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INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT (2018-2019)

INTRODUCTORY

The Executive Committee of the Indian Parliamentary Group (hereinafter referred to as 'the Group') has great pleasure in presenting their Annual Report for the period from 1 April, 2018 to 31 March, 2019. The Report is divided into the following three parts:-

Part I Inter-Parliamentary Union

Part II Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Part III Bilateral Exchanges and other events

2. Composition of the Executive Committee

President: Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Speaker, Lok Sabha continued as ex-officio President of the Group for the year.

Vice-Presidents: Dr. M. Thambi Durai, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha continued as ex-officio Vice-President of the Group for the year.

Prof. P. J. Kurien, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha continued as ex-officio Vice President of the Group upto 1 July, 2018. Shri Harivansh who was elected as Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha on 9 August, 2018 became ex-officio Vice-President of the Group from that date.

Secretary-General: Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha continued as ex-officio Secretary-General of the Group for the year.

3. Treasurer and Members of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Group, which was constituted on 14 January, 2018 by the President of the Group for the year 2017-2018, continued for the year 2018-2019 also. The composition is as under:

TREASURER

Shri Om Birla, MP

MEMBERS

2. Shri Ramesh Bais, MP
3. Shri Rakesh Singh, MP
4. Shri Anil Gulabrao Shirole, MP
5. Dr. (Ms.) Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP
6. Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav, MP
7. Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP
8. ***Shri Baijayant 'Jay' Panda, MP**
9. Smt. Supriya S. Sule, MP
10. Shri N.K. Premachandran, MP
11. Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, MP (RS)
12. Shri Ranvijay Singh Judev, MP (RS)
13. Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe, MP (RS)
14. Shri Anil Desai, MP (RS)
15. Shri Naresh Gujral, MP (RS)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

16. Dr. Karan Singh, ex-MP
17. Shri Sitaram Yechury, ex-MP
18. Dr. Vallabhbhai Kathiria, ex-MP
19. Shri Pradeep Gandhi, ex-MP
20. Smt. Bhavna Kardam Dave, ex-MP

***[Shri Baijayant 'Jay'Panda, MP (LS) resigned from Lok Sabha on 18.07.2018]**

SECRETARY-GENERAL

Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava,
Secretary-General, Lok Sabha

INVITEE

Shri Desh Deepak Verma,
Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha

4. Auditor M/s S.S. Kothari Mehta & Company were appointed as Auditor of the Group for the year 2018-2019.

PART- I

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION RELATED ACTIVITIES

REPRESENTATION OF INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IN THE STATUTORY ASSEMBLIES OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND OTHER SPECIALIZED MEETINGS

I STATUTORY ASSEMBLIES HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU):

1.. 138th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Geneva, Switzerland from 24 to 28 March, 2018.

The 138th Assembly of the IPU was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 24 to 28 March, 2018. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha Dr. M. Thambi Durai and consisting of following members of Parliament attended the Assembly: Dr.(Prof.) Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, MP, Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey, MP, Shri Nagendra Singh, MP, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, MP, Dr. Uma Saren, MP and Dr. Vikas Mahatme, MP. Shri P.C.Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to Delegation.

Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General debate on the overall theme '*Strengthening the global regime for migrants and refugees: the need for evidence-based policy solutions*'. The Assembly adopted an Outcome Document on the theme of the General debate at its concluding Session. All members of the delegation attended the Assembly. Members of the delegation also attended the meeting of the Asia-Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU, meetings of the Governing Council of IPU and meetings of the Four Standing Committees of IPU. Meetings of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians and Forum of Women Parliamentarians were also attended by some Members of the delegation.

2. The 139th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 14th to 18th October, 2018.

The 139th Assembly of the IPU was held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 14 to 18 October, 2018. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha accompanied by Dr. M. Thambi Durai, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha, Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and consisting of: Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha, Shri Anil Desai, MP, Rajya Sabha, Shri Nagendra Singh, MP, Lok Sabha, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, MP, Lok Sabha Shri Harish Chandra Meena, MP, Lok Sabha Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha and Smt. Pratyusha Rajeshwari Singh, MP, Lok Sabha attended the Assembly.

Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri Desh Deepak Verma, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha and members of Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) also attended the Assembly. Shri P. C. Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General debate in Assembly on the overall theme "*Parliamentary leadership in promoting peace and development in the age of innovation and Technological change*". The Assembly adopted an Outcome Document on the theme of the General debate at its concluding Session. Dr. Heena Vijay Kumar Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha also participated in the General Debate and presented India's views on the topic from youth perspective. The Members of Indian delegation attended various other meetings during the Assembly, such as Asia-Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU, Asian Parliamentary Assembly, IPU; Advisory group on Health, Governing Council, Four Standing Committees of IPU, Forum of Young Parliamentarians and Forum of Women Parliamentarians etc.

A meeting of BRICS Parliamentary Forum was also held on the sidelines of the Assembly. Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha alongwith Shri Anil Desai, MP, Rajya Sabha, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, MP, Lok Sabha, Shri Harish Chandra Meena, MP, Lok Sabha and Dr. Heena Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha attended the meeting of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum.

II OTHER SPECIALIZED MEETINGS:

1. Meeting of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development held in Cyprus on 26 and 27 June, 2018

A Meeting of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development was held in Cyprus on 26 and 27 June, 2018. Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha and Leader of the delegation, Dr. Manoj Rajoria, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri Amar Samble, MP Rajya Sabha attended the above mentioned Meeting. Shri Y.M. Kandpal, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the delegation.

During the Meeting of the Standing Committee various draft Resolutions were taken up for discussion and adoption.

2. Third South Asian Speakers' Summit on SDGs held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 11-12 July, 2018

3rd South Asian Speakers' Summit on SDGs was held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 11 - 12 July, 2018. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha led a parliamentary delegation to the event. Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita, MP, Rajya Sabha also attended the Summit as a member on the delegation. Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha also attended the Summit. Elaborate deliberations were held on a number of crucial issues pertaining to SDGs under the overall theme of the summit "promoting regional parliamentary co-operation for sustainable, equitable and green economic growth". Hon'ble Speaker participated in the Plenary Session and made an intervention on the topic "Follow up to the Indore Declaration". An outcome document was also adopted at the conclusion of the above event.

3. 39th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter- Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in Singapore from 3-7 September, 2018

Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, MP, Lok Sabha attended the 39th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter- Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in Singapore from 3-7 September, 2018. The overall theme of the assembly was "Towards a Resilient and Innovative Community". The Member made a statement on the said theme and also participated in a dialogue session with AIPA Observer countries on the topic "Exchange of Experiences on Climate Action and Active Ageing".

4. First Meeting of the Parliamentarians' Evaluation Forum 'EVAL COLOMBO 2018' in Colombo (Sri Lanka) from 17 to 19 September, 2018

First Meeting of the Parliamentarians' Evaluation Forum 'EVAL COLOMBO 2018' was held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) from 17 to 19 September, 2018. Shri Jagdambika Pal, MP, Lok Sabha and Smt. Vandana Hemant Chavan, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the above meeting. Smt. Anita Bhatt Panda, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation. Indian delegation made an effective participation on all the issues/topics deliberated during the above meeting under the overall theme "Responsible Parliament: Mainstreaming Evaluation in the Agenda 2030 Era".

5. The 100th Anniversary Function of the First Parliament of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan in Baku, Azerbaijan from 19 to 21 September, 2018

The 100th Anniversary Function of the First Parliament of Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan was held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 19 to 21 September 2018. A three member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Dr. K.H. Muniyappa, MP, Lok Sabha and comprising Prof. Chintamani Malviya, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the function. Dr. Dilip Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation. Indian delegation *inter-alia* highlighted the historical significance of the event and India Azerbaijan bilateral relations in their speeches.

6. Tenth Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP-10) in Brussels, European Parliament in September 2018

Tenth Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP-10) was held in Brussels, European Parliament on 27-28 September, 2018. A three members Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra, MP, Lok Sabha and comprising Shri Udit Raj, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati, MP, Rajya Sabha participated in the meeting. Shri Des Raj Shekhar, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation.

The meeting held deliberations under the overall theme "Asia & Europe facing climate change and increasing environmental challenges: Sustainable development and circular economy, urban areas management, water resources cooperation, waste treatment and plastic reduction, food security, clean technologies". Indian delegation participated in all the Sessions. An Outcome Document was adopted at the conclusion of the event.

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7. Meetings of (i) 42nd Session of the IPU Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO (ii) Parliamentary Session within the framework of WTO

Public Forum 2018 and (iii) WTO Public Forum 2018 held in Geneva from 2-5 October, 2018

Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha, Chairman, Standing Committee of Information Technology and the Member of the IPU Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO attended the above event held in Geneva, Switzerland from 2 to 5 October, 2018. During the abovementioned meetings, discussions were held on the following themes:

- (i) Trade 2030: Sustainable Trade and Technology enabled Trade; and
- (ii) Sustainable development in the trade agreements.

8. Meetings of APA Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs and First Meeting of the APA Executive Council held in Izmir (Turkey) from 4 - 6 October, 2018

A three Member Indian Parliamentary delegation led by Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and comprising Shri Om Birla, MP, Lok Sabha and Dr. (Ms.) Sonal Man Singh, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the above meetings held in Izmir (Turkey) from 4 to 6 October, 2018. Shri Y.M. Kandpal, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation. During the meetings, various resolutions were came up for discussion and adoption.

9. G-20 Parliamentary Speakers' Conference held in Buenos Aires (Argentina) from 31 October to 2 November, 2018:

G-20 Parliamentary Speakers' Conference was held in Buenos Aires (Argentina) from 31 October to 2 November, 2018. A three member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Speaker, Lok Sabha and comprising Shri T.K.Rangarajan, MP, Rajya Sabha and Km. Shobha Karandlaje, MP, Lok Sabha attended the Conference. Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha also attended the Summit. Shri P.C. Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to Delegation.

The theme of the Summit was Building consensus for fair and sustainable development with a focus on three key issues: the future of work, the fight against corruption and gender equality.

10. Meeting of 11th Plenary and 2nd Executive Council Meeting of the APA held in Istanbul, Turkey from 29 November-2 December, 2018

The meeting of 11th Plenary and 2nd Executive Council Meeting of the APA held in Istanbul, Turkey from 29 November -2 December, 2018. Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the meeting. Hon'ble Member was accompanied by Shri Yogendra Singh, Protocol Officer, Lok Sabha Secretariat. During the Plenary Session, General Debate was held on the topic "*Promoting Economic Prosperity in Asia*". Meeting of the 2nd Executive Council of APA and meetings of following APA Standing Committees were also held during the event:

- (i) Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs and Meeting of APA Women Parliamentarians;
- (ii) Standing Committee on Political Affairs and Working Group on Asian Parliament;
- (iii) Standing Committee on Budget & Planning; and
- (iv) Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development.

Various resolutions were came up for discussion and adoption during the abovementioned meetings. A Declaration entitled 'Istanbul Declaration' was also adopted at the conclusion of the event.

11. Eighth World e-Parliament Conference held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 3 - 5 December, 2018

A two member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre, MP, Lok Sabha and comprising Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the Eighth World e-Parliament Conference held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 3- 5 December, 2018. Smt. Manju Sharma, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to Delegation. The theme of the Conference was Parliaments, Technology and Innovation. An Outcome Document was adopted at the conclusion of the event.

12. Annual 2018 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 6 - 7 December, 2018

The Annual 2018 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO was held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 6 to 7 December 2018. A three members Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha and comprising Dr. Kirit Jayantilal Somaiya, MP, Lok Sabha and Dr. Swapan Das Gupta, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the Conference. Shri L.V.Ramana, Additional Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to Delegation.

During the session, interactive debates were held on the following themes:

- (i) WTO: The way forward;

- (ii) Challenges and opportunities facing the WTO;
- (iii) WTO 2030 and
- (iv) How can technological development benefit the people?

C. Contribution to the Central Funds of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU):

Indian Parliamentary Group's Annual Contribution of CHF 99,100/- (Rs. 71,00,000/-) to the Central Fund of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for the year 2019 was paid out of the grant sanctioned by Parliament. Also, an amount of CHF 550/- (Rs. 38,500/-) has been contributed to ASGP.

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION (CPA) RELATED EVENTS

India is a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). The Lok Sabha Secretariat functions as the Secretariat for the India Branch of the CPA and the Secretariat for the CPA India Region. The India Branch of the CPA entered the Seventieth Year in 2018-19. India Region has become a separate region of the CPA from September, 2004. The following events took place during the period under review:

I Commonwealth Summit Women's Forum held in London, United Kingdom in April, 2018

The CPA Headquarters Secretariat, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), organized the Commonwealth Summit Women's Forum in London from 16-18 April, 2018. The theme of the programme was "An Empowered Future for Women and Girls" with the ambition of finding ways to accelerate the advancement of gender equality for sustainable development, prosperity and peace for all women and girls in the Commonwealth. The Women's Forum reflected on some of the global challenges still faced by women, as part of a wider commitment to "***Leave No-one Behind***" in the Commonwealth journey to 2030. An outcome statement of the Forum was presented to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in London after the Summit.

Smt. Kirron Anupam Kher, MP (Lok Sabha) and Chairperson, CWP India Region Steering Committee; Ms. Bhawana Gawali (Patil), MP (Lok Sabha) and Smt. Satabdi Roy (Banerjee), MP (Lok Sabha) attended the Summit as Indian Parliamentary Delegation.

At the Women's Forum Summit, following topics were discussed:

Upholding the SDGs

The role of the Commonwealth in achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls

Women in Leadership

How can we increase the role of women in leadership across the political, public and private spheres?

Women's mediation efforts across the Commonwealth : the challenges, the opportunities and what we can learn from success stories across the Commonwealth to inform future practice

Leadership and Empowerment

- (i) *Women's role in preventing and countering violent extremism and mediating in volatile environments*
- (ii) *Women's political participation in Parliament and local Governance*
- (iii) *Women and election – related violence*

Towards a Common Future

The inaugural joint – forums plenary will ask: What should the Commonwealth of the future look like? How, by sharing expertise across business, Civil society and government can the Commonwealth held deliver the SDGs?

Educate to Empower

Making equitable and quality primary and secondary education a reality for girls across the Commonwealth

Diversity and women's Economic Empowerment

What are the opportunities presented by global trade and how can we ensure women can utilize such benefits to grow their businesses?

The Environment That Empowers

- (i) *Getting the policy environment right for women's economic empowerment*
- (ii) *Women and the informal economy*
- (iii) *What works with business to progress women's economic empowerment?*
- (iv) *Enabling women's access to assets*

Overcoming barriers : Violence against Women and Girls

Assessing emerging evidence, how can we reduce global rates of violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) ad share best practices from the Commonwealth? The session will have a particular focus on intimate partner violence, which is the most widespread form of VAWG

Addressing barriers to empowerment in the Community

- (i) *Eliminating harmful practices : Child and Early Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation*
- (ii) *Sexual, reproductive and health rights*
- (iii) *Eradicating forms of exploitation*

The Members of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation participated actively in these Sessions.

II The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) meeting on Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures in Wilton Park, West Sussex, United Kingdom in June, 2018

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) meeting on Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures was held in Wilton Park, West Sussex, United Kingdom from 18 to 20 June, 2018. The objective of the meeting was to review a draft updated version of the **CPA Recommended Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures.**

Dr. M. Thambi Durai, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the meeting.

Following Topics were discussed during the meeting on Benchmarks:

1. SDGS and Parliaments, the State of Play
2. Updating the Benchmarks: Key Changes
3. Gender and Benchmarking
4. Sharing Experiences on Self-Assessment
5. Developing a Field Guide
6. Agreement on Updated Benchmarks

Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha delivered Keynote Speech on the topic "Experience / best practice of the Indian Parliament in self-assessment and measuring impact and effectiveness."

III Meeting of the CPA Executive Committee held in London, United Kingdom in November, 2018

The Meeting of CPA Executive Committee was held in London, United Kingdom from 5 to 9 November, 2018. Following two Regional Representatives from CPA India Region attended the meeting:

- (i) Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly;
- (ii) Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha.

Shri Feroze Varun Gandhi, MP (Lok Sabha) and a Regional Representative from CPA India Union Branch could not attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances.

Besides the meeting of the CPA Executive Committee, Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly attended the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee and Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha attended the meeting of the Planning and Review Sub-Committee.

IV Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) in Valletta, Malta in January, 2019

The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) was held in Valletta, Malta from 10-11 January, 2019. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, accompanied by Secretary General, Lok Sabha, attended the meeting.

The Standing Committee approved following Four Topics and One Special Plenary Topic for the 25th CSPOC in Canada in January, 2020:

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| Topic 1 | Parliamentary Engagement: Openness, Transparency and Accountability.
Connecting Parliament and citizens effectively and efficiently
Leveraging technology to deliver relevant and timely parliamentary information and messages |
| Topic 2 | Challenges and Opportunities Arising from the Displacement of a Parliamentary Assembly.
Procedural, ceremonial and administrative implications of the renovation & rehabilitation of parliamentary buildings
Business continuity during urgent and unforeseen temporary displacements |
| Topic 3 | Parliamentarians as Effective Legislators and Constituency Representatives: evolving.
Role of domain experts given increasing complexity of policy issues
Finding support beyond officially recognized parties for Chamber and committee work |
| Topic 4 | Security of individuals in the Parliamentary Context and Beyond
Emerging cybersecurity issues and the implications on parliamentary privilege
Social media as an effective tool, not a weapon
Ensuring continued access, yet security of individuals |
| Special Plenary Topic | Inclusive Parliaments: the role of the Speaker in supporting emerging procedures and practices embracing the changing face and needs of Parliament. |

V ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

The annual contribution of the India Branch of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for the year 2018-19 to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was Pounds 32,387, equivalent to Rs. 29,75,985/- and paid out of the grant sanctioned by Parliament.

BILATERAL EXCHANGES AND OTHER EVENTS

I FOREIGN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS VISITING INDIA

1. SRI LANKA: A 12-member Parliamentary Delegation from Sri Lanka led by Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka visited India from 9 to 14 September, 2018.

On Monday, 10 September, 2018, the delegation called on Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India; Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India; Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha; and Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs. Later in the evening, a banquet was hosted by Hon'ble Speaker in honour of the delegation.

Besides Delhi, the Delegation also visited Agra, Varanasi, Sarnath and Bengaluru. During their visit to Bengaluru, they visited Infosys, ISRO and GKVK Agriculture University and held discussions with Officials there.

2. RUSSIAN FEDERATION: An 18-member Parliamentary Delegation from Russian Federation led by H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of Russian Federation visited India from 8 to 10 December, 2018.

On Monday, 10 December, 2018 the Delegation called on Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha; Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha. The '5th Session of India-Russian Inter-Parliamentary Commission' was also held on the same day. A Banquet (lunch) was hosted by Hon'ble Speaker in honour of the Delegation.

3. THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA: A 9-member Parliamentary Delegation from the Republic of Zambia led by Rt. Hon. Justice Dr. Patrick Matibini, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Zambia visited India from 16 to 21 December, 2018.

On Monday, 17 December, 2018 the Delegation called on Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India & Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha. Later in the evening, a banquet was hosted by Hon'ble Speaker in honour of the delegation. On Tuesday, 18 December, 2018 the Delegation had a meeting with the Chairman & Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs.

Besides Delhi, the Delegation also visited Agra.

II INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISITING ABROAD

1. **BELARUS:** An eight-member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan visited the Republic of Belarus from 9 to 13 June, 2018, under bilateral exchange. The Members of the Delegation were: Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, Smt. Jayshreeben Kanubhai Patel, Dr. K. Keshava Rao, Shri Arvind Ganpat Sawant and Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao (Members of Parliament) and Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha. Shri P. C. Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation.
2. **LATVIA AND FINLAND:** A seven-member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan visited the Republics of Latvia and Finland from 13 to 17 and 17-18 June, 2018, respectively, under bilateral exchange. The Members of the Delegation were: Shri Ramsinh Pataliyabhai Rathwa, Shri N. K. Premachandran, Shri A. T. (Nana) Patil, Smt. Kamla Devi Patle and Shri K.C. Ramamurthy (Members of Parliament) and Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha. Shri P. C. Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation.

III VISIT OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE COMPLEX / CALLS ON

1. **Georgia:** H.E. Mr. Archil Dzuliashvili, Ambassador of Georgia called on Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 29 May, 2018 in Parliament House.
2. **Kazakhstan:** H.E. Mr. Bulat Sarsenbayev, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan called on Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 29 May, 2018 in Parliament House.
3. **UK:** Lord Raj Loomba, CBE called on Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 30 May, 2018 at 20 Akbar Road, New Delhi.

4. **Rwanda:** Meeting of Rt. Hon. Bernard Makuza, President of the Senate of the Republic of Rwanda with Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 9 July, 2018 in Parliament House.
5. **UN:** H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary General called on Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 2 October, 2018 in Parliament House.
6. **Croatia:** H.E. Mrs. Marija Pejčivovic Buric, Deputy PM and Foreign and European Affairs Minister of Croatia called on Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 22 October, 2018 in Parliament House.

IV FUNCTIONS / CONFERENCES HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AND FLORAL TRIBUTES TO NATIONAL LEADERS

1. FLORAL TRIBUTES TO NATIONAL LEADERS

On the occasion of the Birth Anniversaries of the following National Leaders, functions were held under the auspices of the Group on the dates shown against each in the Central Hall, Parliament House, where their portraits are put up:-

(1)	Babu Jagjivan Ram	5 April, 2018
(2)	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar	14 April, 2018
(3)	Pt. Motilal Nehru	6 May, 2018
(4)	Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore	9 May, 2018
(5)	Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar	28 May, 2018
(6)	Shri K.S. Hegde	11 June, 2018
(7)	Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee	6 July, 2018
(8)	Shri Bal Gangadhar Tilak	23 July, 2018
(9)	Shri Rajiv Gandhi	20 August, 2018
(10)	Dadabhai Naoroji	4 September, 2018
(11)	Mahatma Gandhi	2 October, 2018
(12)	Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri	2 October, 2018
(13)	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel	31 October, 2018
(14)	Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das	5 November, 2018
(15)	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad	11 November, 2018
(16)	Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru	14 November, 2018
(17)	Smt. Indira Gandhi	19 November, 2018
(18)	Shri G.V. Mavalankar	27 November, 2018
(19)	Dr. Rajendra Prasad	3 December, 2018
(20)	Shri C. Rajagopalachari	10 December, 2018
(21)	Chaudhary Charan Singh	23 December, 2018
(22)	Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya	25 December, 2018
(23)	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose	23 January, 2019
(24)	Lala Lajpat Rai	28 January, 2019
(25)	Shri M.A. Ayyangar	4 February, 2019
(26)	Smt. Sarojini Naidu	13 February, 2019
(27)	Shri Morarji Desai	28 February, 2019
(28)	Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia	23 March, 2019

The Speaker, Lok Sabha, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha, Union Ministers, Members of Parliament, former Members of Parliament and others paid floral tributes to the aforementioned Leaders on the occasions. Booklets containing profiles of the above leaders, prepared by Research & Information Division of the Lok Sabha Secretariat, were also distributed on the occasions.

2. FUNCTION TO CONFER THE OUTSTANDING PARLIAMENTARIAN AWARD FOR THE YEARS 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 AND 2017

A function to confer the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 on Dr. (Smt.) Najma A. Heptulla, Ex-MP; Shri Hukmdev Narayan Yadav, MP (LS); Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, MP (RS); Shri Dinesh Trivedi, MP (LS) and Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP (LS) respectively was held on 1 August, 2018 at 1800 hours in the Central Hall, Parliament House, New Delhi. Hon'ble President of India presented the Awards to the Awardees. Hon'ble Vice-President of India & Chairman Rajya Sabha; Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha graced the occasion.

V LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION / FAX MESSAGES

Letters of Introduction and Fax Messages were issued to the National Groups of Inter-Parliamentary Union, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Branches and Indian Missions in various countries in favour of following Members of the Group going abroad:-

1. Shri Kesineni Srinivas (Nani), MP
2. Dr. Thokchom Meinya, MP
3. Shri Ashok Tapiram Patil, MP
4. Dr. M. Thambidurai, HDS, LS
5. Shri C.M. Ramesh, MP
6. Shri K.P. Singh Deo, Ex-MP
7. Prof. Sugata Bose, MP
8. Shri B.B. Patil, MP
9. Shri A.P. Jithender Reddy, MP
10. Shri Radheshyam Biswas, MP
11. Shri Abhijit Mukherjee, MP
12. Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, MP
13. Shri Shivaji Adhalrao Patil, MP
14. Smt. Raksha Khadse, MP
15. Shri Yashwantrao Gadakh Patil, Ex-MP

VI FORMATION OF PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUPS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

In addition to the existing Parliamentary Friendship Group with China, European Union, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Vietnam, it was decided to form Parliamentary Friendship Groups with LAC, Belarus, Sri Lanka and Seychelles. (listed at Appendix - I)

VII MEMBERSHIP

During the year under report, 13 Members of Parliament were enrolled as Members of the Group. As on 31 March, 2019, the total number of members of the Group are 1460 [sitting Members(LS/RS) are 321 (234 / 87) and Associate Members are 1139].

VIII OBITUARY

The Executive Committee have to record with regret the demise of the following Members of the Group during the year 2018-2019:-

1. Shri Balkavi Bairagi, ex-MP
2. Shri Shantaram Naik, ex-MP
3. Shri Surinder Kumar Singla, ex-MP
4. Shri M.M. Jacob, ex-MP
5. Shri Bhishma Narain Singh, ex-MP
6. Shri R.K. Dhawan, ex-MP
7. Dr. Ratnakar Pandey, ex-MP
8. Shri Satya Prakash Malviya, ex-MP
9. Prof. Ram Deo Bhandary, ex-MP
10. Shri P.K. Maheshwari, ex-MP
11. Shri Jai Narain Prasad Nishad, ex-MP
12. Shri Prabodh Panda, ex-MP
13. Shri Kandala Subrahmanyam, ex-MP
14. Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal, ex-MP
15. Dr. Bhola Singh, MP (LS)
16. Shri Jarbom Gamlin, ex-MP
17. Shri Somnath Chatterjee, ex-MP & former Speaker, LS
18. Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, ex-MP & former Prime Minister
19. Shri Ananth Kumar, MP (LS) & M/O Chemicals & Fertilizer and Parly. Affairs
20. Shri M.I. Shahnava, MP (LS)
21. Shri Mansoor Ali Khan, ex-MP
22. Shri P. Manik Reddy, ex-MP
23. Shri Gurudas Kamat, ex-MP
24. Shri Shantaram Potdukhe, ex-MP
25. Smt. Kamla Kumari, ex-MP
26. Shri C.K. Jaffer Sharief, ex-MP
27. Shri B.P. Singam, ex-MP

28. Shri Jeetendra Singh Bundela, ex-MP
29. Shri Ladu Kishore Swain, MP(LS)

- 30. Shri Keyur Bhushan, ex-MP
- 31. Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh, ex-MP

IX ACCOUNTS

Statements showing the Receipts and Payments Account, Income & Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Certificate by the Auditor is under process. Statement of Investment of the Funds of Group is in **Appendix-II to VI**.

X MEETINGS HELD

1. Meeting of Executive Committee of Indian Parliamentary Group

During the year 2018-2019, one meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Parliamentary Group was held on 7 January, 2019. The gist of important decisions of the Executive Committee taken at the meeting are given in **Appendix-VII**.

2. Annual General Meeting of Indian Parliamentary Group

During the year 2018-2019, Annual General meeting of the Indian Parliamentary Group was held on 7 January, 2019.

3. MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

(a) Meeting of India-Russian Federation Parliamentary Friendship Group: A meeting of the India-Russian Federation Parliamentary Friendship Group headed by Smt. Hema Malini, MP (LS) and President of the Group was held with the visiting delegation led by Mr. Andrey Kliskas, Chairperson of the Committee on Constitutional Legislation and State-Building of Council of Federation Assembly of the Russian Federation at 1700 hours on 3 April, 2018 in Committee Room No.1, Parliament House Annexe Extension Building, New Delhi. A representative from Ministry of External Affairs [Joint Secretary (ERS)] briefed the Members of the Group on India – Russia Relations.

(b) Meeting of India-China Parliamentary Friendship Group: A Briefing meeting of India-China Parliamentary Friendship Group headed by Shri Ramen Deka, MP (LS) and President of the Group was held on Thursday, 9 August, 2018. A representative from Ministry of External Affairs [Joint Secretary (EA)] briefed the Members of the Group on various issues pertaining to India-China Relations.

(c) **Meeting of India-EU Parliamentary Friendship Group:** A meeting of the visiting delegation led by Dr. Syed Kamall, UK/Co-Chairman of the ECR Group of European Parliament with the members of India-European Union Parliamentary Friendship Group was held on Wednesday, 31 October, 2018. A representative from Ministry of External Affairs [Joint Secretary (EW)] briefed the Members of the Group on various issues pertaining to India-EU Relations.

(d) **Meeting of India – LAC Parliamentary Friendship Group:** A Briefing Meeting for the Members of India-Latin American Countries (LAC) Parliamentary Friendship Group was held on Wednesday, 19 December, 2018. A representative from Ministry of External Affairs [Joint Secretary (LAC)] briefed the Members of the Group on various issues pertaining to India-LAC Relations.

(e) **Meeting of India-Russian Federation Parliamentary Friendship Group:** A meeting of the India–Russian Federation Parliamentary Friendship Group headed by Smt. Hema Malini, MP (LS) and President of the Group was held with the visiting delegation of the Group on Cooperation between the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and Rajya Sabha led by Mrs.Yelena Afanasyeva, Member, Committee on Constitutional Legislation and State-Building of the Council of Federation of the Russian Federal Assembly at 1510 hours on 6 February, 2019 in Committee Room 'E', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi. A representative from Ministry of External Affairs [Joint Secretary (ERS)] briefed the Members of the Group on India-Russia Relations.

**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
SECRETARY-GENERAL**

**New Delhi
DECEMBER, 2019**

PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Sl. No	Name of Country
1.	CHINA
2.	EUROPEAN UNION
3.	JAPAN
4.	MONGOLIA
5.	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
6.	RUSSIA
7.	VIETNAM
8.	LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES
9.	BELARUS
10	SRI LANKA
11.	SEYCHELLES

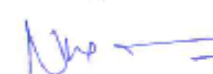
INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, ROOM NO. 340, DELHI-110001
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31st, 2019

(Figures in Rs)			
Particulars	Note No.	Year Ended 31st March, 2019	Year Ended 31st March, 2018
Income			
I. Subscription	4	6,500	18,500
II. Other Income	5	6,536,299	658,880
III. Total Income (I + II)		<u>6,542,799</u>	<u>677,380</u>
IV. Expenditure			
National Conference of Women Legislators		9,366,762	
Administrative & Other Expenses	6	1,147,356	1,040,007
Total Expenditure		<u>10,514,118</u>	<u>1,040,007</u>
V. Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year (III- IV)		(3,971,319)	(362,627)

Significant accounting policies and other Notes to accounts 7

The accompanying notes are the integral part of the Financial Statements

As per our report of even date attached
For **S.S Kothari Mehta & Company**
Chartered Accountants
Firm Regn. No. 000756N


Naveen Aggarwal
Partner
M No. - 094380

Place : New Delhi
Date : 27/8/2019



For and on behalf of the
INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP


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Receipt and Payment Account for the Year Ended March 31, 2019

PARTICULARS	Sch. No.	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
		2018-19	2017-18
Receipts			
Opening Balances:			
Balance with State Bank of India in Saving Account		4,022,728	4,741,140
Sub Total (A)		4,022,728	4,741,140
Receipts during the year			
Subscription	4	6,500	18,500
Other Interest	5	34,211	736
IT refund including interest		592,690	
Fixed Deposit matured/surrendered during the year		11,207,935	5,302,359
Sub Total (B)		11,841,336	5,321,595
Total Inflows (A+B)		15,864,064	10,062,735
Payments during the year			
National Conference of Women Legislators		9,366,762	
Photographs		30,365	2,059
Refreshment & Dinner		24,838	359,263
Bank Charges		649	649
Travelling		96,803	256,245
Award function		736,087	
Communication Expenses			127,440
Honorarium Payment for Cultural Programme			150,000
Other Exp		19,596	43,461
Legal & Professional Charges		124,508	100,890
Payment to Auditors		124,508	
Fixed Deposits placed with bank			5,000,000
Sub Total (C)		10,514,118	6,040,607
Closing Balance:			
Balance with State Bank of India in Saving Account		5,349,946	4,022,728
Sub Total (D)		5,349,946	4,022,728
Total (C+D)		15,864,064	10,062,735

Significant accounting policies and other Notes to accounts

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As per our report of even date attached
For S.S Kothari Mehta & Company
Chartered Accountants
Firm Regn. No. 000736N

Naveen Aggarwal
Partner
M No. - 091380
Place : New Delhi
Date : 27/8/2013



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PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, ROOM NO. 340, DELHI-110001
Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2019

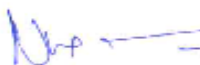
(Figures in Rs)			
Particulars	Note No.	As at 31st March, 2019	As at 31st March, 2018
I. EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
(1) Members' Funds			
(a) Reserves and Surplus	1	56,808,983	60,280,302
(2) Current Liabilities			
(a) Other Current Liabilities (V.N Gadgil Award)		2,241	2,241
TOTAL		56,311,224	60,282,543
II. ASSETS			
(1) Current Assets			
(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	55,349,946	59,022,728
(b) Other Current Assets	3	961,279	1,259,815
TOTAL		56,311,225	60,282,543

Significant accounting policies and other Notes to accounts

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As per our report of even date attached
For S.S Kothari Mehta & Company
Chartered Accountants
Firm Regn. No. 000756N


Naveen Aggarwal
Partner
M No. - 094380

Place : New Delhi

Date : 27/8/2019



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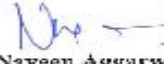
FORM NO. 10BB
[See rule 16CC]

Audit report under section 10(23C) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of any fund or trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution referred to in sub-clause (iv) or sub-clause (v) or sub-clause (vi) or sub-clause (via) of section 10(23C).

- (i) We have examined the Balance Sheet as at **31.03.2019** and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date attached herewith of **Indian Parliamentary Group**.
- (ii) We certify that the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the head office at **Room No. 338-340, Parliamentary House Annexe, New Delhi -110001**.
- (iii) (a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit.
- (b) In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office institution of the trust so far as appears from our examination of the books of account.
- (c) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the information given to us, the said accounts read with notes thereon, give a true and fair view -
- (1) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the institution as at **31.03.2019** and
- (2) In the case of Income and Expenditure Account surplus for the year ended on that date.

The prescribed particulars are annexed herewith.

For **SS KOTHARI MEHTA & COMPANY**
Chartered Accountants
Firm's Registration No. **100256**


Naveen Aggarwal
Partner

Membership No. **094380**

UDIN : **19094380 AAAA CR 4523**

Place: New Delhi
Date: 27-08-2019

FD with State Bank of India (PHA)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>FD Receipt No.</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>
5,00,00,000/-	12.12.2018	38124856493	11.06.2019

Date	Subject	Decision
07.01.2019	Annual Report of Indian Parliamentary Group for the year 2017-2018	The Committee adopted the Annual Report for the year 2017-2018 of the Indian Parliamentary Group together with audited statements of accounts
