.	(Cuba) Mexico	8 -10 April, 2001	On the invitation of the President of the Senate of Mexico
5.	New York (USA)	11- 22 April, 2001	To discuss cooperation between the IPU and the UN
6.	The Hague (Netherlands)	27- 30 May, 2001	To attend the 2 nd Global Forum on Fighting Corruption and Safeguarding Integrity convened by the Government of Netherlands and the IPU
7.	Paris (France)	31 May-5 June 2001	To Preside over the meeting of the IPU Committee on Middle East Questions
8.	Geneva	6-9 June, 2001	To Preside over the IPU-WTO

	(Switzerland)		Meeting
9.	Geneva (Switzerland)	28 July - 5 August, 2001	234 th Session of the Executive Committee of the IPU and Round Table of the Eminent Persons Groups constituted by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
10.	Burkina Faso (Ouagadougou)	5-14 September, 2001	106 th IPU Conference
11.	New York (USA)	28 October- 7 November, 2001	To discuss the issue of cooperation between the IPU and the UN
12.	Doha (Qatar)	10-11 November, 2001	Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the 4 th Ministerial Meeting of WTO



Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee to look into the question of jurisdictional overlap between Parliamentary Committees, presenting the Report of the Committee to Shri Krishan Kant, Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha. Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, Smt. Krishna Bose and Shri Shivraj V. Patil, Members of the Committee were also present on the occasion.



Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha with the Members of the Gombe State House Assembly, Nigeria in Parliament House Annexe

4.

New initiatives

Computerisation:

The Computer Cell continued its various computerisation initiatives during the year 2001. During the year, older machines (Compaq Presario 2262 and HCL Busybee) provided to members earlier were replaced with new HP Vectra machines. Also desktop computers were purchased for use in the Secretariat and RAMs of older machines were enhanced.

Various efforts have been made to increase the availability of upto date information to members, media and public, through the Rajya Sabha website about the business of the House and its proceedings. A pamphlet highlighting various features of the website has been designed and printed so that information about the website could be made available to members, Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State Legislatures, Indian Missions abroad and other bodies.

During the year, Rajya Sabha launched its own separate bilingual website: <http://rajasabha.nic.in> with a host of new features. A Web Updating Group consisting of officials of the Secretariat has also been constituted to regularly monitor the Website and its contents and suggest means for improvement. The following information regarding the business of the House is presently available on the Rajya Sabha Website.

<u>Item</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Hindi</u>
(i) List of Business	From 186 th session till date	From 188 th session till date
(ii) Parliamentary Bulletin Part-I	From 185 th session till date	From 188 th session till date
(iii) Parliamentary Bulletin Part-II	From October, 1998	From 1999 till date
(iv) Synopsis of Debate	From 188 th session till date	From 188 th session till date
(v) Uncorrected Debates	From 189 th session till date (floor version)	-
(vi) Parliament Questions	From 174 th session till date	From 174 th session till date
(vii) Debates	From 189 th session to 191 st session	From 189 th session to 191 st session
(viii) Government Assurances	From 135 th session till date (all pending Assurances as on 24.07.1985 and all assurances thereafter)	From 135 th session till date
(ix) Session wise statement of Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament	From 188 th to 193 rd session	From 188 th to 190 th session
(x) Bills pending at the end of Session	From 188 th to 193 rd session	From 188 th to 193 rd session

(xi) Resume of Business	From 186 th to 193 rd session	-
(xii) Journals of the Rajya Sabha	From 174 th to 193 rd session	-
(xiii) Papers laid on the Table	From 192 nd to 194 th session	From 192 nd to 194 th session

The following documents are also available on the website:

- Information At a Glance
- Practice and Procedure Series
- Rajya Sabha at Work
- Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha)
- Directions from the Chair
- Privileges Digest
- Handbook for Members of Rajya Sabha
- Joint Committee on Offices of Profit
- Salary, Allowances and Pension - Acts and Rules
- Picture Gallery
- Manual for Handling Parliamentary work in Ministries
- Price list of the Publications of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat
- List of titles in CD-ROM Library
- Office Manual
- Administrative Report
- Rulings and Observations from the Chair (1952-2000)

During the year, a new software for 'Special Mentions' has been developed and implemented. The software also includes a module, wherein the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, which is the nodal Ministry for the purpose, updates the status of the response of the Ministry concerned from time to time. Search facilities on Bulletin Part-II and Rajya Sabha website have also been provided. Another software relating to Bills has also been implemented and in the first phase data regarding Government Bills have been entered in the database.

As members are quite keen to know the details of the record about the issues raised by them in the House from time to time, a 'Members' Home Page' on Rajya Sabha website has been developed which provides, *inter alia*, information about members regarding their bio-data, the questions asked by them as also their answers, assurances pending, their committee membership, allocation of funds and its utilization under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), etc.

A new initiative, the first of its kind was a collaboration effort started with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), to develop a Translation software from English to Hindi in the Parliamentary sub-domain. This effort is likely to bear fruit by mid 2002.

Parliament and the people

There are two Reception Offices located in the Parliament House complex – one near the Parliament House and the other at the Parliament House Annexe. These Reception Offices help visitors to meet Members of Parliament, Ministers and officers of Rajya Sabha and the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. The Reception Offices also issue entry passes to the officials of the Government Ministries coming to Parliament House and Parliament House Annexe in connection with their official work. In the entire year, the two Reception Offices issued 34,054 casual entry permits, 126 interview slips.

During the year, 112 general passes, 4 Library passes, 684 Central Hall passes, 124 DVG (diplomatic) annual cards and 681 DVG (diplomatic) daily cards were issued. Also, 7313 Official Gallery passes and 2682 general passes to witness the sessions of Rajya Sabha were issued. During the year, 21825 persons including VIPs, Press Correspondents, officials from various Ministries and Government Departments and the members of the public witnessed the sessions of Rajya Sabha. On the recommendations of Members of Parliament, 2007 visitors were shown round the Parliament House by the Watch and Ward staff.

As in the past, recorded proceedings of the Question Hour in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha were broadcast on AIR during alternate weeks. Assistance was provided to Doordarshan for the live telecast of proceedings of Rajya Sabha. Question Hour is broadcast on the national network live every alternate week. Proceedings are also broadcast live on Low Power Transmitter (LPT) throughout the day from the Parliament House.

A decision was taken in the Committee on Provision of Computers to Members of Rajya Sabha to prepare Video CDs (VCDs) of Rajya Sabha proceedings. These VCDs are available to members, media and the public. While the cost of a VCD is rupees one hundred and fifty for the members, it is rupees two hundred for the media and the public. Each VCD covers approximately one hour of proceedings. Proceedings from the 185th session onwards are available.

Committees – mini legislatures

Parliamentary work is transacted not in the House alone. A great deal of it is done in the Committees as well. Parliamentary Committees are, in fact, mini legislatures. There are at present 12 Standing Committees, members of which are nominated by the Chairman of Rajya Sabha. Besides, 6 Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees, each of which has 45 members – 30 from Lok Sabha and 15 from Rajya Sabha function under the direction and control of the Chairman of Rajya Sabha. During the year, out of the total 93 reports presented by these Committees, 77 were presented by the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees which are serviced by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. One report each was presented by (i) The Joint Parliamentary Committee to look into the question of jurisdictional overlap between Parliamentary Committees to the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 26 July, 2001; and (ii) The Joint Committee on Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 to the House on 19 December, 2001. The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs presented 84th and 85th Reports to the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha on 31st December, 2001. The details of the reports presented by these Committees are given in the Table below.

Table

Reports presented by the Committees of Rajya Sabha

Reports	Committee on Subordinate Legislation
132 nd	Laying of Statutory Orders on the Table of Rajya Sabha (191 st session)
133 rd	(i) The Tea Board (Write Off Losses) Rules, 1996-Implementation of 124 th Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation, Rajya Sabha (ii) The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Grant-in-Aid to Panchayat Raj Institutions) Rules, 1996 - Implementation of the recommendations as contained in its 124 th Report (iii) The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayat Administration) Rules, 1997- Implementation of the recommendations as contained in its 124 th Report (iv) The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forests Service Rules, 1991- Implementation of the recommendations as contained in its 124 th Report (v) The Spices Cess Rules, 1988-Implementation of recommendations as contained in its 125 th Report (vi) The Cochin Port Trust Employees (Grant of Advances for Building of Houses) Regulations, 1971
134 th	(i) Determination of rate of interest payable to subscribers of EPF- Implementation of 130 th Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation, Rajya Sabha (ii) Notification S.O. No. 995(E) dated November 3, 2000 issued by the Ministry of Finance regarding approval of GIC as Indian reinsurer under section 101A(g)(ii) of the Insurance Act (iii) The Lakshadweep Panchayat (Service) Rules, 1997 (iv) The Lakshadweep Panchayat Servants (Punishment and Appeal)

	Rules, 1997
135 th	Laying of Statutory Orders on the Table of Rajya Sabha (191 st session)
136 th	(i) Laying of the Jute Manufacture Development Council (Procedure) Rules, 1984 (ii) The Indian Bank/Indian Overseas Bank Officer Employees' (Acceptance of Jobs in Private Sector Concerns after Retirement) Regulations, 1979 (iii) The Lakshadweep Khadi and Village Industries Board Rules, 1991 (iv) The Lakshadweep Panchayats (Grant-in-Aid) Rules, 1997 (v) The Lakshadweep Panchayat Business Rules, 1997 (vi) The Coir Industry (Registration and Licensing) Rules, 1958 (vii) The determination of rate of interest payable to subscribers of EPF - Implementation of 134 th Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation, Rajya Sabha
137 th	Laying of Statutory Orders on the Table of Rajya Sabha (193 rd session)
Report	Committee on Petitions
116 th	Regarding the petition signed by Shri B.R. Krishnamurthy of Karnataka praying for grant of enhanced gratuity to the retired officers of the Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) Ltd. Bangalore and other Central Public Sector Undertakings at par with the retired officers of the Central Government and <i>w.e.f.</i> the dates admissible to the latter
Reports	Joint Parliamentary Committees
	The Report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee to look into the question of jurisdictional overlap between Parliamentary Committees presented to the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 26 July, 2001 The Report of the Joint Committee on Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999
Reports	Committee on Government Assurances
53 rd	Report on implementation of Assurances laid during the 191 st session/request for dropping and extension of time, etc.
54 th	Report on implementation of Assurances laid during the 192 nd session/request for dropping and extension of time, etc.
Reports	Committee on Papers Laid on the Table
76 th	Government Notifications/Orders and the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of Government companies/organisations laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha during the 191 st session
77 th	(i) The Andhra Pradesh State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Hyderabad (ii) The National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad (iii) The Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad (iv) The Technical Teachers Training Institute, Chennai (v) The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955
78 th	Government Notifications/Orders and Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of Government companies/organisations laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha during the 192 nd session
Reports	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce
46 th to 48 th	Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
Reports	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on

Home Affairs

67 th to 69 th	Action Taken Reports on Demands for Grants (2000-2001)
70 th	The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1999
71 st to 73 rd	Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
74 th	The Constitution (Ninety-first Amendment) Bill, 2000
75 th	Cross-Border Terrorism and Insurgency in Jammu and Kashmir
76 th	The Repealing and Amending Bill, 1999
77 th	The Indian Divorce (Amendment) Bill, 1999
78 th	The Freedom of Information Bill, 2000
79 th	The Registration and Other Related Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2000
80 th	The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2000
81 st	Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999
82 nd	North-Eastern Council (Amendment) Bill, 1998
83 rd	Personnel policies of the Central Industrial Security Force and the Central Secretariat Service
84 th	The Lokpal Bill, 2001
85 th	Law's Delays: Arrears in Courts

Reports Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development

98 th	Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 54 th Report on the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore
99 th	Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 73 rd Report on Dreaded Diseases
100 th to 106 th	Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
107 th	Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 71 st Report on the Problem of Drop-outs of the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy (Ministry of Human Resource Development)
108 th	Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 55 th Report on the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore of the Department of Health (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)
109 th	Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 72 nd Report on Adult Education of the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy (Ministry of Human Resource Development)
110 th	Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 74 th Report on Vocational Education of the Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development)
111 th	The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 2001
112 th	The Medical Education of the Department of Health (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)
113 th	The Technical Education of the Department of Secondary Education

	and Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development)
Reports	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry
45 th	Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 36 th Report on PSUs of Heavy Industry- Disinvestment, Sickness and Revival
46 th	MoU system under Telecom Sector, Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
47 th to 51 st	Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
52 nd	Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the 35 th Report on the working of the Rural Employment Generation Programme and the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana
53 rd	Modernisation, Restructuring and Expansion Programme of NALCO
54 th	Action Note of the Ministry of Small Scale Industries on the 43 rd Report on Credit Flow to SSIs
55 th	Action Taken Report on Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
56 th	Action Taken by the Government on recommendations/observations contained in the 34 th Report on problems being faced by steel industry (both in public and private sectors)
57 th	Action Taken Report on Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
58 th	Problems faced by the Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. in the North Eastern Region pertaining to the Department of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
59 th	Action Taken Report on Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
60 th	Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the 44 th Report on the performance review of the BYNL group of companies
61 st	Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 46 th Report on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) System in Telecom Sector pertaining to the Department of Public Enterprises
62 nd & 63 rd	Action Taken Reports on Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
Reports	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests
84 th & 85 th	Action Taken Reports on the Demands for Grants (2000-2001)
86 th to 91 st	Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
92 nd to 94 th	Action Taken Reports on the Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
95 th	The Biological Diversity Bill, 2000
Reports	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism
47 th	Functioning of the Department of Lighthouses and Lightships
48 th to 52 nd	Demands for Grants (2001-2002)
53 rd	The Aircraft (Exemption From Taxes and Duties on Fuel and Lubricants) Bill, 2000
54 th	Functioning of the Border Roads Organisation
Report	House Committee
6 th	Matters relating to the House Committee
Reports	Committee on Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)
1 st	Committee on MPLADS, Rajya Sabha
2 nd	Action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the First Report of the Committee on MPLADS, Rajya Sabha

3rd Construction of School-cum-Cyclone Shelter under the aegis of the Committee on MPLADS, Rajya Sabha in the cyclone affected areas of Orissa

House at work

During the year 2001, Rajya Sabha sat for 31 days in the 192nd session, 29 days in the 193rd session and 21 days in the 194th session. The 192nd session was divided into two spells - from 19 February to 23 March and then from 16 April to 27 April. The House sat for longer than the normal 5 hours on 29 days and without lunch break on 8 days.

Summons for the 192nd session of Rajya Sabha was issued on 30 January 2001. The session that commenced on 19 February was scheduled to terminate on 11 May but was adjourned *sine die* on 27 April. The budget session of Rajya

Sabha commenced with an address by the President to the members of both Houses of Parliament assembled together in the Central Hall on 19 February. The summons for the 193rd

session was issued on

20 June. The session

commenced on 23 July and was adjourned *sine die* on 31 August. Summons for the 194th session was issued on 29 October. The session commenced on 19 November and was adjourned *sine die* on 19 December.

Session 2001	Date of Commencement	Date of termination	No. of Sittings	Actual hours of sittings Hrs. Mts.
192 nd	19 Feb.	27 April	31	90-22
193 rd	23 July	31 Aug.	29	140-01
194 th	19 Nov.	19 Dec.	21	74-22

During the year under review, 214 lists of business were issued with regard to the business of the House. In all 2782 papers were laid on the Table of the House. During the year, 9 divisions were held. The total reporting work in respect of the sittings of the House came to 304 hours and 44 minutes. The various Parliamentary Committees including the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees, in their 207 sittings, accounted for a total of 368 hours and 20 minutes of reporting work.

There is provision of simultaneous interpretation of the proceedings of the House and its Committees. In addition to providing interpretation of the entire proceedings of the House from Hindi to English and *vice-versa*, arrangements, at present, exist for simultaneous interpretation in English as well as Hindi, of speeches made in Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu. The facility of interpretation was provided in the meetings of all the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees and also other Committees of Rajya Sabha during the year.

The average attendance of members during the 192nd session came to 159. It was 173 during the 193rd session and 167 during the 194th session. The highest attendance on a day during the 192nd session was 183. It was 199 during the 193rd session and 188 during the 194th session.

Question Hour:

The first hour of every sitting is generally devoted to the asking and answering of questions. It is a period when members exercise their right to seek information on various issues from different Ministers on the floor of the House. Question Hour is also used by members to review critically the performance of the Government in various fields and also to assess the programmes and policies of Government on important issues and to ventilate public grievances.

During 192nd, 193rd and 194th sessions, question time was allotted for 31, 29 and 21 days, respectively. During 194th session, the question hour was dispensed with on two successive days, i.e. on 18 and 19 December, 2001 to discuss the situation arising out of the terrorist attack on the Parliament House on 13 December 2001. During the year 2001, the total number of notices received for the starred and unstarred questions came to 31,864, out of which 13,947 were admitted. Out of the 1620 starred questions, 193 questions were orally answered by different Ministers which comes to about 11.90 per cent of the total number of starred questions admitted. During the year, three statements were made and ten statements were laid by Ministers concerned correcting the replies given by them to the questions, starred and unstarred in Rajya Sabha. For the short notice questions, 9 notices were given by members, out of which only two notices were admitted. There were 28 notices received for half-an-hour discussion arising out of the answers given to starred and unstarred questions but none was admitted.

Legislation:

During the year 2001, Rajya Sabha had 81 sittings in all. Out of the total sittings held, the House transacted Government legislative business on 44 days while private members' legislative business was transacted on 6 days. The House spent 55 hours and 15 minutes on the Government legislative business. The total time devoted by the House on the private members' legislative business was 11 hours and 42 minutes. There were 16 Bills, 9 introduced in Lok Sabha and 7 introduced in Rajya Sabha, which were referred to the concerned Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees for examination and report. The report of the Joint Committee constituted by Rajya Sabha on the Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999, which had been joined by Lok Sabha, was presented to Rajya Sabha on 19 December 2001.

The following 7 Bills included in the list of business during the year for consideration and passing were not passed and remained pending :

- The Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997 during the 193rd and 194th sessions was not taken up.
- The Inter-State Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2001 during the 193rd session was not taken up.
- The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2000 during the 194th session was not taken up.
- The Passports (Amendment) Bill, 2001 which was an Ordinance replacing Bill came up for consideration and passing during the 194th session. The Bill, however, could not be passed during the session.
- The Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2001, another Ordinance replacing Bill during the 194th session could not be taken up.
- The Coast Guard (Amendment) Bill, 2001 during the 194th session was not taken up.

- The Constitution (Ninety-third Amendment) Bill, 2001 during the 194th session was not taken up.

The year witnessed some important legislative developments. For example, the

Constitution (Ninety-first Amendment) Bill, 2000 seeking to extend the current freeze on undertaking fresh elimination of the territorial constituencies upto the year 2026; undertaking readjustment and rationalization of these constituencies in the States without altering the number of seats allotted

The following are the interesting facts about Bills in Rajya Sabha during the year 2001:		44
• Number of sittings during which the Government Bills were introduced, considered or laid/reported as passed by Lok Sabha		
• Number of sittings during which the Private Members' Bills were introduced or considered		06
• Number of Government Bills introduced		25
• Number of Private Members' Bills introduced		51
• Number of Government Bills withdrawn/fallen through during the year		04
• Number of Private Members' Bills withdrawn		07
• Number of Private Members' Bills negatived		00
• Number of Government Bills transmitted by Lok Sabha		44#
• Number of Government Bills transmitted by Rajya Sabha		26
• Number of Government Bills introduced in Rajya Sabha and referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees		07
• Number of Bills referred to the Select Committees of Rajya Sabha		00
• Number of Bills reported by the Select Committees of Rajya Sabha		00
• Number of Bills referred to the Joint Committees of the Houses of Parliament		00
• Number of Bills reported by the Joint Committees of the Houses of Parliament		01
• Number of Government Bills considered, passed/returned by Rajya Sabha		68\$
• Number of Government Bills pending at the commencement of the year		43
• Number of Government Bills pending at the end of the year		40
• Number of Private Members' Bills pending at the commencement of the year		127
• Number of Private Members' Bills pending at the end of the year		163
• Number of Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament and assented to by the President		60@
• Number of Bills on which assent of the President was obtained by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat		25
<p># Including four Bills, as passed by Rajya Sabha and returned by Lok Sabha with amendments.</p> <p>\$ Including one Bill, namely, the Indian Council of World Affairs Bill, 2001 laid on the table of the House during the 193rd Session in 2001, which was returned to Lok Sabha with amendments.</p> <p>@ Including four money Bills {i.e. the Appropriation (Railways) No. 3 Bill, 2001, the Appropriation (Railways) No. 4 Bill, 2001, the Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2001 and the Manipur Appropriation Bill, 2001} which could not be considered by Rajya Sabha, were deemed to have been passed by the Houses of Parliament in terms of the provisions of article 109(5) of the Constitution.</p>		

to each State in the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies of the States on the basis of the population ascertained at the census for the year 1991; and to refix the number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the House of the People and the Legislative Assemblies of the States on the basis of the population ascertained at the census for the year 1991, was passed by Parliament during the 193rd session and was referred to the Legislatures of the States for ratification as per the requirement under article 368 of the Constitution. The Constitution (Ninety-second Amendment) Bill, 2001 seeking to provide for consequential seniority in the case of promotion of the Government servants belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes category by virtue of the rule of reservation was passed by the Houses of Parliament during the 194th Session. Similarly, some other notable legislations on different subjects passed during the year were - the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2001; the Electricity Regulatory Commissions (Amendment) Bill, 2001; the Trade Unions (Amendment) Bill, 2001; the Advocates Welfare Fund Bill, 2001; the Marriage Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2001; the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2001; the Indian Divorce (Amendment) Bill, 2001; and the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Bill, 2001.

Discussion on matters of urgent public importance:

Procedural devices like 'special mention', 'calling attention', 'short duration discussion' and 'no-day-yet-named motion' were well utilised by members to raise matters of urgent public importance on the floor of the House. During the year, in all 303 matters of urgent public importance were mentioned in the House through **special mention**. There were 457 notices of **calling attention** to matters of urgent public importance received, out of which the following 7 were discussed in the House:

- (i) Sale of BALCO at an abnormally low price and the questionable method of valuation of its assets, on 27.2.2001.
- (ii) Extreme volatility in the stock markets in the last few days which has led to a climate of uncertainty and instability for investment and remedial measures taken by Government with regard thereto, on 13.3.2001.
- (iii) Flood situation in the country caused by heavy rains, resulting in loss of lives, property and crops, on 3.8.2001.
- (iv) Incidents of fire in Ordnance Depots in the country and the remedial measures taken by Government with regard thereto, on 8.8.2001.
- (v) Policy of disinvestment in PSUs, with reference to the methods of valuation of their assets, the non-transparent manner in which disinvestment is being done, and the remedial measures taken by Government with regard thereto, on 24.8.2001.
- (vi) Circulars of UGC and the NCERT curriculum framework in the context of the National Policy on Education, on 29.8.2001.
- (vii) Storming of the disputed site at Ayodhya by VHP, thereby flouting the Supreme Court directives and the action taken by Government thereon, on 21.11.2001.

During the year, 342 notices of **short duration discussion** were received, out of which the following 7 matters were taken up in the House:

- (i) Working of UTI with special reference to freeze on sale and repurchase of US-64 and failure of Government to take timely action, on 24.7.2001.
- (ii) Economic slowdown, fall in GDP rate and deteriorating financial condition of the country in the context of the mid term appraisal of the Ninth Five Year Plan, on 8.8.2001.
- (iii) Failure of Public Distribution System and need for revamping it, on 22.8.2001.
- (iv) Security scenario in the light of terrorist and other internal and external security threats, and the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard, on 27.8.2001.
- (v) International situation arising out of terrorists attack on WTC in USA leading to international intervention in Afghanistan, its impact on India and its ramifications and response of Government in regard thereto, on 22.11.2001.
- (vi) The decisions adopted at the 4th Ministerial Meeting in connection with WTO negotiations recently concluded at Doha, which have a far reaching implications on the Agriculture, Textiles, Pharmaceutical and Chemical sectors, etc., of the country, on 28.11.2001.
- (vii) Growing unemployment in the country, on 4.12.2001.

Reference to Terrorist Attack on the Parliament House

On 14 December 2001, the Chairman, Rajya Sabha made a reference to the terrorist attack on the Parliament Building on 13 December 2001. The Chairman gave expression to the feeling of the House to fight unitedly terrorism with grit and determination. The members also rose in their places and observed silence as a mark of respect to the memory of those who laid down their precious lives in the tragedy.

Statement by Minister regarding the Terrorist Attack on Parliament House

On 18 December 2001, Shri Jaswant Singh, Minister of External Affairs and Leader of the House made a statement regarding terrorist attack on Parliament House on 13 December 2001. In the discussion that followed, 43 members of Rajya Sabha participated. Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee also intervened in the debate. Cutting across party lines, members described the terrorist attack as a great challenge to our democracy and stated that the need of the hour was to stand united. The security personnel posted at the Parliament House were praised for their prompt action in foiling the terrorists' attempt to enter the Parliament Building. Home Minister Shri L.K. Advani replied to the debate which concluded on 19 December 2001.

Valedictory remarks by the Chairman

On 19 December 2001, the Chairman in his valedictory remarks said that an attack on Parliament was not only an attack on democracy but also on the ethos and values that India cherished. He placed on record the appreciation for the exemplary courage displayed by the security personnel belonging to the CRPF, Delhi Police, ITBP and Watch and Ward, particularly his personal security and the two members of the Rajya Sabha Watch Ward who laid down their lives in the highest tradition of devotion and duty. After the valedictory remarks made by the Chairman, the House adjourned *sine die*.

Privilege Cases:

During the year, 13 notices of 'breach of privilege' were received and processed. However, no report of the Committee of Privileges was presented to the House.

Details of time taken on various matters in each of the 3 sessions is given in the accompanying table.

Table

Time taken by Rajya Sabha on various items of business during the 192nd, 193rd and 194th Session

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Time Taken</u>		
	<u>192nd</u> <u>Hrs./Mts.</u>	<u>193rd</u> <u>Hrs./Mts.</u>	<u>194th</u> <u>Hrs./Mts.</u>
Oath or Affirmation	0-03	0-12	-
Dispensing with Question Hour	-	-	0-02
Questions	18-55	23-31	12-56
Introduction of Ministers	-	0-01	0-02
Announcement regarding Leader of the Opposition	-	0-01	-
Statements by Ministers Correcting Answers to Questions	0-06	0-03	0-01
Papers laid on the Table	0-20	0-30	0-17
Reports/Statements of the Committees presented/laid on the Table	0-30	0-25	0-18
Presentation of Petition	0-01	-	-
Question of Privilege	-	0-16	0-32

Ruling/Reference by Chairman	0-05	0-11	0-06
Leave of absence	0-02	0-02	0-06
Messages from Lok Sabha/Government Bills laid on the Table	0-12	0-23	0-09
Motions for Elections/Appointments of Members to various Committees/Bodies	0-04	0-11	0-03
Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee	0-07	0-05	0-04
Statements regarding Government Business	0-04	0-07	0-05
Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance	11-22	14-22	3-26
Special Mentions	2-38	4-52	4-20
Statements by Ministers	10-33	8-15	11-23
Short Duration Discussions (Discussions under Rule 176)	-	36-29	17-13
Resolution/Government Resolution	1-31	0-01	0-03
Statutory Resolution	-	2-51	2-44
Government Legislative Business	14-40	29-07	11-28
Private Members' Business			
- Private Members' Resolutions	2-31	4-54	2-24
- Private Members' Bills	2-13	7-14	2-15
President's Address laid on the Table	0-01	-	-
Motion of Thanks on the President's Address	18-23	-	-
Budgets laid on the Table	0-02	-	-
Supplementary Demands for Grants-laid on the Table	0-02	0-02	0-03
Good wishes to the retiring Members of the House	-	0-36	-
Homage to martyrs of the Quit India Movement	-	0-02	-

Subject

Time Taken

<u>192nd</u>	<u>193rd</u>	<u>194th</u>
<u>Hrs./Mts.</u>	<u>Hrs./Mts.</u>	<u>Hrs./Mts.</u>

Matters raised with permission	-	1-20	1-56
Tributes to martyrs Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru, Sukhdev and Shaheed Udham Singh	0-02	0-02	-
Falicitations to Hon'ble Deputy Chairman	0-05	-	-
*Others	5-50	3-56	2-26
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TOTAL	90-22	140-01	74-22
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* Others include: National Anthem, Obituary References, Announcement by Chairman, Information to the House, Valedictory Remarks, Welcome to New Members, National Song and Points Raised, etc.

Preface

This is the third Profile Report.

In this Report an attempt has been made to present some interesting information in a nutshell about the work transacted by Rajya Sabha, its Committees and the Rajya Sabha Secretariat during the year 2001 in an easily readable form.

I hope Members of Parliament as well as general reader will find this publication interesting and useful.

Suggestions for improvement are most welcome.

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