

# Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

**Brief Report**

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## A: BRIEF OF IMPORTANT WORKS DONE BY MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DURING JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is one of the key Ministries of the Union Government. The task of efficiently handling diverse and enormous 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 interface between the two Houses of Parliament and the Government in respect of Government Business in Parliament. Created in May 1949, as a Department entrusted mainly with the above function, it is now a full-fledged Ministry.

The functions assigned to the Ministry under the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, framed under Article 77(3) of the Constitution of India are enclosed at Appendix.

On the administrative side, the Ministry is headed by a Secretary who is assisted by one Additional/Joint Secretary, one Director, three Deputy Secretaries and eight Under Secretaries besides other subordinate officers and staff.

### POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE MINISTRY

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs functions under the charge of a Cabinet Minister assisted by two Ministers of State. The details of Cabinet Minister/ Minister of State are as under:

1. Shri Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi, Cabinet Minister (From 30.5.2019 till date).
2. Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (Lok Sabha) (From 30.5.2019 till date).
3. Shri V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State (Rajya Sabha) (From 30.5.2019 till date).



## LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

### 1. Summoning and Prorogation of both Houses of Parliament

Article 85 of the Constitution empowers the President to summon each House of Parliament to meet at such time and place as she thinks fit and from time to time, prorogue the Houses or either House or dissolve the House of People (Lok Sabha). During the period under Report, four Sessions of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were held:-

#### LOK SABHA

Session	Duration	Adjournment Sine-die	Prorogation	Sittings
11 <sup>th</sup>	31.01.2023 to 06.04.2023	06.04. 2023	10.04.2023	25
12 <sup>th</sup>	20.07.2023 to 11.08.2023	11.08.2023	12.08.2023	17
13 <sup>th</sup>	18.09.2023 to 21.09.2023	21.09.2023	26.09.2023	4
14 <sup>th</sup>	04.12.2023 to 21.12.2023	21.12.2023	29.12.2023	14

#### RAJYA SABHA

Session	Duration	Adjournment Sine-die	Prorogation	Sittings
259 <sup>th</sup>	31.01.2023 to 06.04.2023	06.04. 2023	10.04.2023	25
260 <sup>th</sup>	20.07.2023 to 11.08.2023	11.08.2023	12.08.2023	17
261 <sup>st</sup>	18.09.2023 to 21.09.2023	21.09.2023	26.09.2023	4
262 <sup>nd</sup>	04.12.2023 to 21.12.2023	21.12.2023	29.12.2023	14

### 2. Motion of Thanks on President's Address

**2.1** Article 87(1) enjoins upon the President to address both Houses of Parliament assembled together at the commencement of the first session after each General Election and also at the commencement of the first session of each calendar year.



2.2 The date of the delivery of the Address by Hon'ble President, name of Mover and Secunder of Motion of Thanks and the time taken on Motion of Thanks on the President's Address during 2023 are as under:-

<b>ELEVENTH SESSION OF SEVENTEENTH LOK SABHA</b>		
<b>Date of delivery of the President Address</b>	<b>Name of Mover and Secunder of Motion of Thanks</b>	<b>Date(s) of discussion</b>
<b>11th SESSION OF 17TH LOK SABHA</b>		
<b>31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023</b>	Shri Chandra Prakash Joshi (Mover) Shri Uday Pratap Singh (Secunder)	<b>February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.</b> <b>(Adopted)</b>
<b>259th SESSION OF RAJYA SABHA</b>		
<b>31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023</b>	Dr. K. Laxman (Mover) Shri Prakash Javadekar (Secunder)	<b>February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.</b> <b>(Adopted)</b>

### 3. Ordinances

During the period from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023, **1 Ordinance** was promulgated. A copy of the Ordinance was laid in English and Hindi versions on the Table of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha by the Ministers of State for Parliamentary Affairs. A statement indicating various details regarding its date of promulgation, laying, replacement by Act of Parliament etc. is given below:-

Sl. No.	Title of the Ordinance & Date of promulgation	Date of laying		Introduction of Bill replacing the Ordinance	Date of consideration & passing of the Bill		Date of Assent and Act No.
		Lok Sabha	Rajya Sabha		Lok Sabha	Rajya Sabha	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	<b>The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023</b>	20.07.23	20.07.23	01.08.2023 (LS)	03.08.2023	07.08.2023	19 of 2023 11.08.2023

#### 4. Legislative Business

A total of 35 Bills (9 Bills in the Lok Sabha and 26 Bills in the Rajya Sabha) were pending at the conclusion of 10<sup>th</sup> Session of 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha and 258<sup>th</sup> Session of Rajya Sabha. 46 Bills (41 Bills in the Lok Sabha and 5 Bills in the Rajya Sabha) were introduced in two Houses during the period under report, making a total of 81 Bills. Out of these, both Houses of Parliament passed 49 Bills during the year 2023. 4 Bills were withdrawn in Lok Sabha and 2 Bills were withdrawn in the Rajya Sabha. This leaves a total of 26 Bills (5 Bills in the Lok Sabha and 21 Bills in the Rajya Sabha) pending in both the Houses of Parliament as on 31.12.2023.

#### 5. Financial Business

**5.1 A.** The Union Budget for 2023-24 was presented to the Lok Sabha on 1st February, 2023. General Discussion on Union Budget was held in both the Houses. Demands for Grants relating to Union Budget were voted without discussion by Lok Sabha while Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2023-24 and Excess Grants for the year 2020-21 were also discussed and voted in full.

**5.2 B.** The Budget of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was also presented to the Lok Sabha on 13th of March, 2023. Demands for Grants for the year 2023-24 and Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2022-23 relating to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir were discussed together with Budget of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and were voted in full.

#### 6. Special Session of Parliament, 2023

**6.1 New Parliament Building:** The month of September, 2023 marked a historical occasion when the nation was gifted a New Parliament Building. A Special Session of Parliament was convened which commenced on 18th of September, 2023 in the Old Parliament Building wherein discussion on 'PARLIAMENTARY JOURNEY OF 75 YEARS STARTING FROM SAMVIDHAN SABHA – ACHIEVEMENTS, EXPERIENCES, MEMORIES AND LEARNINGS' was held in both the Houses. Hon'ble Prime Minister and other dignitaries addressed Members of Parliament assembled in the Central Hall on 19th September, 2023 and thereafter, the respective Houses started their proceedings in the New Parliament Building, rechristened as SANSAD BHAVAN while Old Parliament House including Central Hall has been given the name of 'Samvidhan Sadan'.

**6.2** The Special Session also witnessed a historical moment when “Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023 i.e. the Constitution (One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Act, 2023” for giving one-third reservation to women in Lok Sabha and State/Union Territory Legislatures to enable greater participation of women as public representatives in policy making at the National and State levels was passed. In Rajya Sabha, it was passed unanimously.

**6.3** During the year 2023, the two Houses considered and adopted the resolution appreciating the “Space programme of the Nation” in relation to the country’s successful Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

## **7. Discussions Held**

Discussions on ‘**Parliamentary Journey of 75 years starting from Samvidhan Sabha-Achievements, Experiences, Memories and Learnings**’ and ‘**Success of Chandrayaan-3 Mission and other achievements of our Nation in the Space Sector**’ were held in both the Houses. One short duration discussion on ‘**Economic Situation in the Country**’ was also held under Rule 176 in Rajya Sabha.

## **OTHER LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION**

### **8. Matters under Rule 377 (Lok Sabha) and Special Mentions (Rajya Sabha)**

**8.1** 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 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 Calling Attention. During the period under report, 1153 matters were raised in the Lok Sabha under Rule 377 leading to a total of 5066 matters raised during the 17th Lok Sabha. As per intimations received in this Ministry, replies in respect of 4575 have been replied. As far as the corresponding position in the Rajya Sabha is concerned, during the period under report, 134 matters were raised under Rule 180 A- E by way of Special Mentions resulting in a total of 1692 matters. Out of these, 1553 have been replied.

**8.2** On request of the Indian School of Business regarding holding an interactive session “Policy Trek – an engagement with senior policymakers and administrators” with the Secretary, Ministry organized a Half-day interactive session on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023. The above interactive session was held as part of the Advanced Management Programme in Public Policy for mid-career professionals of the Indian School of Business, a Programme of the Department of Personnel & Training. It comprised of Officers belonging to IAS, IPS, IRS, IRTS, IP&TAFS, State Public Services, and senior executives from the private and non-profit sectors and one Member of the Legislative Assembly. Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs interacted with the participants concerning the functions of the Parliament of India and also replied to the queries raised by the participants. A total of 45 participants participated in the session.

**8.3** To streamline replies and weed out any discrepancies in pendency position on these matters of urgent public importance, the Ministry has recently developed new Software that will serve as a common platform for all the stakeholders’ viz. Lok Sabha Secretariat, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, and all Ministries for monitoring the replies/status easily on a real-time basis. For the demonstration of the software, a half-day workshop was organized on 18.07.2023 for officers from all Ministries/ Departments, representatives

from Lok Sabha Secretariat, and Rajya Sabha Secretariat. 141 officers/ officials from various Ministries attended the workshop.

## **CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE & RESEARCH**

### **9. Structure of Consultative Committees**

- 9.1** At present there are forty (40) Consultative Committees attached to various Ministries.
- 9.2** Consultative Committees attached to various Ministries held 73 meetings including 13 meetings outside Delhi.
- 9.3** 171 Members of Parliament (118 Lok Sabha and 53 Rajya Sabha) were nominated on various Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees, Konkan Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Metro Railway Users' Consultative Committee;
- 9.4** 10 Members of Parliament (5 Lok Sabha and 5 Rajya Sabha) were nominated on various Consultative Committees attached with various Ministries;
- 9.5** 9 Members of Parliament (3 Lok Sabha and 6 Rajya Sabha) were nominated on various Councils, Boards, Commissions etc. set up by Government of India;
- 9.6** 15 Members of Parliament (3 Lok Sabha and 12 Rajya Sabha) were nominated on various Hindi Salahkar Samitis attached with various Ministries.

### **10. Revision of Statistical Handbook**

The Statistical Handbook of the Ministry have been revised and updated.

## **ASSURANCES (LOK SABHA & RAJYA SABHA)**

### **11. Implementation of Government Assurances**

- 11.1** While replying to questions or supplementaries thereon or during discussion on Bills, Resolutions, Motions in Parliament, at times, Ministers give assurances, for taking certain action or furnishing the required information in future. The Government is obliged to fulfill these assurances and present a Report to the respective Houses. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is the coordinating agency to ensure that the Ministries fulfill their assurances in time.
- 11.2** The Ministry extracts from the daily proceedings of both Houses, assurances given by Ministers and forward the same to the Ministries/Departments concerned for taking necessary action thereon. There is a set of expressions for each House which constitute an assurance. These expressions are illustrative and not exhaustive. While treating statement of Minister as an assurance, due consideration is given to the context in which it has been made and whether it is capable of being fulfilled within a reasonable time frame.
- 11.3** All assurances given are required to be fulfilled within a period of three months. Where delay is anticipated by the Ministry on account of some genuine difficulties in fulfilling an assurance or they do not find it feasible to fulfill an assurance for any valid reason, the Ministries/Departments request Lok Sabha/ Rajya Sabha Secretariats direct for extension of time or dropping of an assurance as the case may be, under intimation to this Ministry.
- 11.4** The Implementation Reports received from administrative ministries concerned in fulfillment of assurances are laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, as the case may be, by the Minister/Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. After the laying of Implementation Reports, copies of the Reports laid are supplied to the Members concerned and are also kept in the Parliament Library. The concerned Ministries/Departments are also informed about the laying of the Implementation Reports.




**11.5** During the period under report, 237 assurances were given in Lok Sabha. Out of which 59 were laid on the Table of the House, 2 were dropped and 1 was not treated as assurance by the Committee on Government Assurances (CGA), Lok Sabha and remaining 175 were pending by the end of the year. Apart from this, Implementation Reports (IRs) in respect of 334 assurances (including 5 part IRs), pertaining to previous years, were also laid on the Table of the House. Similarly, out of the total 255 assurances given in Rajya Sabha during the period under report, 61 assurances (including 15 part IRs) were laid on the Table of the House, no assurance was dropped and 31 assurances were not treated as assurance by the CGA, Rajya Sabha, and remaining 178 were pending by the end of the year. Apart from this, Implementation Reports in respect of 242 assurances (including 77 part), pertaining to previous years, were also laid on the Table of the House.

**11.6** The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has been vigorously pursuing with all the Ministries/Departments concerned for ensuring early implementation of the pending assurances given to Parliament. Periodic reviews are undertaken and the Ministries/Departments are reminded to expedite implementation of the assurances. As a result of the drive conducted by this Ministry, there has been a marked improvement in the pace of implementation of Assurances. A new website was also launched for efficient monitoring bearing address-<https://oams.nic.in/>.

**11.7** The Committee on Government Assurances, Lok Sabha presented its 79<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 81<sup>st</sup> and 82<sup>nd</sup> reports on 09.02.2023, 83<sup>rd</sup>, 84<sup>th</sup>, 85<sup>th</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup>, 87<sup>th</sup>, 88<sup>th</sup>, 89<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> reports on 27.07.2023 and 91<sup>st</sup>, 92<sup>nd</sup>, 93<sup>rd</sup>, 94<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup>, 96<sup>th</sup> and 97<sup>th</sup> reports on 19.12.2023 to the Lok Sabha. Similarly the Committee on Government Assurances, Rajya Sabha presented its 77<sup>th</sup> report on 05.12.2023 to the Rajya Sabha.

**11.8** This Ministry, automated the entire process of assurance work, beginning from culling out of assurances from proceedings of the House to laying of implementation reports by launching a software called Online Assurances Monitoring System (O.A.M.S.) from 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. Records are now transparent and uniform for all stakeholders. This has also resulted in savings of papers, other physical resources, manpower, time etc:




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**Online Assurance Monitoring System (OAMS)**

HOME
REPORTS
FAQ
GUIDELINES
SEARCH ASSURANCE
ASSURANCE DETAILS
CONTACT US
LOGIN

Lok Sabha

Rajya Sabha



**32904**

Assurances Made

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**27393**

Assurances Implemented

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**2595**

Assurances Dropped

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**1314**

Assurances Pending

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## YOUTH PARLIAMENT

### 12. Youth Parliament Competitions

**12.1** With a view to strengthening the roots of democracy, inculcate healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of views of others and to enable the student community to know about the working of Parliament, the Ministry conducts the following Youth Parliament Competitions:

- Youth Parliament Competition for Delhi schools;
- National Youth Parliament Competition for Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- National Youth Parliament Competition for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas;
- National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities / Colleges.

**12.2** During the year, the results of following Youth Parliament Competitions were declared:

- 55<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament Competition, 2022-23 for Delhi schools;
- 33<sup>rd</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, 2022-23 for Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- 24<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, 2022-23 for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas;
- 16<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, 2019-20 for universities/colleges.

**12.3** During the year, the Prize Distribution Function was organized for winners of the following Youth Parliament Competitions at GMC Balayogi Auditorium, Parliament Library Building, New Delhi:-

- On 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 for 24<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, 2022-23 for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas :->



- b) On 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 Prize distribution was organized for 55<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament Competition, 2022-23 for Delhi schools:→



- c) On 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2023 Prize distribution was organized for 33<sup>rd</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, 2022-23 for Kendriya Vidyalayas:→



- d) The Prize Distribution Function of 16<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament competition, 2019-20 for universities/colleges is scheduled to be organized on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**12.4** During the year, Orientation Courses for conducting Youth Parliament Competitions were organized by the Ministry for the Principals/teachers-in-charge of participating schools on the following dates:

- a) 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 for 25<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, 2023-24 for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas;
- b) 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 for 34<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, 2023-24 for Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- c) 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 for 56<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament Competition, 2023-24 for Delhi schools.

**12.5** During the year, evaluations of 34<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, 2023-24 for Kendriya Vidyalayas and 16<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, 2019-20 for Universities/Colleges have been completed and the evaluations of 56<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament Competition, 2023-24 for Delhi Schools and 25<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, 2023-24 for JNVs are scheduled to be completed till January, 2024.

**12.6** The Youth Parliament Competitions are also being organized by States/UTs. The Ministry provides financial assistance to States/UTs for organizing Youth Parliament Competitions. During the year 2023, financial assistance was given to the States of Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

**12.7** To increase the outreach of the Youth Parliament programme to hitherto untouched sections and corners of the country, a web-portal of National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS) was launched by the Ministry on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. The registration for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of NYPS started on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 after closing the registration for 2<sup>nd</sup> edition on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.

**12.8** The Ministry had fixed a target to organize special sittings of Youth Parliament on the theme of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) in at least one institution every month starting from January, 2022 to August, 2023. A total of 10 special sittings had been organized during the period of January, 2023 to August, 2023.

**12.9** An inter school essay competition was organized by the Ministry for the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Gole Market, Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 as part of 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Celebration:→



**12.10** Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti; Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi; and NDMC have been requested to organize Essay Competition among their students in the run up to celebrations of 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, 2024:→



## ALL INDIA WHIP'S CONFERENCE

**13.** In view of the significant role of the Whips and to provide a suitable forum for periodical meetings and mutual exchange of views amongst the whips in Parliament and State Legislatures, the Ministry has been organizing All India Whips' Conference from time to time. Since 1952 eighteen All India Whips' Conferences have been held so far.

## **14. Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament**

**14.1** Under Section 9 of the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament consisting of 10 members of Lok Sabha and 5 Members of Rajya Sabha, nominated by the Speaker, Lok Sabha and Chairman, Rajya Sabha respectively is constituted to make rules on matters specified under sub-section (3) of Section 9 of the Act. Recommendations of the Joint Committee are processed in the Ministry in consultation with the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secretariats and the concerned Ministries/Departments. Action is taken to bring forward legislation, wherever necessary.

**14.2** The Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament, 1954 was amended vide The Finance Act, 2018 (No.13 of 2018) by which the salary, allowances and pension were enhanced w.e.f. 01.04.2018.

**14.3** During the year 2023, 02 sittings of Joint Committee were held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 and 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

## **15. Action on Reports of Committee on Subordinate Legislation**

Reports of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (COSL) of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are processed in the Ministry. During the year 28<sup>th</sup> report of COSL of the Lok Sabha was laid in the House on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 and processed in the Ministry.

## **16. Institution of Leaders/Chief Whips and Whips**

The smooth functioning of the Parliamentary system depends, to a large extent, on the efficiency of the party machinery in the legislatures. The Leaders and Chief Whips of parties and groups in Parliament are important party functionaries who play a vital role in the proper functioning of the parties and groups in legislatures. The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, as the Government Chief Whip, is responsible for the smooth conduct of business in the two Houses of Parliament along with the Leaders/Chief Whips/ Whips of all parties/groups in Parliament.

## **VISIT OF GOODWILL DELEGATIONS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

### **17. Exchange of Government Sponsored Delegation of Parliamentarians**

**17.1** In the continuously and rapidly changing international scenario, the need to project and propagate our national policies, programme and problems in the proper perspective among various countries as well as understand their view points was being felt for a long time. The Parliamentarians of a country play a significant role in determining the policies of the country and strengthening of relations with other countries. With this in view, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has been sponsoring the visit of Indian Goodwill Delegation of Parliamentarians to various countries. The Ministry has also been receiving such delegations from other countries.

### **17.2 Visit of Government Sponsored Delegation of MPs to foreign countries:**

During the period, one Goodwill Delegation of Parliamentarian consisting of Leaders, Chief Whips and Members of Parliament of various major Political Parties in both Houses of Parliament led by Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal & Mines visited Brazil and Uruguay during 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 to 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2023:-



### **17.3 Visit of Members of Parliament to foreign countries**

During the period under report, 2 Members of Parliament (1 Members of Rajya Sabha and 1 Members of Lok Sabha) 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.

#### **17.4 Meeting with Delegations from abroad**

Besides sending the delegations to abroad, various delegations from abroad call on Minister of Parliamentary Affairs/Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and exchange views on functioning of Parliament and other matters of mutual interest. This year, two such Parliamentary Delegations from Argentina and Brazil met the Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs on 6.2.2023 and 18.7.2023 respectively.

#### **17.5 Nomination of the Members of Parliament to the Government Delegations visiting abroad.**

Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs nominated two Members of Parliament for Second Parliamentary Summit at Chile in June, 2023 on the request of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.

### **18. WELFARE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

**18.1** 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.

**18.2** The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs 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.

### **19. 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 liaison with Leaders and Whips of various Political Parties and Groups represented in Parliament. Protocol and Welfare Section makes necessary arrangements/coordinates 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 following meetings were convened, as per details, indicated below:

S.No	Date & Venue	Subject	Presided by	Ministry concerned
1.	30.01.2023 G- 074, Parliament Library Building, New Delhi	Smooth functioning of the Budget Session	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
2.	19.07.2023 G- 074, Parliament Library Building, New Delhi	Smooth functioning of the Monsoon Session	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
3	17.09.2023 G- 074, Parliament Library Building, New Delhi	Smooth functioning of the Parliament Session	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
4.	02.12.2023 G- 074, Parliament Library Building, New Delhi	Smooth functioning of the Winter Session	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

## 20. NATIONAL E-VIDHAN APPLICATION

**20.1 Introduction:** e-Vidhan is a Mission Mode Project (MMP) under the Digital India Programme(DIP) under the State category. Under e-Vidhan, National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) is based on 'One Nation-One Application' principle. Its core aim is to digitize the operations of all State Legislatures by transforming them into "*Digital Houses*". NeVA facilitates paperless transactions for entire government business within legislative assemblies, enabling seamless information exchange with state government departments and real-time publication of approved content on a public portal. It also empowers State Legislature Members to engage more effectively in legislative debates by leveraging the latest Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools. This democratizes the legislative process by fostering greater participation and informed decision-making.

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has been designated as 'Nodal Ministry' for implementation of NeVA MMP in all the States/ UTs with Legislative Assemblies/ Councils and has been empowered to take all necessary steps to promote & roll out e-Vidhan re-designated as National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) in all the 31 States/ UTs with Legislatures

**20.2 Mission & Project Objective:** The objectives of the NeVA project are to ensure the following:

- The backend computerization of all the branches of the States/UTs Legislature Secretariats in order to ensure electronic flow and delivery of information / data to the Members of the States/UTs Legislatures and to interact with various State Government Departments.
- Efficient delivery of services with improved service levels by undertaking Business Process Re-engineering (BPR) of identified services and their processes
- Capacity building and Orientation Programme for the Members of the State Legislatures, officials of the respective States Legislatures Secretariats and other officials of the State Government Departments at NeVA Kendra in all the States/UTs Legislature locations.
- Delivery of public services (information dissemination) through the public portals and Dashboard to ensure reliability, efficiency, transparency and accountability of all Stakeholders.
- Digital Legislature: Installation of Touch Screen / Tablet devices in the House.
- To provide One Tablet Device to each Members of State Legislatures (if not already provided/provisioned by the State Legislature).
- To deploy necessary Hardware/access devices in the House(s) of Legislature for electronic delivery of Services such as electronic laying of all the reports/ documents and papers on the table of the House through e-book module of NeVA.
- To make all the applications user friendly and device independent in order to increase their usage by the various stakeholders.
- To make mobile friendly portals (bilingual) for all the State Legislatures and to develop easy to use Mobile Apps in order to access information/data immediately required to be accessed by the Members and other stakeholders.
- Lastly, to achieve the target of digital legislatures through NeVA platform.

### 20.3 Areas of Automation under e-Vidhan MMP

National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) automates processes which are relevant for paperless functioning of house and digital exchange of information. The following modules have been developed and implemented under NeVA project-



Digital House, Master Data, User Management, Department Reply, Mobile Application, Bills Management System, List of Business, Committee Management System, Question Processing, Public Portal, Member Module, Reporter's Module, Digital Archive Module, Government Assurance Module

#### 20.4 Major Events Held in 2023

- i) **National Workshop of NeVA:** As part of the midterm review of the NeVA project in all State/UT legislatures, a two-day National Workshop on NeVA took place on May 24-25, 2023, at The Ashok Hotel in New Delhi. The Chief Guest for the Workshop was Sh. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry and was attended by Sh. Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs along with Hon'ble MoS, Sh. Arjun Ram Meghwal and Hon'ble MoS, Sh. V. Muraleedharan. Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary MEITY, Shri V Srinivas, Secretary DARG, Shri Gudey Srinivas, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Shri Rajit Punhani, Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat & CEO, Sansad TV addressed the workshop, which saw the participation of over 200 attendees from State/UT legislatures, State Governments and NIC:-



- ii) **Inauguration of NeVA project in Gujarat-** Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu inaugurated NeVA project for Digital Legislature in Gujarat Assembly in the presence of Shri Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister, Gujarat and Shri Shankar Choudhary, Speaker, Gujarat Legislative Assembly. The inauguration session was also attended by the Secretary, MoPA:-



#### 20.5 Achievements of NeVA in State Legislatures

This year marked a significant milestone in the NeVA project as apart from signing of Memorandum of Understanding by Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly for NeVA implementation, the detailed project report for Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh Assembly was also approved by the Empowered Committee of NeVA in its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting

held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Tripura Legislative Assembly and Gujarat Legislative Assembly successfully went live with NeVA.

- i) **Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly:** Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly onboarded NeVA and digitalized its House in April, 2023 through NeVA platform. The CPMU, NeVA team provided in-house support training to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Secretariat before their official transition to the NeVA platform. It also provided hand holding support during their maiden session on NeVA platform:-



- ii) **Sikkim Legislative Assembly:** Sikkim Legislative Assembly onboarded NeVA and digitalized its House in May, 2023 through NeVA platform. The CPMU, NeVA team provided in-house support training to Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat before their official transition to the NeVA platform.
- iii) **Tripura Legislative Assembly:** Tripura Legislative Assembly became the 10<sup>th</sup> legislature to onboard NeVA platform from 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2023. The Assembly ran its maiden digital session from 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 through NeVA platform.
- iv) **Gujarat Legislative Assembly:** The Gujarat Legislative Assembly onboarded NeVA platform and become 11<sup>th</sup> legislature that has become digital through NeVA platform. Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu inaugurated NeVA project for Digital Legislature in Gujarat Assembly in the presence of Shri Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister, Gujarat and Shri Shankar Choudhary, Speaker, Gujarat Legislative Assembly. The inaugural session was also attended by the Secretary, MoPA:-



- v) **Punjab Legislative Assembly:** Punjab Legislative Assembly became the 12<sup>th</sup> Legislature in the country that had transformed its House digitally through NeVA. Sh. Bhagwant Mann, Chief Minister, Punjab inaugurated the NeVA in Punjab Legislative Assembly.

**20.6 Status of NeVA implementation:** The NeVA project has achieved notable milestones in its remarkable journey. Presently, 22 Legislatures have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry. Out of these, 18 have received project sanction and funding. Moreover, 12 Legislatures have successfully digitized their Houses through the NeVA platform. These accomplishments underscore the project's effective implementation and expanding influence.

**20.7 BHASHINI:** At present, the BHASHINI is working to provide its services in 22 scheduled languages in the areas of automatic Speech Recognition, Text to Speech translation, Text to Text translation and Optical Character Recognition. In a recent meeting with BHASHINI team, it gave a presentation and explained the purpose of the launch of the initiative to transcend the language barriers by harnessing the emerging technologies of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML). The team also demonstrated the use cases for different languages translation encompassing Text to Speech, Speech to Speech, etc. The BHASHINI team is providing its assistance to the NeVA team in integration of APIs in NeVA platform so as to utilise the applicability of the language and translation tools for enhanced user experience.

## **21. USE OF HINDI IN THE MINISTRY**

**21.1** For proper implementation of the Official Language Policy and provisions of the Official Language Act, 1963 and Rules made thereunder, and for translation work, a Hindi Section in the Ministry is functional.

**21.2** An Official Language Implementation Committee has been set up to ensure proper implementation of the official language policy in the Ministry. During the period under report, four meetings of the Implementation Committee were held on 09.03.2023, 15.06.2023, 26.09.2023 and 22.12.2023.

**21.3** To advise on matters relating to the progressive use of Hindi and for implementation of the Official Language Policy, a Hindi Salahkar Samiti is constituted in the Ministry. During the period under report, one meeting of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti was held on 18.01.2023.

**21.4** To ensure the implementation of the provisions of the Official Language Act and Official Language Rules and to keep a constant watch on the implementation of provisions related to the use of Hindi in the Ministry, the Sections of the Ministry are inspected. During the period under report, an inspection of five Sections was carried out.

**21.5** "Hindi Fortnight" was celebrated in the Ministry from 14th to 29th September, 2023. During the fortnight, various competitions were conducted. The closing function of the Hindi Fortnight was held on 29th September, 2023. During the function, prizes were distributed to winners of various competitions. Prizes were awarded to 30 officers/staff members, in total.

**21.6** Out of 12 sections of the Ministry, excluding the Research Cell and NeVA Cell, six sections are specified to do a cent-percent of work in Hindi and the other six sections to do 50% of the work in Hindi.

**21.7** To encourage the use of Hindi in the Ministry, two Hindi Workshops were conducted in the Ministry during the period under report. The first workshop was conducted from 24th April to 1st May, 2023 and the second from 30th October to 6th November, 2023. In these Workshops, a total of 23 employees were imparted training on noting & drafting in Hindi.

**21.8** On the occasion of 9th “International Yoga Day”, a yoga workshop was also organized for the officers/employees of the Ministry on 20th June, 2023. In the yoga workshop, yoga experts Brahma Kumari Vidhatri and Brahma Kumari Parul from the Om Shanti Retreat Center, Gurugram imparted yoga training.

**21.9** During the Vigilance Awareness Week observed in the Ministry from 30th October to 5th November 2023, an essay writing competition on the topic ‘Measures to prevent and control corruption in the Country’ was organized for the officers/employees of the Ministry on 3rd November, 2023.

## 22. CELEBRATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY 2023



**22.1** For befitting celebration of the Constitution Day on 26th November, 2023, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs made a request to all the Ministries/Departments of Government of India for maximum participation in the two Portals of the Ministry, re-activated on the occasion of Samvidhan Diwas.

**22.2** The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs operationalized two web-portals for larger public participation:

- Online reading of Preamble to the Constitution in 22 Official Languages and English (readpreamble.nic.in).
- Online Quiz on “Bharat : Loktantra ki Janani” (constitutionquiz.nic.in).



The Ministry actively utilized Social Media and account base of MyGov for reaching the public at large. The Heads of the prominent Educational Boards viz. KVS, JNV, NDMC and Director of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi were also requested for motivating the student community to enthusiastically participate in the above two events. About 28 Lacs people have participated on these two Portals, details of which are as under:-

- Online reading of Preamble to the Constitution – 17,81,496
- Online Quiz on “Bharat : Loktantra ki Janani” – 10,63,462

## 23. STATUS NOTE ON COMPLIANCE TO CYBER SECURITY-BY NIC

**23.1** Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and Deputy CISO for IT Security have been nominated and details have been provided to CERT-In.

**23.2** "Network of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MoPA) is a part of Lok Sabha Network". M/s IBM has been issued purchase order by Lok Sabha for Managed Service Provider (MSP) through a tender process. This MSP will take care of all security operating centers and network operating centers of Parliament House Complex. It will take care of Network and infrastructure security measures as per guidelines.

**23.3** MoPA has taken care of Application Security, Mobile Application Security, Data Security, Data Backup Policy and Secure Cloud Services. It has been ensured that all office systems are installed with genuine copy of operating system and other application software solutions. Genuine Antivirus/EDR software on all the systems has been installed with regular signature updates.

**23.4** The website of MoPA (<https://mpa.gov.in>) is security and GIGW/STQC audit compliant with valid SSL certificate. The security audit of websites viz., <https://nyps.mpa.gov.in> & <https://oams.nic.in> are in process.

## 24. CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE STAFF OF MINISTRY

**24.1 Mission Karmayogi** - National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building is administered by the Department of Personnel and Training. It is a scheme that exhorts the civil servant to maintain a very high standard of conduct and behaviour so that he/she earns the trust of the people and is emulated by his peers and subordinates. Mission Karmayogi has been launched by Government of India to develop a citizen-centric and future-ready civil service through democratized and competency-led capacity building.

**24.2 iGOT Karmayogi** is an online learning platform being developed as an integral part of the Digital India stack for capacity building of all government employees. It will provide ‘anytime-anywhere-any device’ learning to train users.

**24.3** Ministry has taken a step up in the digital world of iGot-Karmayogi to build up the capacity of their officers/officials and increase their expertise in various fields so that they make the contribution for the betterment of the country. As on date, all the employees of the Ministry have on-boarded on iGOT Karmayogi Platform and increasing their knowledge & efficiency by learning various courses available on it. The officers/official of the Ministry have completed the following courses on the iGot-Karmayogi Platform, till date:

- a. Project Management
- b. Self Leadership
- c. Office Procedure
- d. Landmark judgements-RTI Act, 2005
- e. Time Management
- f. Yoga for excellence
- g. Goal Setting

- h. Noting and Drafting
- i. Introduction to Emerging Technologies
- j. Code of Conduct:
- k. Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace

## 25. SPECIAL CAMPAIGN AND SWACHH BHARAT MISSION

**25.1** The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs launched a Special Campaign 2.0 on Disposal of Pending Matters (SCPDM), from 2nd October to 31st October, 2022, which focused on disposal of public grievances, references from the Members of Parliament, Parliament Assurances, Cleanliness drive, disposal of scrap and weeding out of files /Record Management etc. During the campaign, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has achieved the following:

- a. Target of 373 Physical files review was achieved.
- b. Target of 461 e-files review was achieved.
- c. 226 files weeded out during the Special Campaign 2.0.
- d. Revenue of Rs. 1,23,810/- was generated by selling of scraps.

**25.2** The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs deals with Public Grievances and PMO references on priority basis and due to prompt and immediate action pendency was NIL during the campaign. Digital Initiative National e Vidhan Application (NeVA) and Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS) remained Best Practices during the Special Campaign 2.0.

**25.3** “SWACHH BHARAT” has always remained a top priority of this Ministry and accordingly necessary activities in this regard have regularly been undertaken by this Ministry from time to time.

In this context, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs also celebrated Swachhata Hi Seva - 2023 Campaign during 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 to 02<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023 for undertaking Shramdaan activities aiming to generate “Jan Andolan” through community participation and to reinforce the concept of Sanitation as everyone’s business. In this regard, the Ministry planned a number of activities as a part of the annual Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS). To begin with, in order to initiate/ accelerate the activities under SHS in the Ministry, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs administered the Swachhata Pledge to officers/officials of the Ministry and motivated them to dedicate themselves to ensuring Garbage Free India.



To give tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary on 2nd October, 2023, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organised the Ek Taarikh–Ek Ghanta–Ek Saath Shramdaan for Swachhata as culmination of Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Jan Andolan to achieve the objective of Garbage Free India in Navyug Senior Secondary School, Peshwa Road New Delhi and vicinity to its premises at 10:00 AM on 01.10.2023.



## 26. SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is also giving special focus on its presence on social media platforms. These efforts have led to a substantial rise in social media metrics over the past years, characterized by significant increases in both impressions and engagements. Notably, followers have increased by 36.36%, indicating a growing and actively engaged audience. This emphasizes the effectiveness of the Ministry's communication strategy and has also led to increased awareness among its audience.

FUNCTIONS ALLOTTED TO THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

**Functions assigned to the Ministry under the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 made by the President under Article 77 (3) of the Constitution of India:-**

1. Dates of summoning and prorogation of the two Houses of Parliament, Dissolution of Lok Sabha, President's Address to Parliament.
2. Planning and coordination of legislative and other official business in both Houses.
3. Allocation of Government time in Parliament for discussion of motions given notice of by Members.
4. Liaison with Leaders and Whips of various Parties and Groups represented in Parliament.
5. Lists of Members of Select and Joint Committees on Bills.
6. Appointment of Members of Parliament on Committees and other bodies set up by Government.
7. Functioning of Consultative Committees of Members of Parliament for various Ministries.
8. Implementation of assurances given by Ministers in Parliament.
9. Government's stand on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.
10. Secretarial assistance to the Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.
11. Advice to Ministries on procedural and other Parliamentary matters.
12. Coordination of action by Ministries on recommendations of general application made by Parliamentary Committees.
13. Officially sponsored visits of Members of Parliament to places of interest.
14. Matters connected with powers, privileges and immunities of Members of Parliament.
15. Parliamentary Secretaries-functions.
16. Organisation of Youth Parliament Competitions in Schools/Colleges throughout the country.
17. Organisation of All India Whips' Conference.
18. Exchange of Government Sponsored Delegations of Members of Parliament with other countries.
19. Determination of Policy and follow up action in regard to matters raised under Rule 377 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha and by way of Special Mentions in Rajya Sabha.
20. Manual for Handling Parliamentary work in Ministries/Departments.
21. The Salaries and Allowances of the Officers of Parliament Act, 1953. (20 of 1953)
22. The Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954. (30 of 1954)
23. The Salary and Allowances of Leaders of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977 (33 of 1977).
24. The Leader and Chief Whips of Recognized parties and Groups in Parliament (Facilities) Act, 1998 (5 of 1999).