

Secretariat

The total staff strength of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat during the year stood at 1129, out of which 298 persons were holding group 'A' posts. On attaining the age of superannuation 9 persons retired from service in the Secretariat. However, 4 officials – Deputy Director (Security), Manager (Printing), Assistant Editor and Senior Security Guard – took voluntary retirement w.e.f. 1 April 2000, 11 October 2000, 20 November 2000 and 31 May 2000, respectively.

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, 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

Secretariat through improvement of the organizational pattern and simplification of procedures, etc. In the year 2000, the Section prepared the Administrative Report-1999, giving statistical details to a considerable extent to enable performance appraisal.

The Distribution Section of the Secretariat is the nodal agency for receiving the communications and distributing parliamentary papers to the Presiding Officers, members, ministries and government departments and others. During the year, the Distribution Section received 9471 communications. The total despatches made by the Section during the year came to 2,57,715.

The Printing and Publications Service of the Secretariat handled a total of 392467 pages for printing. The backlog of the printing of the Hindi version of the Rajya Sabha debates was cleared during the year.

The Training Unit of the Secretariat arranged various training programmes for the officials of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on Office Manual. Workshops were organized on Noting and Drafting, Recruitment Rules, Seniority Matters and Personnel Matters. General training was also organised on the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Council of States. The Orientation Programme for newly elected members of Rajya Sabha was organized on 10 and 11 April 2000 in Parliament House Annexe. The officers and staff of the Secretariat were sent to various organization like, ISTM, NIC, etc. for attending training courses which also included computer training programmes. For officers and personnel working in the various sections, computer training programmes on MS Word, MS Excel, Leap Office, use of Internet, e-mail were organized. A workshop on Committee Software was also arranged.

Training Unit also arranged interactive session with Mr. Kris Kolluri, Legislative Director in the Democratic Leader's Office, US Congress with the senior officers of the Secretariat in the month of June. He also delivered lectures on various issues pertaining to the US House of Representatives and the Senate. The Training Unit arranged interactive session with the parliamentary delegation from Namibia which visited the country in the month of June. In August, an interactive programme with J.S.(VK) and a delegation from USIS was also arranged. The Training Unit also arranged some interactive sessions for the teachers, school children, professors, college students who had come from USA and the ICPS fellows.

The Training Unit had also set up computer clinics for

members of Rajya Sabha from time to time.

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	Parliamentary Adviser to the Hon. Chairman, Rajya Sabha and through him to the House 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
Shri Satish Kumar Additional Secretary 303-4204 301-2592	Establishment (G) Section; Establishment (A/Cs) Section; Watch and Ward Service; Questions Branch; General supervision of all Department-related Committees; Pay & Accounts Office; Welfare Unit; M.S. & A. Section; Any other work assigned
Shri S. Vijay Kumar Joint Secretary 303-4604 301-1328	Computer Cell and Committee on Provision of Computers to Members of Rajya Sabha; General supervision of all Standing Committees except Department-related Committees; O & M Section; Table Office; Notice Office; Legislative Section; Bill Office; Computer Cell; Lobby Office; Joint Parliamentary Committee on the functioning of Wakf Boards
Shri R. Srinivasan Joint Secretary 303-4733 379-3651	Reporting Service; Interpretation Service; Editorial, Synopsis and Translation Service
Shri N.C. Joshi Joint Secretary 303-4532 301-8620	Research and Library Section; Ethics Committee; Printing and Publications Service

<p>Smt. Vanaja N. Sarna</p> <p>Director (A)</p> <p>303-4206</p> <p>379-3377</p>	<p>Personnel Section; Estt.(G) Section; Estt. (A/Cs) Section; G.A. Section; Stores; Conference & Protocol Section</p>
<p>Shri H.K. Chanana</p> <p>Director (Q)</p> <p>303-4530</p> <p>301-2550</p>	<p>Committee on S & T; Questions (Overall in charge of Questions Branch);</p> <p>Distribution Branch; O & M Section; Sales & Archives Section</p>
<p>Shri Tapas Das Gupta</p> <p>Director (MA)</p> <p>303-4057</p> <p>379-4328</p>	<p>Training Unit; Computer Cell; Committee on Industry; M.A. Section</p>
<p>Shri L. Srirama Murty</p> <p>Principal Chief</p> <p>Parliamentary Reporter</p> <p>303-4137</p> <p>379-3419</p>	<p>Reporters' Branch</p>
<p>Smt. Vandana Garg</p> <p>Director (HRD)</p> <p>303-4212</p> <p>379-3412</p>	<p>Committee on HRD; Questions (one group)</p>

Shri S.K. Tyagi Director (PSSS) 303-4710 301-7516	Attached with Chairperson of Parliamentary Committee
Shri R.V. Savani Principal Chief Parliamentary Interpreter 303-4456 301-3927	Interpretation Service
Shri Tapan Chatterjee Dy. Secy. (HA) 303-4187	Committee on Home Affairs; Questions (one group)
Shri Sham Sher Singh Dy. Secy. (L) 303-4693	Legislative Section; Bill Office; Watch and Ward Service; Committee on Government Assurances
Shri G.C. Miglani Dy. Secy.(Q-I) 303-4557	Questions (one group); Committee on Petitions
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 N.K. Singh Joint Director 303-4256	Research and Library Section; Ethics Committee; Printing and Publications Service
Shri Surinder Kumar Watts Dy. Secy. (Com.) 303-4262	Committee on Commerce; Questions (two groups)
Shri S.K. Ganguli Dy. Secy.(T) 303-4668	Notice Office; Table Office; Lobby Office; Stenographers' Pool
Shri O.D. Sharma Dy. Secy. (D) 303-4475	O&M Section; Distribution Section; Sales & Archives Section; J.P.C. on the functioning of Wakf Boards
Shri Deepak Goyal Dy. Secy. (Q-III) 303-4047	Committee Section-I; Questions (one group)

Shri R.P. Sehrawat Principal Chief Editor 303-4239	Editorial, Synopsis and Translation Service
Shri Devi Dass Dy. Secy. (MS&A) 303-4014	M.S. & A. Section

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>.

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, 9 Indian parliamentary delegations attended international conferences/meetings in various countries during the year. The other visits were paid by Indian parliamentarians to France, Mauritius and Czech Republic. During this period, a total of 12 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 2000

1. INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

SI. No.	COUNTRY	DATE OF VISIT	NO. OF DELEGATES		PURPOSE OF VISIT	NAME OF RS MEMBER	NAME OF LEADER
			LS	RS			
1.	Bangkok (Thailand)	23-26 March, 2000	3	2	Asia-Pacific Women Parliamentarians Conference on Transformative Leadership for Good Governance in the 21 st Century	Miss Mabel Rebello (INC) Dr. (Smt.) Joyasree Goswami Mahanta (AGP)	Smt. Chowdhury Renuka
2.	Otsu, (Japan)	6-10 April 2000	-	2	XVth Globe International General Assembly	Shri C. Ramachandraiah (TDP) Shri Debabrata Biswas (FB)	Shri C. Ramachandraiah
3.	Amman (Jordan)	30 April to 6 May, 2000	8	2	103 rd IPU Conference	Dr.M.N.Das (INC) Dr.Mahesh Chandra Sharma (BJP)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker(LS)
4.	Rio-de-Janeiro (Brazil)	15-16 May, 7 2000		3	3 rd International Forum-Parliaments and Local Authorities Tourism Policy-Makers in the 21 st Century	Md.Salim, CPI (M) Smt.Jayanthi	Shri P.M. Sayeed, Deputy Speaker, (LS)

					Natarajan (TMC)	
5. New York (USA)	5-9 June, 2000	4	3	Beijing +5 Special Session of the UNGA	Shri Satish Pradhan, (Shiv Sena) Smt. Saroj Dueby (RJD) - Dr. (Ms.) P. Selvi Das (Nominated)	
6. London (UK)	5-6 August, 2000	1	1	4 th Workshop of Parliamentary Scholars and Parliamentarians	Miss Mabel Rebello (INC) Smt. Sushma Swaraj (BJP) -	
7. New York (USA)	30 August – 1 September, 2000	11	3	Conference of Presiding Officers of the National Parliaments	Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar (TDP) Shri Amar Singh (SP) Shri R.C. Khuntia (INC)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker(LS)
8. London & Edinburgh (U.K.)	20 - 29 September, 2000	5	2	46 th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference	Shri Karnendu Bhattacharjee (INC) Shri Ram Nath Kovind (BJP)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker(LS)
9. Jakarta (Indonesia)	15 - 20 October, 2000	5	3	104 th IPU Conference	Prof.(Smt.) Bharati Ray [CPI(M)] Shri H.K. Javare Gowda (JD) Shri S. Sivasubramanian (DMK)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker(LS)

2. OTHER VISITS

Sl. No.	COUNTRY	DATE OF VISIT	NO. OF DELEGATES		PURPOSE OF VISIT	NAME OF RS MEMBER	NAME OF LEADER
			LS	RS			
1.	France	26-3-March, 2000	5	2	Goodwill Delegation	Shri Ram Deo Bhandary (RJD) Shri Mohd. Azam Khan (SP)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker(LS)
	Mauritius	16-21	7	2	Goodwill	Shri B.P. Singhal (BJP)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi,

	June, 2000		Delegation	Shri N. Thalavai Sundaram (AIADMK)	Speaker(LS)
3. Czech Republic	30 June to 5 4 July, 2000	3	Goodwill Delegation	Shri Ram Nath Kovind (BJP) Shri M.J. Varkey Mattathil (KC) Shri C.Ramachandraiah(TDP)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker(LS)

B. Visits of Foreign Parliamentary Delegations to India during the year 2000

S.No.	COUNTRY	DATES OF VISIT	NO. OF DELEGATES	NAME OF LEADER
1.	Morocco	21-24 February, 2000	13	H.E. Mr. Abdeerahamane El Youssoufi, Prime Minister of Morocco
2.	Denmark	27 February-2 March, 2000	7	Ms. Helle Degn, MP Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Danish Parliament
3.	Russia	27 February-2 March, 2000	10	H.E. Mr. Guennedy N. Seleznev, Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation
4	Tanzania	5-11 March, 2000	2	H.E. Mr. Pius Msekwa, Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania and Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Executive
5.	European Parliament	16-20 April, 2000	9	Executive Committee H.E. Mr. Gerar Collins, Chairman of the South Asia Delegation of the European Parliament
6.	Maldives	8-12 May, 2000	3	H.E. Mr. Abdullah Hameed, Speaker of the Peoples Majlis of Maldives
7.	Cameroon	20-25 July, 2000	8	H.E. Mr. Cavaye Yeguie Djibril,

President of the National Assembly
of Cameroon

8.	Madagascar	9-18 August, 2000	8	H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Rakotozafy, Vice-President of the National Assembly of Madagascar
9.	Palestine	17-19 August, 2000	4	H.E. Mr. Ahmed Qurie (Abu Ala), Speaker of the Palestine Legislative Council
10.	Uganda	18-24 December, 2000	7	H.E. Mr. Francis J. Ayume, Speaker of Parliament of Uganda
11.	Kazakhstan	4-8 December, 2000	12	H.E. Mr. Zharmakhan Tuyakbay, Chairman of the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan
12.	Russia	17-21 December, 2000	8	Mr. S.V. Karaool, Deputy Chairman, Committee on the Federation Council on International Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Khural (Legislative Assembly) of the Republic of Tyva

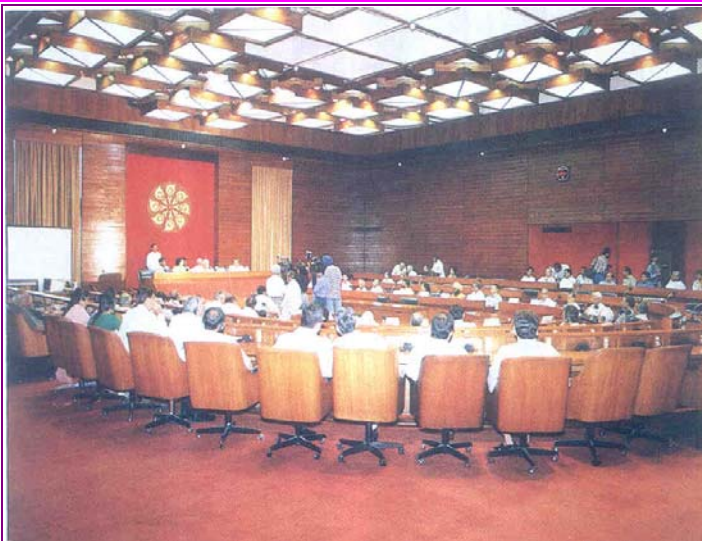
In her capacity as the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha and the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council, Dr. (Shrimati) Najma Heptulla visited different countries during the year in connection with Parliamentary Conferences, etc. The following were the countries which she visited :

Sr.No.	Country	Dates of visit	Purpose of visit
1.	Canberra (Australia)	3-13 January, 2000	15 th Conference of Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers
2.	Geneva (Switzerland)	28 January to 4 February, 2000	IPU-3 rd Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the POs' Conference of
3.	Bangkok (Thailand)	9-16 February, 2000	the National Parliaments IPU Conference of Parliamentarians on
4.	Paris (France)	12-15 March, 2000	the occasion of UNCTAD X Meeting Conference of the Presiding Officers of
5.	Sao Paulo (Brazil)	17-19 March, 2000	the Senates of the World Latin American Parliamentary Conference
6.	New York (USA)	20-29 March, 2000	To oversee the arrangements for the

			Conference of Presiding Officers of National Parliaments
7.	Amman (Jordan)	25 April to 7 May, 2000	103 rd IPU Conference
8.	Egypt	22 - 27 May, 2000	2 nd Conference of the Euro- Mediterranean Speakers
9.	Israel & Palestine	28May to 3 June, 2000	On the invitations of the Parliaments of Israel and Palestine
10.	New York (USA)	4-13 June, 2000	IPU Meeting on the occasion of the Special Session of UN for Beijing+5
11.	China	7-12 June, 2000	On the invitation of H.E. Li Peng, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China
12.	New York (USA)	27 August to 8 September, 2000	Conference of Presiding Officers of National Parliaments and Millennium Summit of the UN General Assembly
13.	London (UK) & Geneva (Switzerland)	20-24 September, 2000	Inaugural ceremony of the CPA Conference and visit to IPU Headquarters
14.	San Marino	30 September to 3 October, 2000	On the invitation of the Secretary of State on the occasion of Investiture Ceremony of new Captains Regent of the Republic
15.	Monaco	4-7 October, 2000	On the invitation of the President of the National Council of Monaco
16.	Jakarta (Indonesia)	11-22 October, 2000	104 th IPU Conference



Shri Krishan Kant, Vice-President of India and Chariman, Rajya Sabha inaugurating the Orientation Programme for new members of Rajya Sabha. Dr.(Smt.) Najma Heptulla, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha is also present on the occasion



Inside view of the main Committee room where the Orientation Programme for new members was organised



Namibian Parliamentary Delegation in Parliament House



Professor and students of the Touro College, Law Centre, USA

New initiatives

Computerisation:

The Computer Cell undertook various initiatives in the year 2000. During the year, this Cell was instrumental in purchasing 70 computers for use of the members and 75 computers for use in the Secretariat.

- List of Business - till 191st Session
- Bulletins - till 191st Session
- Synopsis - till 191st Session
- Committee Information
- Composition of Committees
- Rules of various Committees
- Reports of various Committees
- Who's Who
- Government Assurances
- Parliament Questions
- Uncorrected Debates - till 191st Session
- Journal - till 190th Session
- Legislative Business
- Bills and Statutory Orders
- Resume of Business
- Publications
- Picture Gallery

In an effort to increase availability of information to members and public, the Rajya Sabha Website was augmented during the year so as to provide upto date information to members, media and the public about the business of the House and the proceedings. As a result of computerization of the Secretariat, the list of business and bulletins are now available on the Internet simultaneously with the printed version. Details regarding legislative and other business transacted are available on the Internet, in addition to the session-wise Resume and session-wise Journal. The following information has also been made available on the Rajya Sabha Website:

A new software for receiving e-mail of answers to parliamentary questions from the Ministries and for putting the answers on the Internet with a search facility for the use of members has been developed. Another software for Committee tours, reports and meetings has been developed and implemented in the Committee Sections.

The following notice forms have also been made computer compatible:

- i) Special mention
- ii) Short duration discussion
- iii) Calling attention
- iv) Notice of motion

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 36839 casual entry permits and 182 interview slips.

During the year, 56 general passes, 12 Library passes, 978 Central Hall passes, 121 DVG (diplomatic) annual cards and 776 DVG (diplomatic) daily cards were issued. Also, 8559 Official Gallery passes and 3859 general passes to witness the sessions of Rajya Sabha were issued. During the year 25162 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, 3051 visitors were shown round the Parliament House by the Watch and Ward staff.

Cable Antenna Television System (CATV) is in operation now to show the proceedings of Rajya Sabha on the TV sets provided in the Rajya Sabha sector and the Ministers' rooms. A Bilingual Integrated Information Display System (BIIDS) provides texts superimposed on the proceedings.

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 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. There are also 17 Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees each of which has 45 members – 30 from Lok Sabha and 15 from Rajya Sabha. Out of these 17 Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees, 6 function under the direction and control of the Chairman of Rajya Sabha. During the year, most of these Committees presented reports. In all 77 reports were presented, out of which 55 were presented by the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees which are serviced by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. One report was presented by the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha on the Prevention of Money Laundering Bill, 1999. 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
127 th	<p>(i) The Bombay Port Trust Employees (Allotment and Occupancy of Residences) Regulations, 1975</p> <p>(ii) The Statutory Order No. 1076(e) dated December 15, 1998 issued under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987</p> <p>(iii) The Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 1984</p> <p>(iv) The Mizoram Rural Bank (Meeting of Board) Rules, 1984 – Implementation of Recommendations as contained in its 93rd Report</p> <p>(v) The Life Insurance Corporation of India (Agents) Regulations, 1972</p>

128 th	<p>(i) The Industrial Development Bank of India General Regulation, 1964 –</p> <p>Implementation of 105th Report of the Committee</p> <p>(ii) The Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 – Implementation of 118th Report of the Committee</p> <p>(iii) The State Bank of India Officers’ Service Rules, 1975</p> <p>(iv) The State Bank of Mysore Officers’ Service Regulations, 1979</p>
129 th	<p>(i) The General Insurance (Rationalisation of Pay Scales and other Conditions of Service of Development Staff) Scheme, 1976</p> <p>(ii) The Tuticorin Port Employees’ (Classification, Control and Appeal) Regulations, 1979</p> <p>(iii) The Industrial Development Bank of India (Employees’ Provident Fund) Regulations, 1981 – Implementation of the 123rd Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation, Rajya Sabha</p> <p>(iv) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Debenture Trustees) Rules, 1983</p> <p>(v) The Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Rules, 1986</p> <p>(vi) The Courier Imports and Exports (Clearance) Regulations, 1998</p>
130 th	Determination of rate of interest payable to subscriber of Employees’ Provident Fund
131 st	Laying of Statutory Orders on the Table of Rajya Sabha (190 th Session)
	Committee of Privileges
40 th	<p>Alleged assault/misbehaviour/non-intimation of arrest of Members of Parliament by</p> <p>the police</p>
41 st	Alleged diversion of funds for MPLADS
42 nd	Alleged intimidation of a Member
43 rd	Publication of expunged proceedings of the House (The Pioneer case)

44 th	Misleading deposition before the Sub-Committee on Energy regarding counter guarantee given to the Dabhol Power Project
45 th	Misbehaviour with an M.P. by the security personnel posted at Raj Bhavan, Chennai on 25 April 1997
46 th	Filing of a fake FIR against an M.P. and alleged misbehaviour with him by DM and SSP of Etah (Uttar Pradesh)
	Committee on Rules
8 th	Report of the Committee on Rules
	Committee on Petitions
115 th	Regarding the petition signed by Shri Nibaran Chandra Chaki of Calcutta praying for correcting certain legal infirmities prevalent in the system of administration of justice in the Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands
	Select Committee
	Report of the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha on the Prevention of Money Laundering Bill, 1999
	Committee on Government Assurances
50 th	Multi-lingual system/Indian languages as medium of examinations conducted by UPSC and recommendations of Dr. Satish Chandra Committee
51 st	Reservation for Women in Central Government Services
52 nd	Report of the Committee on Government Assurances
	Committee on Papers Laid on the Table
73 rd	(i) National Film Development Corporation Ltd. (ii) Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (iii) Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (iv) National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.
74 th	(i) National Cooperative Development Corporation (ii) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (iii) Central Electronics Ltd. (iv) Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

75 th	Government Notifications/Orders and the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the Government companies/organizations laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha during the 190 th Session
	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce
41 st to 45 th	Demands for Grants (2000-2001)
	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs
57 th	The Foreigners (Amendment) Bill, 1998
58 th	The Explosive Substances (Amendment) Bill, 1999
59 th to 61 st	Demands for Grants (2000-2001)
62 nd	The Salaries, Allowances, Leave and Pensions of the Officers and Servants of the Supreme Court Bill, 1994
63 rd	The Salaries, Allowances, Leave and Pensions of the Officers and Servants of the Delhi High Court Bill, 1994
64 th	The Companies (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999
65 th	The Companies Bill, 1997
66 th	The Constitution (Eighty-eighth Amendment) Bill, 1999
	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development
89 th to 96 th	Demands for Grants (2000-2001)
	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry
33 rd	Action Taken Report on the 23 rd Report of the Ministry of Steel
34 th	Problems being faced by Steel Industry (both in Public and Private sectors)
35 th	The working of REGP & PMRY
36 th	PSUs of the Department of Heavy Industry – Disinvestment, Sickness and Revival
37 th to 41 st	Demands for Grants (2000-2001)

42 nd	The Coal India (Regulation of Transfers and Validation) Bill, 2000
43 rd	Credit Flow to Small Scale Industries
44 th	Performance Review of BYNL Group of Companies
	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests
71 st	The Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout Design Bill, 1999
72 to 78 th	Demands for Grants (2000-2001)
79 th	The Information Technology Bill, 1999
80 th	Preservation of Gir Forests and Protection of Wildlife.
81 st to 83 rd	Action Taken Reports on Demands for Grants (2000-2001)
	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism
40 th	Problems Faced by the Tourists/Passengers at the Airports in the Country
41 st to 43 rd	Demands for Grants (2000-2001)
44 th	Disinvestment of Air India
45 th	Functioning and Revival of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd.(CIWTC)
46 th	Chartering and Management of Flights for Haj Pilgrims
	House Committee
5 th	Matters relating to the House Committee

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House at work

During the year 2000, Rajya Sabha sat for 38 days in the 189th session, 22 days in the 190th session and 25 days in the 191st session. The 189th session was divided into two spells – from 23 February to 16 March and then from 17 April to 17 May. The House sat for longer than the normal 5 hours on 43 days and without lunch break on 5 days.

Summons for the 189th session of Rajya Sabha was issued on 1 February 2000. The session that commenced on 23 February, adjourned *sine die* on 17 May. 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 23 February. The summons for the 190th session was issued on 22 June. The session commenced on 24 July and was adjourned *sine die* on 25 August. Summons for the 191st session was issued on 3 November. The session commenced on 20 November and adjourned *sine die* on 22 December.

During the year under review, 163 lists of business were issued with regard to the business of the House. In all 3820 papers were laid on the Table of the House. During the year 23 divisions were held. The total reporting work in respect of the sittings of the House came to 378 hours and 4 minutes. The various Parliamentary Committees including the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees, in their 217 sittings, accounted for a total of 411 hours 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 189th session came to 165. It was 176 during the 190th session and 169 during the 191st session. The highest attendance on a day during the 189th session was 190. It was 194 during the 190th session and 207 during the 191st 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 the Government on important issues and to ventilate public grievances.

During 189th, 190th and 191st sessions, question time was allotted for 37, 22 and 25 days, respectively. During the year 2000, the total number of starred and unstarred questions for which notices were received came to 28,087, out of which 14,655 were admitted. Out of the 1,695 starred questions, 234 questions were orally answered by different Ministers which comes to about 13.8 per cent of the total number of starred questions admitted. During the year, two statements were made and two statements were laid by the Ministers concerned correcting the replies given by them to the questions in Rajya Sabha. For the short notice questions, 12 notices were given by members, out of which only 1 notice was admitted. There were 40 notices of half-an-hour discussion arising out of answers given to starred and unstarred questions but none was admitted.

Legislation:

During the year 2000, Rajya Sabha had 85 sittings in all. Out of the total sittings held, the House transacted Government legislative business on 52 days while private members' legislative business was transacted on 6 days. The House spent 87 hours and 13 minutes on the Government legislative business. The total time devoted by the House on the private members' legislative business was 13 hours and 49 minutes. There were 22 Bills, 5 introduced in Lok Sabha and 17 introduced in Rajya Sabha which were referred to the concerned Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees for examination and report. The report of the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha on the Prevention of Money Laundering Bill, 1999, as passed by Lok Sabha, was presented. Besides, reports of the Joint Committees constituted by Lok Sabha on two Bills, which had been joined by Rajya Sabha, were also laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

The following 6 Bills included in the list of business during the year for consideration and passing were not passed and remained pending:

§ The Indian Boilers Amendment Bill, 1994 during the 190th session was not taken up.

§ The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 during the 190th Session was not taken up.

§ The Private Security Guards and Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 1994 was deferred at the instance of the Minister.

§ The Repealing and Amending Bill, 1999 during the 191st session could not be taken up due to adjournment of the House for the day soon after its assembly.

§ The Salaries, Allowances, Leave and Pensions of the Officers and the Servants of the Supreme Court Bill, 1994 during the 191st session could not be taken up due to adjournment of the House for the day soon after its assembly.

§ The Salaries, Allowances, Leave and Pensions of the Officers and the Servants of the Delhi High Court Bill, 1994 during the 191st session could not be taken up due to adjournment of the House for the day soon after its assembly.

The year witnessed some important legislative developments. For example, the Constitution (Eighty-first Amendment) Bill, 2000 seeking to enable the State in considering any unfulfilled vacancies of a year which are reserved for being filled up in that year above the ceiling of fifty per cent reservation on total number of vacancies of that year and the Constitution (Eighty-second Amendment) Bill, 2000 seeking to relax qualifying

marks in any examination or lowering the standards of evaluation in favour of members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes for reservation in promotion in services, were passed by the Houses of Parliament and assented to by the President during the 190th session. Similarly, the Government brought forward legislations on different subjects, namely, the Chemical Weapons Convention Bill, 2000 and the Designs Bill, 2000. In other important areas, the country had its first Cyber Law i.e., the Information Technology Bill, 2000. Apart from this, three new States - Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand - were created, respectively out of

The following are interesting facts about Bills in Rajya Sabha during the year 2000:

• Number of sittings during which the Government Bills were introduced, considered or laid/reported as passed by Lok Sabha	52
• Number of sittings during which the Private Members' Bills were introduced or considered	06
• Number of Government Bills introduced	23
• Number of Private Members' Bills introduced	61
• Number of Government Bills withdrawn/fallen through during the year	01
• Number of Private Members' Bills withdrawn	03
• Number of Private Members' Bills negatived	01
• Number of Government Bills transmitted by Lok Sabha	47#
• Number of Government Bills transmitted by Rajya Sabha	20
• Number of Government Bills introduced in Rajya Sabha and referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees	22*
• Number of Bills referred to the Select Committees of Rajya Sabha	00
• Number of Bills reported by the Select Committees of Rajya Sabha	01
• 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	02
• Number of Government Bills considered, passed/returned by Rajya Sabha	67\$
• Number of Government Bills pending at the commencement of the year	48
• Number of Government Bills pending at the end of the year	43
• Number of Private Members' Bills pending at the commencement of the year	84
• Number of Private Members' Bills pending at the end of the year	127
• Number of Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament and assented to by the President:	61@
• Number of Bills on which assent of the President was obtained by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat	29

Including three Bills, as passed by Rajya Sabha and returned by Lok Sabha with amendments

* Including four Bills, which were re-referred, and five Bills introduced in Lok Sabha, which were also referred to the Standing Committees under the administrative control of Rajya Sabha.

\$ Including one Bill laid on the Table of the House during the 188th session in 1959, which was returned to Lok Sabha with formal amendments and also including one Bill on which discussion was deferred.

@ Including two Money Bills (i.e. the Direct Tax Laws (Miscellaneous) Repeal Bill, 2000 and the Cotton Textiles Cess (Repeal) Bill, 2000) which could not be considered by

the existing States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar by the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Bill, 2000, the Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Bill, 2000 and the Bihar Reorganisation Bill, 2000, for better development of those areas.

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. Consequent on adoption of the eighth report of the Committee on Rules, rules were framed for special mentions which were being made without any rule till 30 June 2000. For the first time the special mention notices were processed following these rules. During the year, in all 307 matters of urgent public importance (special mentions) were mentioned in the House. There were 386 notices of calling attention to matters of urgent public importance received, out of which the following 15 were discussed in the House:

- (i) Steep hike in the price of DMS Milk causing immense hardship to the common man, on 13.3.2000.
- (ii) Situation arising out of the mounting Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of many of the public sector banks and need for urgent steps for restoration of the health of such banks, on 14.3.2000.
- (iii) The poor performance and mismanagement of Air India, on 2.5.2000.
- (iv) Adverse effects of liberalization of trade and free import of items manufactured by Indian industry, especially those in the small scale sector, on 4.5.2000.
- (v) Situation arising out of the Sankhya Vahini Project and apprehensions of emergence of a private techno-monopoly over the entire information and communication sector, on 5.5.2000.
- (vi) The internal security problem with reference to the State of Jammu & Kashmir, on 10.5.2000.
- (vii) The depletion of water resources in various parts of the country, on 12.5.2000.
- (viii) Death of precious wildlife in various parts of the country including zoos and wildlife sanctuaries and the action taken by Government in regard thereto, on 28.7.2000.
- (ix) Recent incidents of bomb blasts in various parts of the country and action taken by Government, on 1.8.2000.
- (x) Situation arising out of the closure of several units of Khadi and village industries in the country, on 16.8.2000.

- (xi) Further relaxation in jute packaging order and its adverse effects on jute farmers, workers and the industry in general, on 21.8.2000.
- (xii) The havoc caused by floods in various parts of the country, on 24.11.2000.
- (xiii) LTTE activities in the country and action taken by Government in regard thereto, on 30.12.2000.
- (xiv) The failure of the Public Distribution System and remedial measures initiated by Government in regard thereto, on 21.12.2000.
- (xv) The dumping of Chinese goods in Indian market and its adverse effect on the Indian economy, on 22.12.2000.

During the year, 267 notices of short duration discussion were received, out of which the following 9 matters were taken up in the House:

- (i) The failure of the Government of India to discharge its Constitutional responsibility to protect secularism which is one of the basic tenets of the Constitution of India by not prevailing upon the State Government of Gujarat to withdraw the circular removing the ban imposed on the State Government employees in participating in the activities of R.S.S., on 28.2.2000, 1.3.2000 & 2.3.2000.
- (ii) The role of Governors in discharging their Constitutional responsibilities in the formation of Governments in the States in the light of recent events in Bihar, on 13.3.2000.
- (iii) The recent increases in the prices of rice, wheat, kerosene, LPG and other items of daily consumption causing thereby serious problems for the common man, on 19.4.2000.
- (iv) The drought and famine conditions in various parts of the country, particularly in Gujarat and Rajasthan, on 25.4.2000 & 26.4.2000.
- (v) The Government's policy with regard to jute and jute products, on 12.5.2000.
- (vi) The internal security situation with special reference to the North Eastern States, on 17.5.2000.
- (vii) The disinvestment policy of the Government, on 27.7.2000, 31.7.2000 & 1.8.2000.
- (viii) Fall in the prices of agricultural produce resulting in huge monetary losses affecting the earnings of the farmers, on 2.8.2000.
- (ix) The plight of farmers in the country, on 27.11.2000.

During the year, the House also discussed and adopted the following motion at its sittings held on 18 and 19 December, 2000:

"That this House expresses its disagreement with the reported statement of the Prime Minister in which he has given a clean chit to three Ministers of the Union Cabinet, namely Shri L. K. Advani, Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi and Sushree Uma Bharati, against whom the CBI has completed investigations and filed charge sheets, and through this statement the Prime Minister has prejudged the issue."

New edition of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States:

The revised fifth edition of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States incorporating all the amendments/additions in the rules, as recommended by the Committee on Rules in its eighth report, which was adopted by the House on 15 May 2000, was brought out in July 2000. The amendments/additions made in the rules contained in the revised edition of the Rules of Procedure are (i) incorporation of new rules 180(A) to 180(E) for the special mentions; (ii) addition of new sub-clause (ix)-(xviii) in rule 169 with a view to strengthening the criteria for examination/admission of the notices of motion given under rule 168; (iii) amendment in rule 267 relating to motion for suspension of rule to ensure that suspension of rule 267 is relevant to the list of business for the day before the House; (iv) incorporation of new rules 278-285 for the governance of the General Purposes Committee; and (v) amendment in the format of the notice under rule 168 to make it more specific. The amended/new rules came into effect from 1 July 2000.

Privilege Cases:

During the year, 21 notices of breach of privilege were received and processed. The Committee of Privileges presented 7 reports pertaining to the complaints of breach of privileges 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

189th, 190th and 191st Session.

Subject

Time Taken

	<u>189th</u>	<u>190th</u>	<u>191st</u>
	<u>Hrs./Mts.</u>	<u>Hrs./Mts.</u>	<u>Hrs./Mts.</u>
Oath or Affirmation	1-02	0-04	0-02
Questions	30-08	18-16	15-32

Short Notice Question	-	0-10	-
Statements by Ministers Correcting Answers to Questions	0-08	0-03	0-10
Papers laid on the Table	0-41	0-27	0-26
Reports/Statements of the Committees presented/laid on the Table	0-37	0-15	0-23
Presentation of Petition	0-02	-	-
Question of Privilege	0-04	-	-
Ruling/Reference by Chairman	-	0-04	-
Leave of absence	0-02	0-04	0-02
Messages from Lok Sabha/Government Bills laid on the Table	0-23	0-13	0-14
Motions for Elections/Appointments of Members to various Committees/Bodies	0-22	0-06	0-06
Recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee	0-06	0-06	0-03
Statements regarding Government Business	0-06	0-05	0-07
Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance	17-29	8-03	8-08
Special Mentions	18-09	3-56	3-14
Statements by Ministers	10-54	8-31	4-08
Short Duration Discussions (Discussions under Rule 176)	25-33	8-21	5-51
Resolution/Government Resolution	0-01	-	0-01
Statutory Resolution	0-20	0-01	0-09
Motion/Government Motion	-	-	15-14
Government Legislative Business	35-29	34-28	17-06
Private Members' Business			
- Private Members' Resolutions	1-10	3-34	4-56
- Private Members' Bills	4-54	4-39	3-50
President's Address laid on the Table	0-01	-	-
Motion of Thanks on the President's Address	12-28	-	-
Budgets laid on the Table	0-02	-	-
Supplementary Demands for Grants-laid on the Table	0-02	0-02	0-02
Good wishes to the retiring Members of the House	1-41	-	-
Discussions on the working of the Ministries	16-00	-	-
Statutory Motions	1-02	-	-
Matters raised with permission	-	4-02	1-35
Matter referred to the Committee of Privileges	-	0-06	-
Personal Explanation	-	0-19	-
Reference regarding the first Anniversary of India's victory in Kargil	-	0-03	-
Reference and Homage to Martyrs of Freedom Movement and victims of Atomic Bombs dropped in Hiroshima & Nagasaki	-	0-02	-
Reference regarding the Martyrdom day of Shaheed-E-Watan Ashfaqullah Khan	-	-	0-02

Reference on the International Women's Day	0-03	-	-
Others*	9-53	9-02	2-49
TOTAL	188-52	105-02	84-10

* Others include: National Anthem, Obituary References, Valedictory Remarks, Welcome to New Members, Introduction of New Ministers, National Song and Points Raised, etc.

Preface

This is the second Profile Report in your hands.

In this Report an attempt has been made to present some interesting information about the work transacted by Rajya Sabha, its Committees and the Rajya Sabha Secretariat during the year 2000.

The purpose of this publication is to present various aspects of the functioning of Rajya Sabha and its Secretariat in an easily readable form. I hope Members of Parliament and others will find this publication interesting and useful.

Suggestions for improvement are most welcome.

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