

## **REPORT AFTER CONDUCT OF ORIENTATION COURSE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES**

The Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MPA) organized an Orientation Course in Parliamentary Practice and Procedure for the benefit of Assistant Secretaries (fresh IAS officers of 2017 Batch) on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 in Committee Room Main, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

Sh. Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha inaugurated the Course in the august presence of Sh. Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines, Sh. Arjun Ram Meghwal and Sh. V. Muraleedharan, the two Ministers of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs graced the occasion. All these dignitaries expressed their pleasure over organization of such a course by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and exhorted the fresh officers to commit themselves for the purpose of building a New India. Top officials present during the event were Sh. Surendra Nath Tripathi, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Sh. Amit Khare, Secretary, Ministry of I&B and Dr. Satya Prakash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Two technical sessions were organized for Assistant Secretaries, the first Power Point Presentation was made by the Joint Secretary, MPA on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure in which he explained to the participants, the technicalities and intricacies of the Parliamentary matters. The second Presentation was made by the Secretary, MPA on National E-Vidhan Project, popularly known as NeVA. Secretary, MPA informed the gathering that major components of e-Vidhan are Paperless Assembly Sessions, Paperless Working of the House Committees & e-Constituency Management and that the MPA has been entrusted with the responsibility for rolling out NeVA in all the States and UTs with Legislatures on the line of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

Another attraction for the young officers was their witnessing the proceedings of the Lok Sabha wherein Guillotine took place at 1800 hrs which is an important event in the Annual Budgetary Exercise. After certain selected Ministries were discussed, the Demands for Grants of all the Ministries/organizations of Government of India were put to the vote of the House and got passed in one go and thereafter, related Appropriation Bills were passed. The participating officers displayed great amount of enthusiasm for the entire event. A total of 169 officers took part in the course.

The Short Course proved to be immensely useful for the young officers and enriched and enhanced their repository of knowledge and experience.

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