

Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

Brief Report

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MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

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A: BRIEF OF IMPORTANT WORKS DONE BY MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

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.

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE MINISTRY.

We have the benefit of being guided by three Cabinet Ministers during this Lok Sabha under whose leadership and guidance all work has been done. Shri Venkaiah Naidu relinquished the charge of this Ministry to become Vice President of India. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar took charge of the Ministry after sad demise of Shri Ananthkumar.

1. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu (26.05.2014 to 05.07.2016)
2. Shri Ananth Kumar (05.07.2016 to 12.11.2018)
3. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar (13.11.2018 onwards)

MOS in Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

<u>LOK SABHA</u>	<u>RAJYA SABHA</u>
Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar (26.05.2014 to 09.11.2014)	Shri Prakash Javadekar (26.05.2014 to 09.11.2014)
Shri Rajeev Pratap Rudy (09.11.2014 to 05.07.2016)	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi (09.11.2014 to 03.09.2017)
Shri S. S. Ahluwalia (05.07.2016 to 03.09.2017)	Shri Vijay Goel (03.09.2017 onwards)
Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (03.09.2017 onwards)	-

1 LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- i) During the tenure of 16th Lok Sabha, some **landmark** Bills were passed by both Houses of Parliament, paving the way for prosperity of the Nation. Legislative measures include passing of several Acts of historical importance, which have far

reaching consequences for the country and its economy. The Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016, popularly known as GST Act is landmark, which envisages *one Nation and one Tax regime*.

- ii) Some of the other important legislations passed by Parliament during 16th Lok Sabha were the Constitution (One Hundredth Amendment) Act, 2015 in pursuance of the agreement and its protocol entered into between the Governments of India and Bangladesh regarding border issues, Act relating to providing **Direct Benefit Transfer** to the citizens by means of AADHAR and laws to curb black money etc.
- iii) The Constitution of India has been amended vide the Constitution (One Hundred and Second Amendment) Bill, 2018, to insert a new article 338 so as to **constitute the National Commission for Backward Classes** which shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and three other Members. The said Commission will hear the grievances of socially and educationally backward classes, a function which has been discharged so far by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes under clause (10) of article 338 and to insert a new article 342A so as to provide that the President may, by public notification, specify the socially and educationally backward classes which shall for the purposes of the Constitution be deemed to be socially and educationally backward classes.
- iv) The Constitution (On Hundred and Third)) Amendment Act, 2019 provided for **reservation for the economically weaker sections of society** in higher educational institutions, including private institutions whether aided or unaided by the State other than the minority educational institutions referred to in article 30 of the constitution and also provides for reservation for them in posts in initial appointment in services under the State.
- v) Goodbye – Old Laws:

Present Government has created a record of sorts in scrapping the old, redundant and archaic Laws from statue books. During last four years, it has repealed **1428 old and redundant Laws**.
- vi) Details of Legislative Business transacted during 16th Lok Sabha
 - a) Bills pending in the Lok Sabha at the end of 17th Session of 16th Lok Sabha is 24
 - b) Bills pending in the Rajya Sabha at the end of 248thSession is 55.

Legislative Business of Parliament during 16 th Lok Sabha	Lok Sabha	Rajya Sabha	Total
Bills introduced	219	18	237
Bills Passed	205	154	359
Bills passed by both Houses	180		

- vii) Session wise information is as below: -

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
2014							
FIRST/231 st	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SECOND/232 nd Budget	20	-	13	12	12	-	1
THIRD/233 rd Winter	16	01	18	12	12	-	6
2015							
FOURTH/234 th (FIRST PART) Budget Part I	14	-	14	12	12	1	3
FOURTH/235 th (SECOND PART) Budget Part II	11	02	10	12	11	-	1
FIFTH/236 th Monsoon	10	-	06	2	3	1	3
SIXTH/237 th Winter	09	01	13	9	10	-	3
2016							
SEVENTH/238 th Budget Part I	12	01	10	12	11	1	1
EIGHTH/239 th Budget Part II	4	-	10	12	13	-	-
NINTH/240 th Monsoon	14	01	13	14	15		1

TENTH/241st Winter	10	-	4	1	4	1	-
2017							
ELEVENTH/242nd Budget	24	-	23	14	18	1	2
TWELTH/243rd Monsoon	17	-	14	09	13	-	3
THIRTEENTH/244th Winter	17	-	13	09	13	01	-
2018							
FOURTEENTH/ 245th Budget	05	-	05	01	04	-	-
FIFTEENTH/246th Monsoon	21	01	20	14	20	03	01
SIXTEENTH/247th Winter	12	05	14	04	05	-	04
2019							
SEVENTEENTH/248th Interim Budget Session	03	06	05	05	04	-	-
TOTAL	219	18	205	154	180	09	29

Sixteen landmark Bills passed during 16th Lok Sabha for social, economic reforms and to increase public accountability as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Act
1	The Right to Children for Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2019
2.	The Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018
3.	The Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2016
4.	The Securities Laws (Amendment) Act, 2014
5.	The Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act,2015
6.	The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
7.	The <i>Benami</i> Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Act, 2016

8.	The Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Act, 2016
9.	The Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018.
10.	The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017
11.	The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
12.	The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2018.
13.	The Personal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019
14.	The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016
15.	The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 2016
16.	The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018

2. OTHER LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

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.

4716 matters under Rule 377 in Lok Sabha and 1178 Special Mentions in Rajya Sabha were replied during the 16th Lok Sabha.

3. MERGER OF RAILWAY BUDGET WITH GENERAL BUDGET PLAN & NON PLAN EXPENDITURE

A historic decision taken by this Government is to merge the Railway Budget and the General Budget and also to advance the presentation of the General Budget to February 1. This has paved the way for early completion of Budget cycle and also has enabled Ministries and Departments to ensure better planning and execution of schemes from the beginning of the Financial Year and also would enable utilization of full working season including the first quarter.

4. GST ROLL OUT IN CENTRAL HALL

Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs wrote the history while hosting the event relating to the Goods and Services a Tax (GST) Roll Out in the Central Hall of Parliament House at midnight on 30th June 2017. It was jointly inaugurated by the Hon'ble President and Prime Minister and attended by Members of Parliament, Business leaders and other VIPs from various walks of life.



5. MEETING WITH LEADERS OF VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES HELD DURING THE 16TH LOK SABHA

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs holds meetings with the leaders of various Political Parties/groups in Parliament prior to each Session to discuss matter of mutual interest. During the period under report, 18 such meetings were held.



6. 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.

14th Training Course for Officers of State Governments

The Ministry organised a five day Training Course in Parliamentary Procedure and Practices for Officers of various States/UTs Government from 4th to 8th April, 2016 at BPST Committee Room – B, Ground Floor, Parliamentary Library Building, New Delhi. The training was attended by 8 Officers from 5 States.

Orientation Workshop in Parliamentary Practices and Procedure [Legislative Business] for Officers of various Ministries/Departments dealing with Parliamentary Work

The Ministry organised a half day Orientation Workshop on Monday, the 11th March, 2019 for the Officers of various Ministries/Departments dealing with Parliamentary Work on Legislative Business. 172 Officers from various Ministries/Departments participated to get an hands down approach for the process and procedures concerning Legislative Business and to learn the nitty gritty including the time frame and paper work regarding each item of Legislative Business primarily Government Bill from domain experts from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.



7. VISIT OF GOODWILL DELEGATIONS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

During the term of 16th Lok Sabha, six Goodwill Delegation of Parliamentarians consisting of Leaders, Chief Whips and Members of Parliament of various major political parties in both Houses of Parliament have been sent to abroad to project and propagate our national policies, programme and problems in the right perspective among various countries as well as to understand their view points on rapidly changing international scenario. Reciprocally, the Ministry has also been receiving such delegations from other countries but during this term of Lok Sabha no such Goodwill delegation was received from other countries. The Parliamentarians of a country play a significant role in determining the policies of the country and strengthening of relations with other countries. Details of such delegations sent abroad are as under-

- (a) Goodwill Delegation to Mexico, Argentina and Chile during 26th October, 2014 to 7th November, 2014 led by Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, the then Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs.



(b) Goodwill Delegation to Australia and New Zealand during 24th May, 2015 to 4th June, 2015 led by Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, the then Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.



(c) Goodwill Delegation to Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia during 10th April, 2016 to 20th April, 2016 led by Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, the then Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs.



(d) Goodwill Delegation to Portugal and Spain during 16th October, 2016 to 23rd October, 2016 led by Late Shri Ananthkumar, the then Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Chemicals & Fertilizers.



- (e) Goodwill Delegation to Sweden, Norway and Israel during 29th May, 2017 to 6th June, 2017 led by Shri Surendrajeet Singh Ahluwalia, the then Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.



- (f) Goodwill Delegation to Italy and Germany during 15th October, 2018 to 19th October, 2018 led by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.



8. VISIT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

During this term of Lok Sabha 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.

9. 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.

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 term of 16th Lok Sabha, 16 such meetings were convened on the subject of smooth functioning of the sessions of Parliament and one meeting was held on the subject of situation arose in Jammu & Kashmir and another one was held recently on the subject of terrorist attack in Pulwama.

10. 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 tenure of 16th Lok Sabha a total No. of 5196 assurances were culled out from the Lok Sabha debates and a total number of 3454 Implementation reports were laid on the table of the House. Similarly, during the tenure of 16th Lok Sabha, a total No. of 4008 assurances were culled out from the Rajya Sabha debates and a total number of 3226 Implementation reports were laid on the table of the House.

Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS software)

In fulfilment of assurances, various problems arise due to human factors and also due to non-compliance of guidelines making the process less transparent. Three different modules in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs were respectively running and there was mismatch of data. Hence, the need arose for an Online Assurances Monitoring System(OAMS) to track the exact status of pending assurances and also to expedite their fulfilment. Based on suggestions received from the officers of different Ministries/Departments and officers of Rajya Sabha Secretariat and Lok Sabha Secretariat, above software has been developed by this Ministry keeping in view the existing guidelines and prevailing practices. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs also undertook a capacity building exercise by imparting training on operation of this software to 84 nodal officers of various Ministries/Departments on 24.4.2018 and 01.5.2018. IDs and passwords were provided to these nodal officers during training.

Shri Vijay Goel, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation inaugurated the Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS), developed by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, in Room No. 63, Parliament House, New Delhi at 11.30 a.m. on 9th October, 2018. Secretary, Joint Secretary and other officers of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Officers from Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Lok Sabha Secretariat and different Ministries/Departments of the Government of India were present. This system has made Assurances given on the floor of the House of Parliament fully digital and paperless.



11. RESEARCH RELATED ACTIVITIES

Manual of Parliamentary Procedures in the Government of India

In order to update the Manual of Parliamentary Procedures in the Government of India, suggestions were invited from all Ministries/Departments and both the

Secretariats of Parliament. Based on these suggestions and also the changes that have taken place over a period of time in Parliamentary procedures, the Manual was revised in April, 2018. 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.

The updated Manual was released by the Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha Shri Desh Deepak Verma on 11th March, 2019 in august presence of Secretary, Legislative Department Dr. G. Narayana Raju, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Shri Surendranath Tripathy and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Dr. Satya Prakash Khatana, on the occasion of training workshop to officers of the central and state Governments.

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 2018. Both the Manual and the Statistical Handbook are available on the website of this Ministry (<https://mpa.gov.in>)

12. YOUTH PARLIAMENT

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

Achievements & Initiatives undertaken during the 16th Lok Sabha is as under

Sl No.	Scheme	Achievement
1.	Youth Parliament Competition for Delhi Schools	The 49 th , 50 th , 51 st , 52 nd and 53 rd edition of the Competition were organised successfully.
2.	National Youth Parliament Competition for Kendriya Vidyalaya	The 27 th , 28 th , 29 th , 30 th and 31 st edition of the Competition were organised successfully.
3.	National Youth Parliament Competition for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya	The 18 th , 19 th , 20 th , 21 st and 22 nd edition of the Competition were organised successfully.
4.	National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities/Colleges	The 12 th , 13 th , and 14 th edition of the Competition were organised successfully. Presently, the competition is in its 15 th edition. The Group Level Evaluations of the competition were organised in September, 2018 – January, 2019.





Apart from the above Schemes, the Ministry also provided financial assistance to various States/Ups 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.	2014-15	Madhya Pradesh	Rs 2.21 Lakh
		West Bengal (claimed for 3 years)	Rs 15 Lakh
2.	2015-16	Madhya Pradesh	Rs 2.8 Lakh
		Haryana	Rs 2.17 Lakh
		Odisha	Rs 4 Lakh
3.	2016-17	West Bengal	Rs 5 Lakh
		Kerala	Rs 4 Lakh
4.	2017-18	Odisha	Rs 4 Lakh
		Madhya Pradesh	Rs 5 Lakh
5.	2018-19	Madhya Pradesh	Rs 5 Lakh
		Haryana	Rs 3 Lakh

13. EXHIBITION-CUM-CULTURAL PROGRAMME : “NAYA BHARAT - KARKERAHENGE”

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs also coordinated the organisation of Exhibition-cum-Cultural Programme in association with Central Public Sector Units (CPSUs), DAVP, Song & Drama Division and Delhi Doordarshan at 39 places across the country on the theme “Naya Bharat - KarkeRahenge” or “New India - We Resolve to Make” to commemorate the 75 years of Quit India Movement and Forthcoming 75 years of Independence in 2022 in August - September of 2017.

15. SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF OFFICERS OF PARLIAMENT ACT, 1953

Amendments to the Salaries and Allowances of Officers of Parliament Act, 1953 has been carried out through The Finance Act, 2018 , according to which the salary of the Hon'ble Chairman , Rajya Sabha has been increased from Rs. 1.25 lacs to Rs. 4 lacs per month.

Salary, Allowances and pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954 and the Rules made there under

- Amendments to the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954 have been carried out through the Finance Act, 2018, according to which the salary of Members of Parliament has been increased from Rs. 50,000/- per month to Rs. 100,000/-per month. The Pension of Ex-MPs has been raised from Rs 20,000/- per month to Rs.25,000/-per month and additional pension of Rs.1,500/- per month has also been increased to Rs. 2,000/- per month for every year served in excess of five years.
- Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 28.2.2018 has approved the proposal of this Ministry to amend (i) The Housing and Telephone Facilities (Members of Parliament Rules, 1956 (ii) The Members of Parliament (Constituency Allowance) Rules, 1986 (iii) The Members of Parliament (Office Expense Allowance) Rules, 1988.
- Gazette Notifications giving effect to the above amendments in the relevant Acts have been issued by Ministry of Law and Justice vide dated 29th March, 2018. The relevant Rules under the Act incorporating the changes above have been notified by the respective Secretariat of Parliament vide Gazette Notifications dated 28th March, 2018.

Rationalisation of Travelling Allowance to Members of Parliament

Travelling Allowance to the Members of Parliament has been rationalised by amending Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954 Act through Finance Act, 2018 as below-

- a) For travel by Rail, Travelling Allowance has been withdrawn.
- b) For travel by Air, Travelling Allowance has been made equal to one air fare.
- c) For travel by Steamer, Travelling Allowance has been made equal to an amount equal to one fare (without diet) for the highest class in the steamer

16. ACTIVITIES UNDER SWACHH BHARAT MISSION

Over course of 5 years various activities were conducted under Swachh Bharat Mission such as following:-

- a) A special cleanliness drive (Swachhata Abhiyan) was undertaken in Parliament House Complex from 03.10.2017 to 10.10.2017 along with team consisting of CPWD Engineers and officers of Lok Sabha Secretariat including Parliamentary Security and Housekeeping Unit.
- b) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organized a Swachhata Awareness Programme in association with Bharti Public School, who is the winner of the 52nd Youth Parliament Competition 2017-18, on the 18th April 2018, in their school in SwasthyaVihar, Delhi. Hon'ble Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel, attended the programme. Hon'ble MOS addressed the gathering of the children and encourage them to become the leader of the 'Clean India Campaign'. He emphasised on the need of inculcating the spirit of hygiene and cleanliness in the children. He said Children are the biggest ambassadors of the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' who can play a vital role to fulfil the dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister and Father of the Nation, Mahatama Gandhi. He lauded the efforts of the School to attract young students towards 'Swachh Bharat Misson'.



- c) An interactive session under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal was held on 5th April, 2018 to discuss the programme and activities relating to Swachhata Pakhwada being observed by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs during 16th-30th April, 2018. The Meeting was attended by Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development and several Members of Parliament including Shri Om Birla, Shri Ramcharan Bohra, Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste and Shri Devji Mansingram Patel. Officers/Staff of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.



- d) A Pledge Taking Ceremony in connection with Swachhata Pakhwada was held on the 17th April, 2018 in Room No. 63 Parliament House. Joint Secretary of the Ministry detailed the various activities to be undertaken during the Swachhata Pakhwada. Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal administered "Swachhata Pledge" to the officers and staff of the Ministry. An interactive session was also held in which Hon'ble Minister of State, Secretary and employees of the Ministry shared their experiences and views about the importance of cleanliness for healthy and prosperous life.



- e) On 24th April, 2018 a cleanliness drive was undertaken by the officers/staff of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in its office located in Jam Nagar House Barracks. Under the leadership of the Secretary, rooms, corridors, furniture, almirahs, and all equipments of the office were cleaned. Waste materials and equipments which are not in use were collected for disposal/auction.



- f) On the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Campaign was observed by the Ministry. Apart from routine cleanliness activities, a special Cleanliness Drive was held at Boat Club, New Delhi on 01.10.2019 under the guidance of Secretary, Ministry of Parliament Affairs. All the Officers/Officials in the Ministry enthusiastically participated in the event.



17. CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAFF OF MINISTRY

- a) A special workshop for all employees of the Ministry was also held on 8 July, 2015 in which Director of Om Shanti Retreat Centre, Gurgaon, Brahm Kumari Asha and Sister Hussain delivered lectures on working smoothly without any tension and to develop positive thinking.
- b) Two special workshops for all employees of the Ministry were also held on 10 February, 2016 and 26 October, 2016. In the workshop held on 10 February, 2016, Dr. Sunil Raheja, Medical Superintendent, G.B. Pant Hospital, Delhi Government delivered lectures on healthy life style and practices. In the workshop held on 26 October, 2016, Shri Anil Kumar Bansal, Naturopathy and Yoga Specialist and Dr. R.K. Soni, Senior Ayurvedacharya delivered lectures on naturopathy to cope with stress and had a dialogue in Hindi with employees of the Ministry.



- c) A half day sensitization workshop and meeting on Disaster Management was held on 15th November 2018. The workshop was chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and three officers from National Institute of Disaster Management were present. All Officers and Staff of the Ministry took part in full strength in the workshop. A presentation was presented by members of NDMA which was followed by a Question and Answer Session.

18. NATIONAL E-VIDHAN APPLICATION

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 is so been designed to equip Members to handle diverse House Business smartly by putting entire information needed by them in their handheld devices/ tablets and equip all the Branches of Legislatures/ Department to handle it efficiently addressing Day to Day issues and functioning of the House.



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.



Winter Session & Monsoon Session of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were completed successfully by CPMU, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. All Questions, LOBs, Papers Laid for Monsoon Session of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are available in Public domain on Website as well as Mobile Application. Member profile of all the members along with Ministers is also updated. Contact information of Members, House Secretariat, Press etc is also uploaded and are available in Public domain on Website as well as Mobile Application.

Secretary, MPA along with the CPMU NeVA team, has been imparting of training to the Nodal Officers of State Legislatures, through video conferencing to

familiarise them with the core operation of the application besides addressing various issues regarding the same . The VCs have proved beneficial for soliciting different ideas and suggestions put forth by the various Nodal officers which have been a motivating factor in taking this project forward. So far, 12 VCs have been conducted for the training of various stakeholders comprising Nodal officers of State/UT Assemblies,

