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HIGHLIGHTS

Legislative

- * During the period from 1.1.2005 to 31.12.2005 the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha held 85 sittings each spread over three Sessions (Page-4).
- * The President addressed the Joint Sitting of both Houses on 25th February, 2005 (Page-6).
- * The Railway Budget for 2005-06 was presented on 26th February, 2005 (Page-12).
- * The General Budget for 2005-06 was presented on 28th February, 2005 (Page-12).
- * Four Ordinances were promulgated (Page-7).
- * Fifty six Bills were passed by both Houses of Parliament (Page-11).
- * The Goa Budget for 2005-06 was presented on 17th March, 2005 (Page 75).
- * The Bihar Budget for 2005-06 was presented on 17th March, 2005 and 2nd August, 2005 (Page -75).

Matters under rule 377 /Special Mentions under Rule 180A-E :

- * As on 31.12.2004, 243 matters raised under Rule-377 in the Lok Sabha were pending for reply. Another 906 matters were raised during the period from 01.01.2005 to 31.12.2005. Out of total 1149 matters, 707 matters have been replied to, leaving a pendency of 442 matters raised under Rule-377 (page-29).
- * As on 31.12.2004, 244 Special Mentions made in the Rajya Sabha were pending for reply. Another 662 Special Mentions were made during the period from 01.01.2005 to 31.12.2005. Out of total 906 Special Mentions, 603 Special Mentions have been replied to, leaving a pendency of 303 Special Mentions (page-29).

Training Courses:

- * A Half-day Seminar for Joint Secretaries on 'Managing Legislative Business' was conducted on February 15, 2005 (page-61)
- * An Orientation Course in Parliamentary Practice and Procedures for the officers of the State Governments was organised from April 15 to 21, 2005 (page-61-62)

Consultative Committees:

- * A meeting of Chief Whips/Whips/Deputy Leaders of various political parties in Parliament was held under the chairmanship of the Minister of Defence and Leader of the House (Lok Sabha) on 21.07.2005 to consider the revised guidelines on constitution, functions and procedures of Consultative Committees. (page – 31)
- * The revised guidelines were approved by the Cabinet on 2.09.2005. (page-31)
- * On bifurcation of Ministry of Coal and Mines into (1) Ministry of Coal; and (2) Ministry of Mines, on 27.11.2004, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Coal was constituted on 17.1.2005. The Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Mines could not be constituted as requisite minimum members required to constitute a Consultative Committee were not available.(page-32)
- * Consultative Committees of Members of Parliament attached to various Ministries/Departments held 118 meetings.(page-91-95)
- * A meeting of the Informal Consultative Committees for the Southern Railway Zone was held on 27.4.2005.(page-33)

Nomination of Members of Parliament on various Government Bodies and Hindi Salahakar Samitis:

- * Minister of Parliamentary Affairs nominated 262 Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha: 183 and Rajya Sabha: 79) on various Government Bodies, Councils, Boards etc. and 53 Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha: 24 and Rajya Sabha: 29) on various Hindi Salahakar Samitis.(page-34)

Government Assurances Implemented

- * During the period from 1956 to 2005, 79021 assurances were given by the Ministers in Lok Sabha and 48697 assurances in Rajya Sabha. Out of these 76900 assurances (97.32%) pertaining to the Lok Sabha and 47,025(96.56%) assurances pertaining to Rajya Sabha have already been fulfilled by the Government.(page- 23-26)

Part Implementation Reports

- * In addition to the above, part implementation reports relating to 30 assurances in Lok Sabha and 49 assurances in Rajya Sabha were also laid during the period under report. (page-26)

Youth Parliament Competitions:

- * The Ministry conducts Youth Parliament Competition for the benefit of the student community.(page-43)
- * Orientation Courses in respect of various Youth Parliament Competition Schemes were held as under:-
 - (i) At Rothak (West Sikkim), and Gachibowli (Hyderabad) for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and (page-48)
 - (ii) At Madurai (Tamil Nadu) for Universities (page-50).
- * The 9th National Youth Parliament Competition for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas is in progress. (Page-49-50).
- * The 8th National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities is in progress. (Page-50)
- * Youth Parliament sessions of 46 schools which participated in the 40th Youth Parliament Competition for Senior Secondary Schools under the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council were held. (Page-45)
- * The 18th National Youth Parliament Competition for Kendriya Vidyalayas is in progress.(Page-48)
- * Orientation Courses in respect of Youth Parliament Competition Schemes were held at -
 - (i) New Delhi for Delhi and N.D.M.C. Schools; (ii) K.V. Salt Lake, Kolkata (West Bengal) and K.V. Ernakulam,(Kerala) for Kendriya Vidyalayas (Page-45&47)

All India Whips' Conference:

- * The Thirteenth All India Whips' Conference was held in Hyderabad on 4-5 February, 2005 (page-56)

Exchange of Government Sponsored Goodwill Delegations of Parliamentarians:

- * This Ministry sponsored two visits of Indian Goodwill Delegations of Parliamentarians to (i) Guyana, Venezuela & Chile and (ii) Bangladesh, Thailand & Bhutan.(page-36-41)
- * This Ministry invited Goodwill Delegations of Parliamentarians from Hungary and Libya.(page-41)

Nomination of Members of Parliament on various delegations going abroad:

- * Minister of Parliamentary Affairs nominated/approved nominations of 24 Members of Parliament on various government delegations visited abroad; (page-41)

Sports programmes for Parliamentarians

- * This Ministry organized Sports programmes for Parliamentarians on two occasions.(page54-55)

Meeting with Leaders of various political parties in Parliament

- * This Ministry organized one meeting with leaders of various political parties in Parliament to discuss situation caused by the Tsunami disaster.(page-55)