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HIGHLIGHTS
(1.4.2004 to 31.12.2004)

Legislative

- * During the period from 1.4.2004 to 31.12.2004 the Lok Sabha held 48 sittings and the Rajya Sabha held 46 sittings spread over three Sessions each (Page 5).
- * Fourteenth Lok Sabha was constituted on 17.5.2004 (Page 4).
- * Shri Somnath Chatterjee a Member of Lok Sabha was chosen as a Speaker Lok Sabha on 4.6.2004 (Page 62).
- * Shri K. Rahman Khan was chosen as a Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha on 22.7.2004 (Page 62).
- * The President addressed the Joint Sitting of both Houses on 7th June, 2004 (Page 7).
- * The Railway Budget for 2004-05 was presented on 6.7.2004 (Page 75).
- * The General Budget for 2004-05 was presented on 8.7.2004 (Page 76).
- * Nine Ordinances were promulgated (Page 8-9).
- * Eighteen Bills were passed by both Houses of Parliament (Page 13).

Matters under Rule 377/Special Mentions under Rule 180A-E:

- * As on 31.03.2004, 125 Special Mentions made in the Rajya Sabha were pending reply. Another 335 Special Mentions were made during the period 1.04.2004 to 31.12.2004. Out of total 460 Special Mentions, 216 Special Mentions have been replied to, leaving a pendency of 244. (Page 26)
- * During 1.04.2004 to 31.12.2004, 444 matters were raised in the Lok Sabha under Rule 377. Out of which, 201 have been replied to, leaving a pendency of 243 matters. (Page 26)

Consultative Committees:

- * After constitution of 14th Lok Sabha, 29 Consultative Committees for various Ministries/Departments have been constituted on 5.10.2004. (Page 29)
- * Due to bifurcation of Ministry of Coal and Mines into (1) Ministry of Coal and (2) Ministry of Mines on 27.11.2004, the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of

Coal was constituted on 17.1.2005 (Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Mines could not be constituted). (Page 29)

* After constitution of 14th Lok Sabha, 16 Informal Consultative Committees for the 16 Railway Zones have been constituted. (Page 29).

* Consultative Committees of Members of Parliament attached to various Ministries/Departments held 44 meetings. (Appendix – XI)

Nomination of Members of Parliament on various Government Bodies and Hindi Salahakar Samitis:

* Minister of Parliamentary Affairs nominated 81 Members of Parliament (52 Lok Sabha and 29 Rajya Sabha) on various Government Bodies, Councils, Boards etc. and 158 Members of Parliament (78 Lok Sabha and 80 Rajya Sabha) on various Hindi Salahakar Samitis. (Appendix – XII)

Youth Parliament Competitions:-

* The Ministry conducts Youth Parliament Competitions for the benefit of the student community. (Page 37)

* Orientation Courses in respect of various Youth Parliament Competition Schemes were held as under:- (Pages 39, 42, 43 & 45)

- (i) At New Delhi, for Senior Secondary Schools under the Government of NCT of Delhi;
- (ii) At Bhopal (MP) and Mumbai (Maharashtra), for Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- (iii) At Canacona (South Goa), Mungeshpur (Delhi) Periyar (Kerala) and Morigaon (Assam), for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas; and
- (iv) At Kodaikanal (Tamil Nadu) for Universities.

* Youth Parliament sessions of 49 schools which participated in the 39th Youth Parliament Competition for Senior Secondary Schools under the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) were evaluated. (Page 39).

* The 17th National Youth Parliament Competition for Kendriya Vidyalayas is in progress. (Page 42).

* The 8th National Youth Parliament Competition for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas is in progress. (Page 43).

* The 7th National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities is in progress. (Page 45).

Government Assurances Implemented:-

* During the period from 1956 to 2004, 77,452 assurances were given by the Ministers in Lok Sabha and 46950 assurances in Rajya Sabha. Out of these 75704 assurances (97.74%) pertaining to the Lok Sabha and 45,968(97.91%) assurances pertaining to Rajya Sabha have already been fulfilled by the Government. (Pages 20-23)

Part Implementation Reports

* In addition to the above, part implementation reports relating to 17 assurances in Lok Sabha and 49 assurances in Rajya Sabha were also laid during the period under report. (Page 23)

Government Sponsored Indian Goodwill Delegation of Parliamentarians:

* This Ministry sponsored one visit of Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to Libya. (Page 33)

* This Ministry invited & hosted one Goodwill Delegation from Peoples Republic of China. (Page 34)

Nomination of Members of Parliament on various delegations going abroad:

* Minister of Parliamentary Affairs nominated/approved nominations of 11 Members of Parliament on various government delegations visited abroad; (Page 35)

Sports programmes for Parliamentarians

* This Ministry organized Sports programmes for Parliamentarians on 2 occasions. (Page 51)