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# INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

## ANNUAL REPORT (2019-2020)

### 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, 2019 to 31 March, 2020. 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 upto 17 June, 2019. Shri Om Birla who was elected as Speaker, Lok Sabha on 19 June, 2019 became ex-officio President of the Group from that date.

***Vice-Presidents:***   Dr. M. Thambi Durai, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha continued as ex-officio Vice-President of the Group upto 25 May, 2019.

Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha continued as ex-officio Vice President of the Group for the year.

***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 then President of the Group for the years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, continued for the year 2019-2020 also. The composition is as under:

#### **TREASURER**

**\*\*Vacant**

#### **MEMBERS**

1. Shri Rakesh Singh, MP(LS)
2. Dr. (Ms.) Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP(LS)
3. Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP(LS)
4. Smt. Supriya S. Sule, MP(LS)
5. Shri N.K. Premachandran, MP(LS)
6. \*\*\* Vacant
7. \*\*\* Vacant
8. \*\*\* Vacant
9. Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, MP(RS)
10. Shri Ranvijay Singh Judev, MP(RS)
11. Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe, MP(RS)
12. Shri Anil Desai, MP(RS)
13. Shri Naresh Gujral, MP(RS)

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

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

#### **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 2019-2020.

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\* As per Rules of IPG, the existing Executive Committee of IPG shall carry on the affairs of the Group until the election of the members of the new Executive Committee.

\* \* Vice Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha.

\*\*\* Vice Shri Ramesh Bais, Shri Anil Gulabrao Shirole and Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav - ceased to be members of Lok Sabha.

## PART- I

### INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION RELATED ACTIVITIES

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

##### 1. 140<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) HELD IN DOHA, QATAR FROM 6 TO 10 APRIL, 2019

The 140th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Doha (Qatar) from 6 to 10 April, 2019. A two member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha attended the Assembly. Dr. (Smt.) Sonal Mansingh, MP, Rajya Sabha was the other member on the delegation. Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Dr. P.P.K. Ramacharyulu, Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat also attended the Assembly. Shri P.C. Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to Delegation.

Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the General Debate on '*Parliaments as platforms to enhance education for peace, security and the rule of law*'. The Assembly adopted a declaration on the same. The Assembly chose the item "*Call for urgent international action to support Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe hit by Cyclone Idai*" as an Emergency item and adopted a resolution on the said theme also.

The Assembly held deliberations and adopted resolutions on the following subject items under the purview of the Standing Committees of IPU:-

(i) First Standing Committee of IPU on Peace and International Security

*'Non admissibility of using mercenaries as means of undermining peace and violating human rights'.*

(ii) Second Standing Committee of IPU on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

*'The role of fair and free trade and investment in achieving the SDGs, especially regarding economic equality, sustainable infrastructure, industrialization and innovation'.* Besides, Panel discussions/expert hearings were also held under the purview of following Standing Committees of IPU:-

(iii) Third Standing Committee of IPU on Democracy and Human Rights

(iv) Fourth Standing Committee of IPU on United Nations Affairs.

- *‘Parliamentary follow-up on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in preparation for the 2019 session of the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development’*
- *‘Main theme of the 2019 HLPF: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality’*

During the Assembly, the Indian Parliamentary Delegation also participated in the Meetings of Forum of Women Parliamentarians; Governing Council; Regional Geo-political Group (Asia-Pacific Group) and other IPU Bodies.

Smt. Snehlata Srivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Dr. P.P.K. Ramacharyulu, Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat attended the meetings of the Association of Secretaries- General of Parliaments (ASGP). The Secretary General, Lok Sabha presented a communication on *“The use of ICT in the Indian Parliament: Promoting Transparency and Efficiency”* during the ASGP meeting.

On the sidelines of the above Assembly, bilateral meetings were held between the Indian Parliamentary Delegation and the Parliamentary delegations from Nepal, Bhutan, Cambodia, Serbia and Vietnam.

## **2. FOURTH SOUTH ASIAN SPEAKERS' SUMMIT ON ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) HELD IN MALE, MALDIVES ON 1 AND 2 SEPTEMBER, 2019**

The Fourth South Asian Speakers' Summit on Achieving Sustainable Development Goals was held in Male, Maldives on 1 and 2 September, 2019. The above event was organized by Inter-Parliamentary Union in partnership with the People's Majlis of Maldives.

Shri Om Birla, Speaker Lok Sabha led the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the Summit. He was accompanied by Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha attended the Summit. Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri Desh Deepak Verma, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha were also part of the delegation. Shri P.C.Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

Following sessions were held during the Summit.

- (i) Plenary Session: Follow up to Colombo Declaration (2018)

- (ii) Session II: Achieving SDGs 2 and 3- Nutrition and food security as drivers of maternal, child and adolescent health in the Asia Pacific Region.
- (iii) Session III: Catalyzing the global agenda on ultimate change overcoming challenges and utilizing opportunities to strengthen the regional agenda for delivering on the Paris Agreement.

A roundtable session for the Speakers of participating Parliaments was also organized during the Summit to further exchange view on issues discussed during the Summit.

The Summit adopted 'Male Declaration' an outcome document containing summary of conclusions and recommendations of the meeting.

3. **MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND PLANNING OF ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (APA) HELD IN BAGHDAD (IRAQ) FROM 3 TO 5 SEPTEMBER, 2019**

The Meeting of Standing Committee on Budget and Planning of Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) was held in Baghdad (Iraq) from 3 to 5 September, 2019. Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP Lok Sabha participated in the event. During the meeting Draft Resolution on APA Budget and Planning was considered and adopted.

4. **IPU-UN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON COUNTERING TERRORISM AND EXTREMISM HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA FROM 30 SEPTEMBER TO 3 OCTOBER, 2019**

IPU-UN Regional Conference on Countering Terrorism and Extremism was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 30 September to 3 October, 2019. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha – Leader of the Delegation and Smt. Sampatiya Uikey, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the above Conference. Ms. Rimjhim Prasad, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation. The main theme of the Conference was “The role of Parliamentarians in preventing and countering terrorism and addressing conditions conducive to terrorism in Asia Pacific region”.

An Outcome Document was adopted at the end of the Conference.

5. **MEETINGS OF (i) 44<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO; (ii) PARLIAMENTARY**

**SESSION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF WTO PUBLIC FORUM 2019:  
AND (iii) WTO PUBLIC FORUM 2019 HELD IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND  
FROM 7 TO 11 OCTOBER, 2019**

Shri Rajeev Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and the member of the IPU Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on WTO participated in the above meetings. During the above meetings, discussions were held on the following themes:-

- (i) Update on recent developments at the WTO including preliminary discussion on the arrangements for the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO on the occasion of the 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference in Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan)
- (ii) Trade Forward: Adapting to a Changing World.
- (iii) What role for Parliamentarians in digital trade?

**6. 141<sup>ST</sup> ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) HELD IN BELGRADE (SERBIA) FROM 13 TO 17 OCTOBER, 2019**

The 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the IPU was held in Belgrade, Serbia from 13 to 17 October, 2019. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Dr. Shashi Tharoor, MP Lok Sabha, Ms. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, MP Lok Sabha, Smt. Wansuk Syiem, MP Rajya Sabha, Dr. Bharatiben Dhirubhai Shyal, MP Lok Sabha, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, MP Lok Sabha, Shri Ram Kumar Verma, MP Rajya Sabha and Shri Sasmit Patra, MP Rajya 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.

Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General Debate in Assembly on the overall theme of "Strengthening International Law: Parliamentary Roles and mechanisms and the contribution of Regional Cooperation". The Assembly adopted an Outcome Document on the theme of the General Debate at its concluding Session. Speaker, Lok Sabha also participated in the Breakaway session of Speakers' Dialogue on Development and Economy held on the sidelines of 141<sup>st</sup> IPU Assembly. Shri Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha also participated in the General Debate and presented India's views on the topic from youth perspective. India Group of IPU also Proposed a Resolution

on “Addressing Climate Change” during the 141<sup>st</sup> IPU Assembly for inclusion in the Agenda of the Assembly as an Emergency Item. Dr. Shashi Tharoor, MP introduced the Indian proposal to the Assembly and made a brief statement on the theme of the proposed Resolution. India's proposal received the highest number of affirmative votes and was included in the agenda of the Assembly as an Emergency Item. After a detailed discussion, the Assembly adopted a Resolution on the Emergency Item. Shri Sasmit Patra, MP, a member of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation acted as the Rapporteur on the Resolution Drafting Committee.

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. The theme of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum was the "Role of Parliamentarians in Promoting intra BRICS Health Cooperation. Ms. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, MP, Lok Sabha attended the meeting of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum.

Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Shri Desh Deepak Verma, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of Association of Secretaries General of Parliament (ASGP) held during the above event.

On the sidelines of the 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly, Speaker, Lok Sabha held bilateral meetings with the following dignitaries: (i) HE Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, IPU (ii) HE Ms. Ana Brnabic, Prime Minister of Serbia. (iii) HE Ms. Maja Gojkovic, Speaker of the National Assembly of Serbia. (iv) HE Dr. Ali Ardeshir Larijani, Speaker of Parliament of Iran. (v) HE Ms. Laura Rojas Hernandez, President of Chamber of Deputies of Mexico, (vi) HE Ms. S.S Choudhury, Speaker of Parliament of Bangladesh. During the Assembly elections were held for the vacant posts in various IPU bodies. Shri Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha and Smt. Raksha Nikhli Khadse, MP, Lok Sabha were unanimously elected for the membership of (i) IPU Committee to Promote the Respect for International Humanitarian Law and (ii) the Board of the forum of Young Parliamentarians of IPU, respectively.

The Sixth G 20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit(P 20) jointly organized by the House of Councillors of the National Diet of Japan and the Inter Parliamentary Union, Geneva was held in Tokyo , Japan from 3 to 5 November, 2019.

Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha accompanied by Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha participated in the aforesaid Summit. Sh. PC Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

The Summit included three sessions on the following themes:

Session I- "Promotion of Free, Open and Fair Trade and Investment"

Session II- "Utilization of Innovative Technology towards a Human-Centered Future Society"

Session III.- "Efforts towards Resolution of Global Challenges and Achievement of the SDGs (Financing for Development, Need for Transparent and Effective Government etc)".

Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the above three Sessions and delivered the key note address during Session-II. Speaker also intervened and made a Statement during Session-III. At the end of the Summit a 'Joint Statement' was also adopted. During the Visit, Speaker, Lok Sabha also addressed a select gathering of the Indian Diaspora in Tokyo. The Event was organized by Embassy of India in Tokyo, Japan.

**8. 2<sup>ND</sup> EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING AND 12<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY SESSION OF ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY HELD IN ANTALYA, TURKEY FROM 13 TO 18 DECEMBER, 2019.**

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation comprising of Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi MP, Lok Sabha (Leader of Delegation); Dr. Hina Vijaykumar Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha; and Dr. Narendra Jadhav, MP, Rajya Sabha participated in the 2nd Executive Council Meeting and 12th Plenary Session of Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) which was held in Antalya, Turkey from 13 to 18 December, 2019. Shri Abhijit Kumar, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to Delegation.

The theme of the Plenary Session was “The Role of Multilateral Cooperation among Asian Parliaments”. At the end of the Plenary, an Outcome Document titled ‘Antalya Declaration’ was adopted.

**9. INAUGURAL SESSION OF PEOPLE’S MAJILIS (PARLIAMENT OF MALDIVES)**

Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha attended the Inaugural Session of People’s Majilis (Parliament of Maldives) held on 3 February, 2020 in Male, Maldives. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, during his visit to Male, Maldives also held meetings with the authorities concerned in Maldivian Majilis. The meetings were primarily aimed at devising the mechanisms that can take forward the matters which were discussed between the two Presiding Officers and the Secretariats of the two Parliaments during their respective earlier interactions.

**10. MEETING OF THE 45<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON WTO**

Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the meeting of 45th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on WTO held in Brussels (Belgium) on 20 February, 2020.

During the meeting following agenda items were discussed:

- (i) Reform of WTO
- (ii) Brief on the upcoming 2020 Annual Session of the Parliamentary Conference on WTO.

At the end of the Meeting a Statement was also adopted.

**(B) CONTRIBUTION TO THE CENTRAL FUNDS OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU):**

Indian Parliamentary Group’s Annual Contribution of CHF 1,12,900/- (Rs. 82,41,700/-) to the Central Fund of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for the year 2020 was paid out of the grant sanctioned by Parliament. Also, an amount of CHF 550/- (Rs. 40,500/-) 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 2019-20. India Region Branch which was a part of Asia Region became a separate Region of the CPA in September, 2004. The following events took place during the period under review:

### **1. MEETING OF PRESIDING OFFICERS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN INDIA**

A Meeting of Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India was held on 28 August, 2019 in New Delhi. The Presiding Officers deliberated on various burning topics concerning the Legislatures in India. At the meeting, Speaker, Lok Sabha and Chairperson of AIPOC proposed to constitute the following three Committees of Presiding Officers:

- (a) Committee of Presiding Officers to evaluate the use of Communication and Information Technology (C & IT) in the functioning of Legislatures and suggest way forward under the Chairpersonship of Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly;
- (b) Committee of Presiding Officers to look into the matter of Smooth Functioning of the House with Shri Hriday Narayan Dikshit, Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha as Chairperson; and
- (c) Committee of Presiding Officers to examine the matter of financial independence of Legislature Secretariats with Dr. C.P. Joshi, Speaker, Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha as Chairperson.

### **2. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS**

Besides the above three Committee of Presiding Officers constituted in August, 2019, the “Committee of Presiding Officers to review the powers of Presiding Officers under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution and the Rules made thereunder” was also constituted by Speaker, Lok Sabha and Chairperson, AIPOC in January, 2020 under the Chairmanship of Dr. C.P. Joshi, Speaker, Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha.

### **3. THE 64<sup>TH</sup> COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE IN KAMPALA, UGANDA FROM 22 TO 29 SEPTEMBER, 2019**

The 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference was held in Kampala, Uganda from 22 to 29 September, 2019. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the Conference. The Delegation comprised of Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, MP (Lok Sabha); Smt. Roopa Ganguly, MP (Rajya Sabha); Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah, MP (Rajya Sabha) and Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP (Lok Sabha).

The Conference was also attended by the following Presiding Officers from State CPA Branches as delegates:-

Shri Thammineni Seetharam, Speaker, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly; Shri P.D. Sona, Speaker, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly; Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly and Member CPA Executive Committee; Shri Vijay Kumar Choudhary, Speaker, Bihar Vidhan Sabha; Dr. Charandas Mahant, Speaker, Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha; Shri Ram Niwas Goel, Speaker, Delhi Vidhan Sabha; Shri Rajesh Patnekar, Speaker, Goa Legislative Assembly; Shri Rajendra Suryaprasad Trivedi, Speaker, Gujarat Vidhan Sabha; Dr. Rajeev Bindal, Speaker, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha; Shri Dinesh Oraon, Speaker, Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha; Shri Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly; Shri P. Sreeramakrishnan, Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly; Shri Narmada Prasad Prajapati, Speaker, Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha; Shri T.D. Shira, Deputy Speaker, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly; Shri Lalrinliana Sailo, Speaker, Mizoram Legislative Assembly; Shri Vikho-o-Yhoshu, Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly; Dr. Surya Narayan Patro, Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly; Shri P. Dhanapal, Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly; Shri Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Speaker, Telangana Legislative Assembly; Shri Rebat Mohan Das, Speaker, Tripura Legislative Assembly; Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha and Shri Hridaya Narayan Dikshit, Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha. Smt. Roselina Tirkey, MLA, Assam Legislative Assembly was also a delegate in the Conference.

Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly and Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly attended the Executive Committee Meetings of CPA. Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, MP (Lok Sabha) attended the CPA Executive Committee Meeting as an alternate Member.

During the Conference, the following topics were discussed in the form of Workshops:

- (i) Talk-show Panel – Climate Change: Achievements, Challenges and Efficiency of Parliament Interventions (Host Branch) (Workshop ‘A’);
- (ii) TED Talk- Innovation in Parliament: the impact of science and technology on how Parliament works today (Workshop ‘B’);
- (iii) Mentoring Session- The role of Parliament in facilitating persons with disabilities as electors, candidates and legislators (Workshop ‘C’);
- (iv) Youth Roundtable – Strategies to deal with Youth Unemployment (Youth Related Topic) (Workshop ‘D’);
- (v) Talk – show panel – Combating rapid urbanisation and rural decline- A challenge for the Commonwealth (Workshop ‘E’);
- (vi) TED Talk – Innovation in Parliament – The possible effects of the United Kingdom ‘Brexit’ on Small Branches (Small Branches Topic) (Workshop ‘F’);
- (vii) Fostering a Culture of Respect, Fairness and Dignity: Sexual harassment has no place in legislatures (Gender Topic) (Workshop ‘G’);
- (viii) The Role of Parliament in the doctrine of Separation of Powers; Enhancing Transparency and Accountability (Workshop ‘H’);
- (ix) Post Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) – a dimension of the oversight function of Parliament. How is this represented within different political systems? (Workshop ‘I’); and
- (x) Talk-show panel: How the Updated CPA Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures has been used to strengthen the capacity of CPA Legislatures.

Speaker, Lok Sabha attended all the Workshops during the Conference. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP (Lok Sabha) was the ‘Discussion Leader’ in Workshop ‘D’ on “Strategies to deal with Youth Unemployment (Youth Related Topic)”. Shri Hridaya Nararayan Dikshit, Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha was appointed as a ‘Panellist’ in Workshop ‘E’ on “Combating rapid urbanization and rural decline – A challenge for the Commonwealth. Smt. Roopa Ganguly, MP (Rajya Sabha) spoke as the ‘Lead Speaker,’ from Indian Delegation in Workshop ‘G’ on “Fostering a Culture of Respect, Fairness and Dignity: Sexual Harassment has no place in legislature.” Shri Rajendra S. Trivedi, Speaker, Gujarat Vidhan Sabha was also a ‘Panellist’ in Workshop ‘H’ on “The Role of Parliament in the doctrine of Separation of Powers; Enhancing Transparency and Accountability”.

Smt. Roopa Ganguly, MP (Rajya Sabha), Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP (Lok Sabha) and Smt. Roselina Tirkey, MLA, Assam Legislative Assembly attended the CWP Conference. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP (Lok Sabha) was a Lead Speaker on the topic

“The Importance of Mentoring for New Parliamentarians” in the CWP Conference. She also attended as an alternate Member in the CWP Steering Committee.

Smt. Roselina Tirkey, MLA, Assam Legislative Assembly; Shri Sanyam Lodha, MLA, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly attended the Conference as a ‘delegate’.

On the sidelines, Speaker, Lok Sabha had bilateral meeting with Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda and President of the 64th CPA Conference. Speaker, Lok Sabha also addressed Indian Diaspora in Uganda.

#### **4. COMMITTEES OF PRESIDING OFFICERS**

The “Committee of Presiding Officers to evaluate the use of Communication and Information Technology in the functioning of Legislatures and suggest way forward” under the Chairmanship of Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly had two meetings, the first one in November, 2019 in Assam House, New Delhi and second one in January, 2020 in Lucknow. The Subject is at an advanced stage of examination.

The “Committee of Presiding Officers to look into the matter of Smooth Functioning of the House” under the Chairmanship Shri Hriday Narayan Dikshit, Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha had one meeting in November, 2019 in New Delhi. The examination of the Subject continues.

The “Committee of Presiding Officers to examine the matter of Financial Independence of Legislature Secretariats” under the Chairmanship of Dr. C.P. Joshi, Speaker, Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha had one meeting in December, 2019 in Jaipur. The Committee have sought detailed information in the form of a List of Points from State Legislatures with a view to finalize their Report.

#### **5. CONFERENCES OF PRESIDING OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN INDIA IN DECEMBER, 2019**

The 79<sup>th</sup> Conference of Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India was held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on 18 and 19 December, 2019. Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha and the Chairperson of the Conference inaugurated the Conference at a solemn function held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The Speaker, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha, Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal delivered the Welcome Address at the Inaugural Function. The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat attended the Inaugural Function and also addressed the Inaugural Session.

The Conference deliberated on two subjects viz. (i) Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy and Capacity Building through in house devices including Zero Hour; and (ii) Tenth Schedule of the Constitution and the Role of Speaker.

The Valedictory Session was held on 19 December, 2019. Speaker, Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla delivered the Valedictory Address. H.E. Governor of Uttarakhand, Smt. Baby Rani Maurya attended the Valedictory Session as Chief Guest and addressed the Session.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Conference of Presiding Officers was preceded by the 57<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Secretaries of Legislative Bodies in India on 17 December, 2019 in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Secretary, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha, Shri Jagdish Chandra delivered the Welcome Address. Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Chairperson of the Conference delivered the Inaugural Address. Shri Desh Deepak Verma, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha also addressed the Conference. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of almost all the State/Union Territory Legislatures attended the Conference. The Conference deliberated on two subjects delving into diverse areas of parliamentary practices and procedures viz. (i) Need to review the Procedure for expunction in the Legislatures; and (ii) Legislature – Opening new windows for reaching masses.

**6. THE 25<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING OFFICERS OF COMMONWEALTH IN OTTAWA, CANADA FROM 5 TO 9 JANUARY, 2020**

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Conference of Speakers and

Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) in Ottawa, Canada from 5 to 9 January, 2020. Shri P.C. Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to Delegation.

The meeting of the CSPOC Standing Committee which was held on Monday, 6 January, 2020 was attended by Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha as representative of India.

The Opening Ceremony of the Conference was held on Tuesday, 7 January, 2020.

The Conference held 4 Workshop Sessions and a Special Plenary as per details given below:

Workshop 1:	“Parliamentary Engagement: Openness, Transparency and Accountability”
Workshop 2:	“Challenges and Opportunities Arising from the Displacement of a Parliamentary Assembly”
Workshop 3:	“Parliamentarians as Effective Legislators and Constituency Representatives: Evolving Support Required
Workshop 4:	“Security of Individuals in the Parliamentary Context and Beyond”
Special Plenary:	“Inclusive Parliaments: The Role of the Speaker in Supporting Emerging Procedures and Practices Embracing the Changing Face and Needs of Parliament”

Opening Plenary Sessions on the 4 topics of the Workshops were followed by separate Workshop Sessions. The Special Plenary was attended by all the delegates.

Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha was the Workshop Presenter in Workshop 4 on the topic “Security of Individuals in the Parliamentary Context and Beyond.” After the presentation, Speaker, Lok Sabha also responded to various queries raised by the participants in the Workshop.

The Special Plenary was held on Thursday, 9 January, 2020 at 1030 hours on the topic “Inclusive Parliaments: The Role of the Speaker in Supporting Emerging Procedures and Practices Embracing the Changing Face and Needs of Parliament.” The delegates from Indian Parliament participated in the Special Plenary Session and other Workshops of the Conference.

On the sidelines of the Conference, Speaker, Lok Sabha and Delegation had meetings with his counterparts in the Canadian Senate and House of Commons and other dignitaries in Canada.

During their stay in Toronto, the Indian Parliamentary Delegation visited Ontario State Legislative Assembly as it is a heritage building and is undergoing major renovation. The Indian Delegation also had wide ranging discussions with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Ted Arnott and his team regarding the renovation project. Speaker, Lok Sabha also addressed the distinguished gathering. The Indian Delegation also had a luncheon meeting with the Ministers, MPs and Legislators from Ontario in Toronto. The Indian Parliamentary Delegation had meetings with Indian Diaspora in Ottawa and Toronto during the visit.

Speaker, Lok Sabha offered to host the CSPOC in 2026 which was unanimously approved both in the Executive Committee Meeting and the Conference.

**7. THE 7<sup>TH</sup> CPA INDIA REGION CONFERENCE IN LUCKNOW FROM 15 TO 19 JANUARY, 2020**

The 7<sup>th</sup> CPA India Region Conference was held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from 15 to 19 January, 2020. Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha and Chairperson of the CPA India Region inaugurated the Conference on Thursday, 16 January, 2020. Shri Hriday Narayan Dikshit, Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha delivered the Welcome Address at the Opening Ceremony. Shri Yogi Adityanath, the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh attended the Opening Ceremony and also addressed the distinguished gatherings.

The theme of the Conference was “Role of Legislators” encompassing the following two Topics:

- Capacity Building of Legislators for scrutinizing Budgetary Proposals; and
- Enhancing Focus of Legislators on Legislative Business.

The Valedictory Session was held on Friday, 17 January, 2020. Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha delivered the Valedictory Address. H.E. Smt. Anandiben Patel, Governor of Uttar Pradesh attended the Valedictory Session and addressed the Session.

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The Conference was attended by the 30 Presiding Officers / Delegates from State / UT Branches in India Region & an Observer each from South East Asia and Australia Regions of CPA and Secretaries from the Union and State / UT Legislatures.

**8. MEETING OF THE RECRUITMENT OF SECRETARY GENERAL, CPA FROM 27 FEBRUARY TO 1 MARCH, 2020**

Shri Jayant Sinha, MP, Lok Sabha attended the meeting of Selection Panel as Member from CPA India Region for Recruitment of Secretary General, CPA at London from 27 February to 1 March, 2020.

The Selection Panel, comprising of representatives from the CPA Regions, recommended following candidates as next Secretary General and Reserve Candidate:

**(i) Mr. Stephen Twigg – BIM Region**

Reserve candidate for Secretary General, CPA

**(ii) Ms. Gloria Somolekae – Africa Region**

The recommendation of the Selection Panel will be formally considered and approved by CPA Executive Committee at its Mid-Year Meeting scheduled to be held in Guwahati, India in June, 2020 or by circulation in view of the lockdown situation created by the ongoing Corona pandemic.

## **ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION**

The annual contribution of the India Branch of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for the year 2019-20 to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was Pounds 32,387, equivalent to ₹29,73,046/- and paid out of the grant sanctioned by Parliament.

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### **PART – III**

#### **BILATERAL EXCHANGES AND OTHER EVENTS**

#### **I FOREIGN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS VISITING INDIA**

(1) **MALDIVES** : A 12-member Parliamentary Delegation from Maldives led by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis of Maldives visited India from 8 to 13 December, 2019.

On 9 December, 2019, the Delegation called on Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President and Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha. A Banquet (Lunch) was hosted by Speaker, Lok Sabha in honour of the Delegation. The Delegation also met Shri P.P. Chaudhary, Chairman and Members of the Standing Committee on External Affairs.

On 10 December, 2019, the Delegation called on Shri Rajendra Trivedi, Speaker, Gujarat Legislative Assembly at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. A Banquet (Dinner) was hosted by Speaker, Gujarat Legislative Assembly in honour of the Delegation.

On 13 December, 2019, the Delegation called on Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India and Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs.

Besides Delhi, the Delegation also visited Gandhinagar, Gujarat and Agra.

(2) **CANADA**: A Parliamentary Delegation from Canada led by H.E. Mr. George J. Furey, Speaker of the Senate of Parliament of Canada visited India from 8 to 14 February, 2020.

On 13 February, 2020, the Delegation called on Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President and Chairman, Rajya Sabha; Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha; Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs and Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Minister of Human Resource Development. Later in the evening a Banquet (Dinner) was hosted by Speaker, Lok Sabha in honour of the Delegation.

On 14 February, 2020, the Delegation met Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha.

Besides Delhi, the Delegation also visited Agra.

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## II **VISIT OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE COMPLEX / CALLS ON**

- (1) **ISSP India 2019:** A delegation that attended the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP) Conference held in India called on Speaker, Lok Sabha on 2 May, 2019 in G-074, Parliament Library Building.
- (2) **Russia :** H.E. Mr. Nikolay Rishatovich Kudashev, Ambassador of the Russian Federation called on Speaker, Lok Sabha on 31 July, 2019 in Parliament House.
- (3) **Serbia :** H.E. Mr. Vladimir Maric, Ambassador of Serbia called on Speaker, Lok Sabha on 11 October, 2019 in Parliament House.
- (4) **Egypt :** H.E. Dr. Heba Salaheldin Elmarassi, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt called on Speaker, Lok Sabha on 24 October, 2019 in Parliament House.
- (5) **France:** Mrs. Celine Calvez, President of the France- India Parliamentary Friendship Group called on Speaker, Lok Sabha on 28 January, 2020 in Parliament House.

### **III 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)	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar	14 April, 2019
(2)	Pt. Motilal Nehru	6 May, 2019
(3)	Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore	9 May, 2019
(4)	Dr. N. Sanjiva Reddy	19 May, 2019
(5)	Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar	28 May, 2019
(6)	Shri K.S. Hegde	11 June, 2019
(7)	Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee	6 July, 2019
(8)	Shri Bal Gangadhar Tilak	23 July, 2019

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(9)	Shri Somnath Chatterjee	25 July, 2019
(10)	Shri G.S. Dhillon	6 August, 2019
(11)	Shri Rajiv Gandhi	20 August, 2019
(12)	Shri Balram Jakhar	23 August, 2019
(13)	Sardar Hukam Singh	30 August, 2019

(14)	Shri P.A. Sangma	1 September, 2019
(15)	Dadabhai Naoroji	4 September, 2019
(16)	Shri G.M.C. Balayogi	1 October, 2019
(17)	Mahatma Gandhi	2 October, 2019
(18)	Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri	2 October, 2019
(19)	Shri Bali Ram Bhagat	7 October, 2019
(20)	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel	31 October, 2019
(21)	Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das	5 November, 2019
(22)	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad	11 November, 2019
(23)	Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru	14 November, 2019
(24)	Smt. Indira Gandhi	19 November, 2019
(25)	Shri Rabi Ray	26 November, 2019
(26)	Shri G.V Mavalankar	27 November, 2019
(27)	Dr. Rajendra Prasad	3 December, 2019
(28)	Shri C. Rajagopalachari	10 December, 2019
(29)	Chaudhary Charan Singh	23 December, 2019
(30)	Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya	25 December, 2019
(31)	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee	25 December, 2019
(32)	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose	23 January, 2020
(33)	Lala Lajpat Rai	28 January, 2020
(34)	Shri M.A. Ayyangar	4 February, 2020
(35)	Smt. Sarojini Naidu	13 February, 2020
(36)	Shri Morarji Desai	29 February, 2020
(37)	Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia	23 March, 2020

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 COMMEMORATE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA - 'SAMVIDHAN DIVAS'**

A function to commemorate 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India – 'Samvidhan Divas' was held on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 in Central Hall, Parliament House. President of India, Vice- President & Chairman Rajya Sabha, Prime Minister of India and Speaker, Lok Sabha graced the occasion and addressed the distinguished gathering. Members of Parliament of both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha attended the function.

On the occasion, President of India launched 'National Youth Parliament Scheme Portal' of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. A publication titled "Role of Rajya Sabha in Indian Parliamentary Democracy", a set of Coins and a Stamp and First Day Cover to

commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Session of Rajya Sabha were also released. President of India also released the Lok Sabha Calendar 2020 on the theme 'India's Constitution @ 70' and inaugurated the Exhibition on 'Making of the Constitution' organized by Lok Sabha Secretariat.

#### **IV 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 S. Venkatesan, MP
2. Shri Shyam Singh Yadav, MP
3. Shri Jasbir Singh Gill, MP
4. Shri Sunil Kumar Pintu, MP
5. Shri Hemant Patil, MP
6. Smt. Sajda Ahmed, MP
7. Shri Ravi Kishan Shukla, MP

#### **V MEMBERSHIP**

During the year under report, 72 Members of Parliament were enrolled as Members of the Group. As on 31 March, 2020, the total number of members of the Group are 1467 (LS-189; RS-93 and Associate Members – 1185).

#### **VI OBITUARY**

The Executive Committee have to record with regret the demise of the following Members of the Group during the year 2019-2020:-

1. Smt. Sheila Dixit, Ex-MP, Former Chief Minister of Delhi
2. Shri Ram Chandra Paswan, MP (LS)
3. Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, Ex-MP
4. Shri S. Rajendran, Ex-MP
5. Shri S.P.Y. Reddy, Ex-MP
6. Shri M.K. Subba, Ex-MP
7. Shri Kamlesh Balmiki, Ex-MP

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8. Smt. Sheela Gautam, Ex-MP
9. Shri Sitaram Singh, Ex-MP
10. Shri Virendra Kataria, Ex-MP
11. Shri Drupad Borgohain, Ex-MP
12. Chaudhary Munvvar Saleem, Ex-MP
13. Smt. Vasanthi Stanley, Ex-MP

14. Shri S. Sivasubramanian, Ex-MP
15. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Ex-MP
16. Shri Ramnath Dubey, Ex-MP
17. Shri Kailash Joshi, Ex-MP
18. Shri Arun Jaitley, MP
19. Shri Sukhdev Singh Libra, Ex-MP
20. Shri Gurudas Dasgupta, Ex-MP
21. Shri Baidyanath Prasad Mahto, MP (LS)
22. Shri S.S Surjewala, Ex-MP
23. Shri A.V.Swamy, Ex-MP
24. Shri Bhardwaj, Shri Hansraj, Ex-MP
25. Shri M. Maddanna, Ex-MP

## **VII ACCOUNTS**

Statements showing the Receipts and Payments Account, Income & Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Certificate by the Auditor and Statement of Investment of the Funds of Group are in **Appendix- I to V.**

## **VIII MEETINGS HELD**

### **1. Meeting of Executive Committee of Indian Parliamentary Group**

During the year 2019-2020, one meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Parliamentary Group was held on 12 December, 2019. The gist of important decisions of the Executive Committee taken at the meeting are given in **Appendix-VI.**

### **2. Annual General Meeting of Indian Parliamentary Group**

No Annual General meeting of the Indian Parliamentary Group was held during the year 2019-2020.

**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA  
SECRETARY-GENERAL**

**New Delhi  
AUGUST, 2020**

**APPENDIX – I**

**INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**  
**PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, ROOM NO. 340, DELHI-110001**  
**Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31st, 2020**

(Figures in Rs)			
Particulars	Note No.	Year Ended 31st March, 2020	Year Ended 31st March, 2019
<b>Income</b>			
I. Subscription	5	35,000	6,500
II. Other Income	6	2,051,708	6,536,299
III. Total Income (I + II)		<u>2,086,708</u>	<u>6,542,799</u>
<b>IV. Expenditure</b>			
National Conference of Women Legislators		-	9,366,762
Administrative & Other Expenses	7	77,022	1,147,356
Total Expenditure		<u>77,022</u>	<u>10,514,118</u>
V. Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year (III- IV)		2,009,686	(3,971,319)

Significant accounting policies and other Notes to accounts 8

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. 030756N

*Nhp*  
**Naveen Aggarwal**  
Partner  
M No. - 004380

Place : New Delhi  
Date : *26/10/2020*



For and on behalf of the  
**INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

*Shivaram*  
\* **Secretary General**  
**SECRETARY-GENERAL**  
**INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

**INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, ROOM NO. 340, DELHI-110001

**Receipt and Payment Account for the Year Ended March 31, 2020**


PARTICULARS	Sch. No.	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
		2019-20	2018-19
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b>Opening Balances:</b>			
Balance with State Bank of India in Saving Account		5,349,946	4,022,728
<b>Sub Total (A)</b>		<b>5,349,946</b>	<b>4,022,728</b>
<b>Receipts during the year</b>			
Subscription	5	35,000	6,500
Other Interest	6	49,353	34,211
IT refund including interest		311,339	592,600
Fixed Deposit matured / surrendered during the year		51,645,127	11,207,835
<b>Sub Total (B)</b>		<b>52,040,821</b>	<b>11,841,336</b>
<b>Total Inflows (A+B)</b>		<b>57,390,767</b>	<b>15,864,064</b>
<b>Payments during the year</b>			
National Conference of Women Legislators		-	9,366,762
Photographs		-	30,365
Refreshment & Dinner		3,031	24,838
Bank Charges		700	649
Travelling		-	86,605
Award Function		-	736,587
Communication Expenses		-	-
Honorarium Payment for Cultural Programme		-	-
Other Exp		-	19,596
Legal & Professional Charges		-	124,508
Payment to Auditors		73,203	124,508
Fixed Deposits placed with bank		54,800,000	-
<b>Sub Total (C)</b>		<b>54,877,022</b>	<b>10,514,118</b>
<b>Closing Balance:</b>			
Balance with State Bank of India in Saving Account		2,513,745	5,349,946
<b>Sub Total (D)</b>		<b>2,513,745</b>	<b>5,349,946</b>
<b>Total (C+D)</b>		<b>57,390,767</b>	<b>15,864,064</b>

Significant accounting policies and other Notes to accounts

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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  
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Firm Regd. No. 000756N

  
Naveen Aggarwal  
Partner  
M.No. - 094380  
Place : New Delhi  
Date: 26/10/2020



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Secretary General  
SECRETARY-GENERAL  
INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

**INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**  
**PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, ROOM NO. 340, DELHI-110001**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2020**

(Figures in Rs)

Particulars	Note No.	As at 31st March, 2020	As at 31st March, 2019
<b>I. EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
(1) Members' Funds			
(a) Reserves and Surplus	1	58,318,669	56,308,903
(2) Current Liabilities			
(a) Other Current Liabilities (V.N Gadgil Award)		2,241	2,241
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>58,320,910</b>	<b>56,311,224</b>
<b>II. ASSETS</b>			
(1) Non Current Assets			
(a) Other Non Current Assets	2	54,800,000	
(2) Current Assets			
(a) Cash and Bank Balances	3	2,513,745	55,349,946
(b) Other Current Assets	4	1,007,165	961,278
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>58,320,910</b>	<b>56,311,224</b>

Significant accounting policies and other Notes to accounts

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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: 26/10/2020

For and on behalf of the  
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\* Secretary General  
**SECRETARY-GENERAL**  
**INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

**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 **31.03.2020** 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 **31.03.2020** 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. 000756N

  
**Naveen Aggarwal**  
Partner  
Membership No. 094380  
UDIN : 20094380AAAAHE3121



Place: New Delhi  
Date: 26.10.2020

## **INVESTMENTS OF INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

### **FD with State Bank of India (PHA)**

<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>FD Receipt No.</u></b>	<b><u>Date of issue</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Maturity</u></b>
1,99,00,000/-	38628787833	18.07.2019	18.06.2021
1,99,00,000/-	38628781784	22.07.2019	22.06.2021
1,50,00,000/-	3860940616	25.07.2019	25.06.2021

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**5,48,00,000/-**  
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**Important decisions of the Executive Committee of the Group  
for the year 2019-2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>		<b>Decision</b>	
<b>12.12.2019</b>	1.	Annual Report of Indian Parliamentary Group for the year 2018-2019	1.	The Committee adopted the Annual Report for the year 2018-2019 of the Indian Parliamentary Group together with audited statements of accounts
	2.	Amendment in the Rules of Parliamentary Friendship Group	2.	The Committee decided that each Parliamentary Friendship Group may consist of not more than 10 Permanent Members and 5 Special Invitees and proceed with the formation of Friendship Groups with the countries suggested by the Ministry of External Affairs. It was also decided to add the following under the 'Aims and Objectives' of the Rules: "To study and evolve an insight into the best Parliamentary practices that are worth replicating."
	3.	Nomination to select Member of Parliament for Outstanding Parliamentarian Award for the years 2018 & 2019	3.	The Committee approved the proposal for seeking nominations to select a Member of Parliament each for the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award for the years 2018 and 2019.
	4.	Constitution of Award Committee to select Outstanding Parliamentarian Award for the years 2018 & 2019	4.	The Committee authorised Speaker, Lok Sabha to constitute an Award Committee to select a Member each for the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award for the years 2018 & 2019.

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