

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Indian Parliamentary Group was held on Thursday, 28 December, 2017 from 1900 hours to 2115 hours in the BPST Main Lecture Hall, Parliament Library Building, New Delhi. Since, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and President of the Indian Parliamentary Group was chairing Lok Sabha, Shri P.J. Kurien, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Vice-President of the Indian Parliamentary Group chaired the Annual General Meeting. During the course of the AGM, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha also graced the occasion for a while. Ninety Seven Members and Associate Members of the Indian Parliamentary Group participated in the Meeting.

At the outset, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha welcomed the Members to the Annual General Meeting. Thereafter, he moved a resolution condoling the death of the Members of the Indian Parliamentary Group who passed away since the last Annual General Meeting held on 11 August, 2016. The Members, thereafter, observed silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the departed souls.

The Annual Report of the Indian Parliamentary Group for the year 2016-2017 was, thereafter, considered and adopted without any amendments.

On the issue of election of Treasurer and members of the Executive Committee, Shri Pradeep Gandhi, ex-MP moved a motion that the President be authorized to nominate the Treasurer as well as Members to the Executive Committee of the Indian Parliamentary Group. The motion was seconded by Smt. Viplove Thakur, MP and other Members of Indian Parliamentary Group. The motion was adopted by voice-vote.

It was also approved that M/s S.S. Kothari, Mehta & Company, Chartered Accountants may continue to be the Auditor of accounts of the Indian Parliamentary Group for the year 2017-18.

***[At around 1950 hours Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha joined the Annual General Meeting and took the chair]***

The Members of the Indian Parliamentary Group raised various issues pertaining to ex-MPs during the meeting viz. : enhancement of pension, medical facilities, telephone connection, accommodation facility, exemption of toll taxes, parking of vehicles etc., these have been compiled and enumerated in the **Annexure**. Almost all issues are similar to the issues raised earlier in the Annual General Meeting of Indian Parliamentary Group held on 11 August, 2016. These matters have already been examined by Lok Sabha Secretariat and the action taken on them is separately given in the Action Taken Report.

At around 2000 hours Hon'ble Vice-President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha released the Lok Sabha Calendar, 2018 and launched the website of Indian Parliamentary Group.

After the discussion, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and President of the Indian Parliamentary Group thanked the Members and informed that issues raised by the Members would be looked into.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF IPG AT  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF IPG  
HELD ON 28.12.2017**

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Issues</b>   |
|----------------|---|
| 1.             | Enhancement in Pension for Ex-MPs   |
| 2.             | Ex-MPs be exempted from paying Toll taxes   |
| 3.             | (i) Increase of Railway reservation counters at Parliament House and booking of Railway Ticket on Telephone to ex-MPs and<br><br>(ii) Permission may be given to ex-MPs to travel in AC-I Class with spouse           |
| 4.             | Allowing eight Air journeys in a year for ex-MPs  |
| 5.             | (i) Medicines may be provided to ex-MPs on the prescription of Doctors from CGHS;<br><br>(ii) CGHS facility may be provided on district levels also; and<br><br>(iii) Empanelment of good hospitals in various cities |
| 6.             | Accommodation facility to ex-MPs may be provided in Western Court   |