

MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS  
IMPORTANT WORK DONE /ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY  
DURING LAST ONE YEAR  
(2019 – 2020)



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A: Brief of Important Works done by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

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**BRIEF OF IMPORTANT WORKS DONE/ACHIEVEMENTS OF MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DURING LAST ONE YEAR.**

The task of efficiently handling diverse parliamentary work on behalf of the Government, in the Parliament has been assigned to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. As such, the Ministry serves as an important link between the two Houses of Parliament and the Government with some additional responsibilities and functions.

**1. POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE MINISTRY**

The Ministry has the benefit of being guided by one Cabinet Minister and two Ministers of State under whose leadership and guidance all work has been done:

Shri Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi (30.05.2020 onwards)

**MOS in Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs**

LOK SABHA	RAJYA SABHA
Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (30.05.2020 onwards)	Shri V. Muraleedharan (30.05.2020 onwards)

**2. LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

(a) During the period under report 3 Sessions of Parliament were held as under:

SESSION	Lok Sabha	Rajya Sabha
FIRST/249th First Session	17.06.2019 to 06.08.2019	20.06.2019 to 07.08.2019
SECOND/250th Winter Session	18.11.2019 to 13.12.2019	18.11.2019 to 13.12.2019
THIRD/251st Budget Session	31.01.2020 to 23.03.2020	31.01.2020 to 23.03.2020

(b) The session wise information of Legislative Business transacted during the period is as under:

SESSION	Nos. of Bills Introduced in Lok Sabha	Nos. of Bills Introduced in Rajya Sabha	Nos. of Bills Passed by Lok Sabha	Nos. of Bills Passed by Rajya Sabha	Nos. of Bills Passed by both Houses	Nos. of Bills withdrawn in Lok Sabha	Nos. of Bills withdrawn in Rajya Sabha
2019							
FIRST/249th First Session	33	07	35	32	30	-	-
SECOND/25 <sup>th</sup> Winter Session	18	-	14	15	15	-	04

2020							
THIRD/251 <sup>st</sup> Budget Session	18	01	15	13	12	-	02
TOTAL	69	08	64	60	57*	-	06

\*List of Bills as passed by Both Houses of Parliament is attached at Annexure.

- (c) During the period under report approximately 23%, 30% and 18% more Bills were passed by both the Houses in comparison to the corresponding periods of 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha.
- (d) After the interim Budget Session 2019, (Last session of 16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha) 20 Ordinances were promulgated. Out of these 14 Ordinances have been replaced by Acts of Parliament during this period. Bills replacing these Ordinances have been marked with **asterisk** in the list of Bills passed by Both Houses attached at Annexure.
- (e) Many path breaking important legislations were got passed through consensus by better floor coordination despite of not having clear majority in Rajya Sabha.
- (f) The First Session of 17th Lok Sabha was historic as 30 Bills were passed by both the Houses of Parliament in this Session which is a record in single first/effective Session after constitution of new Lok Sabha.
- (g) The most important business transacted during this first Session was the abrogation of certain provisions from Article 370 and Presidential Orders thereunder. This will ensure equal opportunities to all sections of Society in Jammu & Kashmir particularly with the restoration of applicability of the provisions of the Constitution of India and all socio-economic legislations thereby ensuring rule of law and equity. Further for ensuring better administration and for curbing terrorism, the State of Jammu & Kashmir has been reorganized with the formation of two Union Territories - Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- (h) During the Second Session a special function was held in the Central Hall of Parliament on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 for Members of both Houses of Parliament to commemorate the 70 years of adoption of the Constitution.



- (i) In the sessions held during the first year of the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha legislations relating to almost all sectors were passed. Sector wise details of some of the important Legislations passed during this period are as under :-

(i) **Health Sector Reforms**

During this period, Four Bills relating to this sector namely the National Medical Commission Bill, 2019, the Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019, the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and the Dentist (Amendment) Bill, 2019 were passed by both the Houses.

**The National Medical Commission Bill, 2019 is a** revolutionary reform in medical field which provides for constitution of a National Medical Commission for development and regulation of all aspects relating to medical education, medical profession and medical institutions and a Medical Advisory Council to advise and make recommendations to the Commission.

(ii) **Social and Gender Justice Reforms -**

Certain Bills to further strengthen Social and Gender justice system in India were passed during the period

**The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019** which declares the triple talaq/talaq-e-biddat void is a major step towards grant of gender justice to the Muslim women.

**The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019** defines a transgender person and provides for protection of rights of Transgender persons and their welfare.

**The Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Bill, 2019** to prohibit the Production, manufacture, import, export, transport, sale, distribution, storage and advertisement of e-cigarettes and like devices, considering the highly addictive nature of nicotine. This legislation will go a long way in achieving the targets envisaged under sustainable Development Goals, National Monitoring Framework for Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases and National Health Policy, 2017.

**The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019** to make refugees who are Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, eligible for citizenship which and entitle them to a dignified life in India.

(iii) **National/Internal Security**

In this sector, to strengthen National Security apparatus and striking a balance between National Security aspects and Human Rights **the National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2019, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2019 and Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019** were passed.

**The Arms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019** to effectively curb crimes related to or committed by using illegal firearms and to provide effective deterrence against violation of law.

#### (iv) **Labour Reforms**

A much awaited labour reform to facilitate the ease of compliance of labour laws thereby widening the scope of minimum wages to all workers - a big step for equity promotion and setting up of more enterprises thus catalyzing the creation of employment opportunities was enacted through the passing of **the Code on Wages Bill, 2019** after amalgamating the Payment of Wages Act, 1936, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 and the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976.

#### (v) **Transport Sector Reforms -**

Some important Legislations enacted in this Sector are (i) **The Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill, 2019** to address the issues relating to road safety, citizen facilitation, strengthening public transport, automation and computerisation besides increasing the fines and penalties for violation of provisions of the Act and to make a provision for protection of good Samaritans. (ii) **The Airport Economic Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2019** to enable adoption of tariff based bidding system for engaging private partners in infrastructure projects at airports besides amending the definition of major airport - having annual passengers throughput in excess of three and a half million.

#### (vi) **Administrative Sector Reforms**

With a view to recognise the property rights of residents of certain unauthorised colonies in the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the government enacted the **National Capital Territory of Delhi (Recognition of Property Rights of Residents in Unauthorised Colonies) Bill, 2019** to address an important need of the residents.

**The Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill, 2019**, provides that SPG will be responsible for security to the Prime Minister, and members of his immediate family residing with him at his official residence. It also provides security to any former Prime Ministers, and his immediate family members residing with him at the residence allotted to him for a period of five years from the date on which he ceases to hold the office of Prime Minister.

**The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019** to retain the inclusive character as envisioned by the founding fathers of the Constitution by continuing the reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes for another ten years i.e. upto 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2030.

#### (vii) **Economic Sector/Ease of doing Business measures**

Some important legislation to address the economic sentiment in the country were also passed during the period.

**The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019** will encourage fresh investment, stimulate growth, create fresh job opportunity in the economy, stabilize the Capital Market and increase inflow of money in to Capital market.

**The Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2019** will facilitate orderly growth of the Chit Funds sector, thereby facilitating greater financial access of people to other financial products.

**The Consumer Protection Bill, 2019** to revamp the consumer protection mechanism by repealing earlier Law and providing for establishment of Central Consumer Protection Authority to promote, protect and enforce the rights of consumers; to prevent consumer detriment arising from unfair trade practices and to initiate class action including enforcing

recall, refund and return of products besides additional provision for "mediation" as an alternate dispute resolution mechanism to cope up with the drastic transformation of consumer markets for goods and services.

**The International Financial Services Centres Authority Bill, 2019** will establish the International Financial Services Centre Authority to regulate and develop a market for financial services in International Financial Services Centres in India.

**The New Delhi Arbitration Centre Bill, 2019, the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2019 provide to** promote and strengthen the alternate dispute resolution system and Non Performing Asset management system respectively and as such are a big leap forward for facilitating the ease of doing business and confidence building among investors.

**The Special Economic Zone (Amendment) Bill, 2019** seeks to include "Trust or Entity" within the definition of person under the parent Act so as to expand the scope of entrepreneurs who can setup units in SEZ.

**The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019** provides comprehensive mechanism to ban the unregulated deposit schemes other than deposits taken in the ordinary course of business and to protect the interest of depositors.

**The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020** intends to facilitate seamless transfer of all valid rights, approvals, clearances, licenses and the like for a period of two years to a new lessee in case of minerals other than coal, lignite and atomic minerals.

**The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2020** intends to give the highest priority in repayment to last mile funding to corporate debtors to prevent insolvency, in case the company goes into corporate insolvency resolution process or liquidation, to prevent potential abuse of the Code by certain classes of financial creditors, to provide immunity against prosecution of the corporate debtor and action against the property of the corporate debtor and the successful resolution applicant subject to fulfilment of certain conditions, and in order to fill the critical gaps in the corporate insolvency framework.

**The Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Bill, 2020** proposes for resolution of pending tax disputes by not only generating timely revenue for government but also the tax payers who will be able to deploy time, energy and resources saved by opting for such dispute resolution towards their business activities.

#### (viii) **Educational Reforms**

Certain Bills to further strengthen Educational Reforms in India were passed during this period.

**The Central Sanskrit Universities Bill, 2020** intends to upgrade the three Deemed to be Universities in Sanskrit, namely, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Delhi, Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tripuri into Central Sanskrit Universities in order to give a boost to Post Graduate, Doctoral and Post Doctoral education and Research in the field of Sanskrit and Shastraic education. It would help in getting better faculty; attract foreign students, Sanskrit scholars, foreign faculty of international repute and help in international collaborations with global Universities across the world.

### 3. TRAINING COURSES IN PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AND PRACTICES

Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organises Training Courses in Parliamentary Procedure and Practices for the benefit of Officers of States/UTs Governments and Central Government. The purpose of the training programme is to give a platform for Officers dealing with Parliamentary work to get an overview and working knowledge of various parliamentary subjects.

During the period under report, an Orientation Course in Parliamentary Practice and Procedure for the benefit of Assistant Secretaries (fresh IAS officers of 2017 Batch) was organized on 17th July 2019 in Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.



(Orientation Workshop was held in Parliament House on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 for fresh IAS officers of 2017 batch)



A workshop on Parliamentary Practice and Procedures was also held at Anushakti Bhawan, Mumbai on 04.08.2019, for the benefit of officers of Dept. of Atomic Energy.



(Orientation workshop was held for officers/officials of the Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai on 04.10.2019)

#### **4. MATTERS RAISED UNDER RULE 377 IN LOK SABHA AND BY WAY OF SPECIAL MENTION IN RAJYA SABHA**

Members of the Lok Sabha who wish to bring to the notice of the House any matter which is not a point of order are permitted by the Speaker to raise the matter under rule 377 of the Rules of Procedures and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha. In the Rajya Sabha, the Chairman permits the members to mention the matters of urgent public importance, generally known as Special Mentions, under Rule 180A-E of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha. These matters are generally raised after the disposal of questions and call attentions.

1302 matters under Rule 377 in Lok Sabha and 373 Special Mentions in Rajya Sabha have been raised during the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha till date. A total of 413 matters in Lok Sabha and 103 matters in Rajya Sabha has been disposed off

#### **5. ZERO HOUR MATTERS**

During 'Zero Hour', members in both Houses, with the permission of the Presiding Officer, raise matters of urgent public importance. During the period under report 1929 matters were raised in Lok Sabha which is the highest ever in comparison to the corresponding years of all Lok Sabhas and 788 matters were raised in Rajya Sabha.

#### **6. VISIT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

During the period under report various Members of Parliament of both the Houses informed this Ministry about their private/study visits to foreign countries. Requisite assistance, on demand, was extended to them through the Ministry of External Affairs and our Missions abroad.

## **Permission/clearance to State Governments for Foreign Visits.**

As per Cabinet Secretariat's guidelines (O.M. No. 21/1/7/94- Cab. Dated 30.03.1995) the State Governments are required to seek/obtain clearance of the Central Administrative Ministry concerned with the subject matter, of the official visits abroad. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs issued clearance/no objection to the dignitaries from the State Governments in respect of Government Sponsored Delegations who visited abroad.

## **7. WELFARE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

In order to look after the needs of ailing Members of Parliament admitted for treatment in Hospitals, arrangements have been made with the leading Hospitals in Delhi to obtain day-to-day information by telephone regarding health condition of the ailing Members. The officers of this Ministry pay visits to the Hospitals to enquire about the health condition of the Members and to render any assistance required by them. The Minister/Ministers of State for Parliamentary Affairs and senior officers also make courtesy calls on the ailing Members admitted in Hospitals as and when required. This Ministry makes available the bilingual information of ailing Members of Parliament admitted in various Hospitals in Delhi on its website <http://www.mpa.gov.in> on daily basis.

## **8. LIAISON WITH LEADERS OF VARIOUS PARTIES/GROUPS IN PARLIAMENT.**

One of the vital functions allotted to this Ministry under the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 is to liaison with Leaders and Whips of various Political Parties and Groups represented in Parliament. This Ministry makes necessary arrangements/co-ordinates the meetings of Leaders of various Political Parties/Groups in Parliament convened by the Hon'ble Prime Minister and other Union Ministers in order to evolve consensus on important national and international issues. During the period under report 03 such meetings were convened on the subject of smooth functioning of the sessions of Parliament.

## **9. ASSURANCES (LOK SABHA AND RAJYA SABHA)**

The Assurance Section culls out assurances from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha debates and sends them to the concerned Ministries for fulfilment. The Ministries are required to implement the assurances given by their Minister's in answer to questions put up by Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in a statement form which is called an implementation report. These reports are tabulated Ministry wise and Session wise before laying them on the table of the House. During the period under report a total No. of 796 assurances were culled out from the Lok Sabha debates and a total number of 499 Implementation reports were laid on the table of the House. Similarly, during the period under report, a total No. of 707 assurances were culled out from the Rajya Sabha debates and a total number of 474 Implementation reports were laid on the table of the House.

### **Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS software)**

In order to streamline the process of fulfilment of assurances, an Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS software) has been developed by the Ministry. This system aims at making the Assurances given on the floor of the House of Parliament fully digital and paperless.

## **10. RESEARCH RELATED ACTIVITIES**

## **Manual of Parliamentary Procedures in Government of India.**

The Manual of Parliamentary Procedures in the Government of India was updated and released on July, 2019. The revised Manual incorporates various changes that has taken place in the Parliamentary Procedure and Practices, legislative processes, role of the departmentally-related Standing Committees of Parliament in examining the Demands for Grants, Bills, annual reports of Ministries/Departments and long term policy documents presented to the Houses. As a part of Digital India initiatives, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs rolled out OAMS (Online Assurances Monitoring System) in respect of Government Assurances and this has been suitably incorporated in the revised Manual. Consultation process with the Legislative Department in respect of framing of Rules by the Ministries/Department has undergone significant changes and the same has also been reflected in the revised Manual.

This Manual is of immense use to various Ministries and Departments of Government of India and serves as a guiding handbook in understanding Parliamentary work and procedures.

## **Statistical Handbook of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs**

This is an annual compilation of various useful Parliamentary Data by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and covers a wide range of information relating to Bills introduced, passed etc., sittings of Houses, Budget , other business transacted by Houses, consultative committees etc. The Statistical Handbook is a useful document for Government officials, academicians, students and for all those interested in the study of Parliamentary activities. The Statistical Handbook was revised in August, 2019.

## **Handbook on Working of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.**

The Handbook on the working of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs which helps the officers of the Ministry in dealing with their work is another publication of this Ministry first published in 2004, was also updated in September, 2019.

All the above three publications are available on the website of this Ministry (<https://mpa.gov.in>)

## **11. YOUTH PARLIAMENT (OFFLINE)**

There are four Schemes of Youth Parliament Competition under this Ministry:

1. Youth Parliament Competition for Delhi Schools
2. National Youth Parliament Competition for Kendriya Vidyalaya
3. National Youth Parliament Competition for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya
4. National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities/Colleges

During the period under Report a total of 271 Schools/ Colleges and a total of 14200 students participated in the above competitions.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
1	Youth Parliament Competition for Delhi Schools	Prize Distribution Function of the 53 <sup>rd</sup> edition of the competition was organised successfully. Orientation Course and evaluation of 54 <sup>th</sup> edition of the

		competition were organised successfully. Modality meeting for the 55th edition of the competition was also held.
2.	National Youth Parliament Competition for Kendriya Vidyalaya	Prize Distribution Function of the 31 <sup>st</sup> edition of the competition was organised successfully. Orientation Course and evaluation of 32 <sup>nd</sup> edition of the competition were organised successfully. Modality meeting for the 33rd edition of the competition was also held.
3.	National Youth Parliament Competition for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya	Prize Distribution Function of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> edition of the competition was organised successfully. Orientation Course and evaluation of 23 <sup>rd</sup> edition of the competition were organised successfully. Modality meeting for the 24th edition of the competition was also held.
4.	National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities/Colleges	The National Level Evaluations of the 15th edition of the competition and Prize Distribution Function of the competition were organised successfully. Orientation Course for the 16 <sup>th</sup> edition of the competition was also organised successfully

A Video tutorial on Youth Parliament (Training material) was also created with the help of RSTV for prospective benefit of all participants.

### **YOUTH PARLIAMENT (ONLINE)**

The Web-Portal of Youth Parliament was developed, with the technical assistance of NIC, to increase the outreach of the youth parliament programme of the Ministry to hitherto untouched sections and corners of the country. The portal was launched by the Hon'ble President of India in the august presence of Hon'ble Vice President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Central Hall, Parliament House.



The Scheme envisages two Schemes;-Kishore Sabha for the students of Class IX to Class XII and Tarun Sabha for the students of Under Graduate/ Post Graduate level. Registration of Institutions is open till 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 and they would be able to hold the Youth Parliaments during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020. As on date 4370 (Kishore Sabha 3912 + Tarun Sabha 458) registrations have been received from different schools across the country and out of these 1260 (Kishore Sabha 1307 + Tarun Sabha 70) registrations have been approved by the Ministry.

## Financial Assistance to States/UTs

Apart from the above Schemes, the Ministry also provided financial assistance to various States/UTs for organising Youth Parliament Competitions in their respective territories. In this regard, the Ministry provided financial assistance to the following States/UTs during the 16th Lok Sabha:-

S.No.	Year	Name of States/UT	Financial Assistance provided
1.	2019-20	Haryana	Rs. 3 Lakh

## 12. AMENDMENT IN SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND PENSION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ACT, 1954 AND RULES MADE THEREUNDER

The Cabinet in its meeting held on 06.04.2020 approved the proposal of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to reduce the Salary of Members of Parliament by 30 percent for one year commencing from 01.04.2020 to meet the exigencies arising out of Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic. Consequently, an Ordinance namely, the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 (No.3 of 2020) was promulgated on 7th April, 2020 for enabling the salary of Members of Parliament to be reduced by thirty per cent for a period of one year commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 to meet the exigencies arising out of Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament in its sittings held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, recommended for (i) 30 % deduction per month from the constituency allowance for one year period effective from 01.04.2020 and (ii) 30% deduction per month from the office expenses allowance (only from stationary component and not from the salary component for employees) for one year period effective from 01.04.2020. Ministry gave its concurrence and thereafter the following Notifications to this regard were issued by Lok/Rajya Sabha Secretariats of Parliament on 7th April, 2020:-

(i) A Member shall be entitled to receive the constituency allowance at the rate of rupees forty nine thousand per mensem for the period from 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021.

(ii) A Member shall be entitled to receive the Office Expense at the rate of rupees fifty four thousand per mensem for the period from the 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021 out of which-

(a) Rupees fourteen thousand shall be for the meeting expenses on stationery items and postage; and

(b) Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha Secretariat may pay upto rupees forty thousand to the person(s) as may be engaged by a Member for obtaining secretarial assistance and one such person shall be computer literate duly certified by the Member.

### 13. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

The Ministry constitutes Consultative Committees of Members of Parliament and makes arrangements for holding their meetings during sessions and inter session periods. After the constitution of 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha 37 Consultative Committees have been constituted for various Ministries / Departments. 26 Meetings of various Consultative have been held.

### 14. NATIONAL E-VIDHAN APPLICATION (NeVA)

NeVA is a Mission Mode Project to digitize and make the functioning of State Legislatures paperless. NeVA is a member centric application so as to equip them to handle diverse House Business smartly by putting entire information needed by them in their hand held devices/ tablets and equip all the Branches of Legislatures/ Departments to handle it efficiently. NeVA application is device agnostic which runs on desktop, laptop, iPad and smart phone. Application is ready for use by all legislatures. This application provides all relevant information like Notices, Bulletins being issued by legislatures from time to time for information of all members and other stakeholders besides contact details, Rules of Procedure, list of business, Starred/Unstarred Questions and Answers, text of Bills for introduction, consideration and passing, text of all papers laid, Committee Reports, Proceedings of the House, synopsis of proceedings, provisional calendar and rotation of Ministries, News and press releases and reference materials.

NeVA also provides information relating to composition of all Committees including details of Committee meetings, their agendas, information relating to personal claims of Members like Salary and Allowances etc. Live webcasting/TV facility is also available on this application. Live telecast of Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha TVs, Doordarshan has already been enabled with further facility in respect of State Legislatures in the same manner NeVA will bring democracy closer to our citizens by bringing working of legislatures closer to them. By giving the citizens access to the bills, the question answers, the documents tabled in the house in an easy manner, NeVA gives an opportunity to the citizens for meaningful engagement with the democracy, thereby taking a strong step in direction of attaining substantive democracy.

- ✓ The Project has been accorded due approval by the competent authority.
- ✓ The NeVA Public Website and Mobile application both are developed and the platform is ready to be rolled out in State/UTs Legislatures.
- ✓ Central Project Monitoring Unit (CPMU) National e-Vidhan Application conducted following workshops/VCs during the period :-
  - No. of Phase-I (2 day workshop) - 6
  - No. of Phase-II (3 day workshop) - 12
  - No. of Phase –III (2 day workshop) -2
  - No. of Video Conferences -2



[Phase-I Orientation Workshop held for Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at Telangana Legislative Assembly, Hyderabad]



[Group Photograph of Participants of Manipur Legislative Assembly attending Phase-II workshop held on 22<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at CPMU NeVA, Parliament Annexe Building , New Delhi]

- ✓ Bihar Legislative Council became the first House in the country to adopt online questions through NeVA during Monsoon Session in July, 2019.



- ✓ Trainings of Members of Legislatures have also been conducted at Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly and Bihar Legislative Council
- ✓ MPA has also signed MoUs with Punjab Legislative Assembly, Bihar Legislative Assembly, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly and Odisha Legislative Assembly.
- ✓ MoUs are being signed with other State Legislatures and implementation of the project has been started.

## **15. ACTIVITIES UNDER SWACHH BHARAT MISSION**

On occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi Swachhta Hi Seva (SHS) campaign was celebrated from 11th September 2019 to 2nd October 2019. A host of activities were undertaken by the Ministry to make its premises single use plastic free and the use of plastic water bottles was completely banned. Officers/ officials of Ministry contributed to the cause by shramdan for achieving the goal of cleanliness.

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BILLS PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT DURING THE FIRST ONE YEAR OF 17<sup>TH</sup> LOK SABHA

1. \* **The Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
2. \* **The Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
3. \* **The Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
4. \* **The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Bill, 2019**
5. \* **The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
6. The Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2019
7. \***The Aadhar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
8. The Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2019
9. The National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2019
10. \***The New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Bill, 2019**
11. The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2019
12. The Finance (No. 2) Bill, 2019
13. The Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019
14. The Right to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2019
15. \* **The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019**
16. \* **The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019**
17. \* **The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
18. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2019
19. The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2019
20. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019
21. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2019
22. The Codes on Wages, 2019
23. The Repealing and Amending Bill, 2019
24. The Airport Economic Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2019
25. The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019
26. The National Medical Commission Bill, 2019
27. The Consumer Protection Bill, 2019
28. The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Bill, 2019
29. The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019.
30. The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2019
31. The Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2019
32. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019
33. The Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2019
34. The National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019
35. \* **The Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Bill, 2019**
36. The Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill, 2019
37. The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Bill, 2019
38. The National Capital Territory of Delhi (Recognition of Property Rights of Residents in Unauthorised Colonies) Bill, 2019
39. \* **The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
40. The Recycling of Ships Bill, 2019
41. The Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2019
42. The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019
43. The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019
44. The International Financial Services Centres Authority Bill, 2019
45. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2019
46. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2020
47. \* **The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020**

**48. \* The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2020**

49. The Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Bill, 2020

50. The Central Sanskrit Universities Bill, 2020

51. The Appropriation Bill, 2020

52. The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2020

53. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation Bill, 2020

54. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2020

55. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2020

56. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2020

57. The Finance Bill, 2020

**\*Ordinance replacing Bills**