

YEAR END REVIEW 2018: MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (MOPA)

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Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

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MoPA implementing National e-Vidhan Application in mission mode to make functioning of Legislatures across the country paperless

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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 of Parliamentary Affairs serves as an important link between the two Houses of Parliament and the Government in respect of Government Business in Parliament. The given details below depict the achievements of the Ministry since May 2014, with special emphasis on achievements of the year 2018.

Legislative Business

Bills Pending before 16th LS in Rajya Sabha -120

Bills Pending before 16th in Lok Sabha – 00

Legislative Business of Parliament in 16th Lok Sabha	Rajya Sabha	Lok Sabha	Total
Bills introduced	07	204	211
Bills Passed	189	145	334
Bills enacted	171		

Legislative Business of Parliament from 1 st January, 2018 to 30 th November, 2018.	Rajya Sabha	Lok Sabha	Total
Bills introduced	01	30	31
Bills Passed	17	30	47
Bills enacted	30		

Special Mention/ Rule 377 in 16th Lok Sabha	Total	Reply	Pending
Special Mention	373	78	295
Rule 377	2283	721	1562

Special Mention / Rule 377 from 1 st January, 2018 to 30 th November, 2018.	Total	Reply	Pending
Special Mention	111	11	100
Rule 377	694	163	531

Meeting with Leaders of various Political Parties

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs holds meetings with the Leaders of various political parties /groups in Parliament prior to each Session to discuss matters of mutual interest. During the period (May, 2014 to 31st December, 2017), 13 such meetings were held. From 1st January, 2018 to December, 2018, 3 such meetings were held.

Goodwill Delegations

The Parliamentarians of a country play a significant role in determining the policy of the country and strengthening of relations with other countries. More particularly, it is indeed useful and necessary for a democratic and developing country like India to select some Members of

Parliament and distinguished personalities and utilize their services in projecting our policies, programmes and achievements in different fields with their counterparts and other opinion makers in other countries and secure their support in favour of India.

With these objectives in view, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs sponsors Goodwill Delegation of Members of Parliament to other countries and receives similar Government sponsored delegations of parliamentarians under the exchange programme from other countries through the Ministry of External Affairs.

From May, 2014 to 31st December, 2017, 5 Goodwill Delegations led by Union Minister/Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, comprising of Members of Parliament of various political parties visited various countries. From 1st January, 2018 to December, 2018, 1 Goodwill Delegation visited various countries.

All India Whips Conference

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organizes All India Whips conference to establish suitable links among the Whips of various political parties at the centre and the states, to discuss matters of common interest and to strengthen the institution of Parliamentary democracy. The following Conferences have been held by this Ministry since May, 2014.

Sixteenth	13-14 October, 2014	Goa
Seventeenth	29-30 Sept. ,2015	Visakhapatnam
Eighteenth	08-09th January, 2018	Udaipur

Amendments to various Acts

Amendments to the Salary, Allowances of Officers of Parliament Act, 1953 has been carried out through the 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.

Amendments to the Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954 have been carried out through the 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.15,00/- 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 29th March, 2018. The relevant Rules under the Act incorporating the changes as mentioned in para 4 above have been notified by the respective Secretariat of Parliament vide Gazette Notifications dated 28th March, 2018.

Implementation of e-Office in the Ministry

The Ministry has implemented e-office to increase productivity and better record keeping. This online method of file submission and movement, leave management, receipt management etc. and has enabled speedy disposal of files. Now the Ministry is on complete automation through e-office and for this Ministry has been awarded a certificate of Appreciation from Minister of State for Personnel, P.G. and Pensions. Manual of Parliamentary Procedure in the Government of India has been updated in May, 2018.

National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)

NeVA - a Member- centric application, addresses issues of day-to-day functioning of the House. Moreover, all the 40 Houses are at one App making it truly a National App thereby proving the concept of "One Nation One Application". NeVA is a work-flow based App deployed in Cloud (Meghraj) for managing the functioning of the House including preparation of List of Business, Q&A, Reports and other related documents. Mobile App is the core strength of NeVA Application.

NeVA will be used by the Legislatures as well as all the Government Departments at both Centre and State Level to make a sea level change in the working of Houses as it would make the Members handle their legislative responsibilities smartly by putting entire information they need in their pocket.

Various States have adopted the NeVA a project for digital legislature and have started working on it. With the sole objective of knowledge transfer for the sake of capacity building of the officials of the Legislatures, CPMU, NeVA have started in house training/workshop in association with the concerned Assembly /Council/State NIC. Following workshops were held in various legislatures:

Punjab Legislative Assembly on 16-17 October, 2018 in Chandigarh

Telangana Legislatures on 23-24 October in Hyderabad

Sikkim Legislative Assembly on 2-3 November, 2018 in Gangtok

Karnataka Legislatures on 2-3 November 2018 in Bengaluru

Bihar legislature on 5-6 November 2018 in Patna

Manipur Legislature Assembly on 19-20 November, 2018 in Imphal

Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 19-20 November, 2018 in Kohima

Gujarat Legislature Assembly on 26-27 November 2018 in Gandhinagar

Arunachal Pradesh Assembly on 26-27 November 2018 in Itanagar.

Culling, Monitoring and Laying of Assurances

Assurance (Rajya Sabha)

1	Total Implementation Reports received	378
2	Letter received	786
3	Debates received	54
4	Assurances culled out	389
5	Implementation Reports laid on Table of the House (January to November 2018)	375
6	Disposed off	1607

Assurance (Lok Sabha)

1	Total Implementation Reports received	944
2	Letter received	1150
3	Debates received	54
4	Assurances culled out	553
5	Implementation Reports laid on Table of the House (January to November 2018)	552
6	Disposed off	1333

Initiatives

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs conducted training programme for the nodal officers of all Ministries/Departments on 24.4.2018 & 1.5.2018 regarding monitoring to launch the online assurance monitoring system (OAMS).

Youth Parliament Competitions

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs runs following four Schemes of Youth Parliament Competition:-

Youth Parliament Competition for Delhi Schools

National Youth Parliament Competition for KendriyaVidyalayas

National Youth Parliament Competition for JawaharNavodayaVidyalayas

National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities / Colleges

Achievements regarding the Schemes in the last 12 months : -

Sl	Scheme	Achievement
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1.	Youth Parliament Competition for Delhi Schools	The 52 nd edition of the Competition was organized successfully. A Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on October 23, 2018 in GMC Balayogi Auditorium, PLB, New Delhi to distribute prizes to the prizewinners of the Competition. Orientation Course for the 53 rd edition of the Competition were organized in May, 2018.
2.	National Youth Parliament Competition for Kendriya Vidyalayas	The 31 st edition of the Competition was organized successfully. A Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on September 12, 2018 in GMC Balayogi Auditorium, PLB, New Delhi to distribute prizes to the prizewinners of the Competition. Orientation Course for the 32 nd edition was organized in April, 2018. Regional level Evaluations were completed in the months of July – August, 2018. Zonal Level Evaluations were held in October – November, 2018
3.	National Youth Parliament Competition for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas	The 21 st edition of the Competition was organized successfully. A Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on September 7, 2018 in GMC Balayogi Auditorium, PLB, New Delhi to distribute prizes to the prizewinners of the Competition. The evaluations of the 32 nd edition of the Competition were completed in December, 2018.
4.	National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities / Colleges	The 14 th edition of the Competition was organized successfully. A Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on September 20, 2018 in GMC Balayogi Auditorium, PLB, New Delhi to distribute prizes to the prizewinners of the Competition. The Group level evaluations for the Competition were held in September – November, 2018.

Apart from the above Schemes, the Ministry also provided financial assistance to Various States/UTs for organizing Youth Parliament Competitions in their respective territories. In this regard, the Ministry provided financial assistance to the following States / UTs this year :-

Sl. No.	Name of State / UT	Financial assistance provided
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs 5,00,000/-
2.	Haryana	Rs 3,00,000/-

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs also Coordinated the organization of Exhibition-cum-Cultural Programme in association with Central Public Sector Units (CPSUs), DAVP , Song & Drama Division and Delhi Doordarshan at 39 places (Annexure) 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 last year.

2014

1. 15 , 2014

2. 14 ,2014 (2012-13)

3. 15 , 2014 (2013-14)

2015

1. 24 , 2015

2. 14 , 2015

3. 14 ,2015 (2014-15)

2016

1. 30 , 2016

2. 14 28 , 2016

3. 14 ,2015 (2015-16)

2017

1. 17.5.2017 6.12.2017

2. 14 , 2017 " "

3. 24.5.2017

2018

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14 , 2018 (2017-18)

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