

## **STATUTORY ASSEMBLIES AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY IPU**

India Group has maintained a regular presence in the various statutory assemblies of the IPU. The information regarding participation of Indian Parliamentary Delegations in the IPU Assembly and related meetings from the 114<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly onwards is detailed out in the subsequent paragraphs:

### **1. 114<sup>th</sup> Assembly of IPU held in Nairobi (Kenya) from 7 to 12 May, 2006:**

An eight member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Charnjit Singh Atwal, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the Assembly. The Assembly held deliberations mainly on following subjects and adopted resolutions thereon:

- (i) The role of parliaments in strengthening control of trafficking in small arms and light weapons and their ammunition (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
- (ii) The role of parliaments in environmental management and in combating global degradation of the environment (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)
- (iii) How parliaments can and must promote effective ways of combating violence against women in all fields (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)
- (iv) The need for urgent food relief in order to combat drought-induced famine and poverty in Africa, for the world's most industrialized nations to speed up aid to the continent and for particular efforts to be made to reach desperate and poor populations (Emergency item)

**2. 115<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the IPU held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 16 to 18 October, 2006:**

A ten member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the Assembly. The Assembly held deliberations mainly on following subjects and adopted resolutions thereon:

- (i) Cooperation between parliaments and the United Nations in promoting world peace, particularly from the perspectives of the fight against terrorism and the achievement of greater energy security (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
- (ii) The role of parliaments in overseeing the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular with regard to the problem of debt and the eradication of poverty and corruption (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)
- (iii) Missing persons (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)
- (iv) The announcement by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of its nuclear weapons test and the strengthening of the nuclear non-proliferation regime (Emergency item)

**3. 116<sup>th</sup> Assembly of IPU held in Nusa Dua, Bali (Indonesia) from 29 April to 4 May, 2007:**

A seven member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Charnjit Singh Atwal, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the Assembly. The Assembly held deliberations mainly on following subjects and adopted resolutions thereon:

- (i) Ensuring respect for and peaceful co-existence between all religious communities and beliefs in a globalized world (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security);
- (ii) Job creation and employment security in the era of globalization (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade);

- (iii) Promoting diversity and equal rights for all through universal democratic and electoral standards (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights); and
- (iv) International cooperation to combat terrorism, its root causes and its financing, including cross-border funding (Emergency item).

**4. 117<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the IPU held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 8 to 10 October, 2007:**

A ten member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the Assembly. The Assembly mainly held panel discussions on the following subject items chosen for the 118<sup>th</sup> Assembly in Cape Town (South Africa):

- (i) The role of parliaments in striking a balance between national security, human security and individual freedoms, and in averting the threat to democracy (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
- (ii) Parliamentary oversight of State policies on foreign aid (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade);
- (iii) Migrant workers, people trafficking, xenophobia and human rights (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)

The Assembly also discussed the Emergency item on 'the urgent need for the Members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to exercise concerted efforts for the speedy attainment of democratization and termination of the widespread human rights violations in Myanmar' and adopted resolution thereon.

**5. 118<sup>th</sup> Assembly of IPU held in Cape Town (South Africa) from 13 to 18 April, 2008:**

A seven member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Charnjit Singh Atwal, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the Assembly. There was a general debate on the "political, economic and social situation in the world with the

overall theme of Pushing back the frontiers of poverty". The Assembly also discussed the following subject items which were debated during 117<sup>th</sup> Assembly at Geneva (Switzerland) and adopted resolutions thereon:

- (i) The role of parliaments in striking a balance between national security, human security and individual freedoms, and in averting the threat to democracy (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
- (ii) Parliamentary oversight of State policies on foreign aid (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)
- (iii) Migrant workers, people trafficking, xenophobia and human rights (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)

The Assembly also discussed the Emergency item titled "The role of parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union in ensuring an immediate halt to the rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation in conflict areas and its environmental dimension, in facilitating the Palestinians' right to self-determination - particularly by ending the blockade in Gaza - and in accelerating the creation of a Palestinian State through viable peace processes" and adopted a resolution thereon.

**6. The 119<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the IPU held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 12 to 15 October, 2008:**

A nine member Indian Parliamentary Delegation attended the Assembly. The Assembly held panel discussions on the following subject items chosen for debate during the 120<sup>th</sup> Assembly in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia):

- (i) Advancing Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament and securing the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear – Test Ban Treaty : The Role of Parliaments (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security);

- (ii) Climate change, sustainable development models and renewable energies (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade); and
- (iii) Freedom of Expression and Right to Information. (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security).

The Assembly also discussed the Emergency Item titled "the role of Parliaments in containing the global financial crisis and its impact both on developing and developed countries" and adopted resolution thereon.

**7. The 120<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the IPU held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from 5- 10 April, 2009:**

A ten member Indian Parliamentary Delegation attended the Assembly. There was a general debate on the political, economic and social situation in the world with the overall theme of "Parliaments: Building Peace, Democracy and Development in times of crisis". The Assembly also discussed and adopted resolutions on the following subjects:

- (i) Advancing nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, and securing the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: The role of parliaments (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
- (ii) Climate change, sustainable development models, and renewable energies (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)
- (iii) Freedom of expression and the right to information (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)

"The role of parliaments in mitigating the social and political impact of the international economic and financial crisis on the most vulnerable sectors of the global community, especially in Africa" was chosen as a Emergency Item and a resolution adopted thereon.

**8. The 121<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 19 to 21 October, 2009.**

The Meeting of the 121<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union took place in Geneva (Switzerland) from 19 to 21 October, 2009. A 5 member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the Meeting

During the Assembly and related meetings the following subject items were discussed:

- 1) Panel Discussion on organized crime, cooperation and shared responsibility in the global fight against organized crime, in particular drug trafficking, illegal arm sales, human trafficking and cross-border terrorism. (First Standing Committee);
- 2) The role of parliaments in developing South-South and Triangular Cooperation with a view to accelerating achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (Second Standing Committee);
- 3) Youth participation in the democratic process (Third Standing Committee);
- 4) Panel discussion on HIV/AIDS-Universal access to prevention, treatment and care;
- 5) Panel discussion on Our World at War: Challenges for International Humanitarian Law-and event organized joint by the IPU IHL Committee and the ICRC; and
- 6) Panel discussion on Human rights and the Universal Periodic Review.

Emergency Item: 'Need for International cooperation to address the challenge of global food crisis and to ensure food security'

An amount of Need for International Rs. 2,37,473/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**9. The 122<sup>nd</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Bangkok (Thailand) from 27 March to 1 April, 2010.**

The Meeting of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union took place in Bangkok (Thailand) from 27 March to 1 April, 2010.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha consisting of following members attended the Meeting:

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|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Smt. Meira Kumar<br>Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha              | - Leader of the Delegation           |
| 2.  | Shri K. Rahman Khan<br>Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha |                                      |
| 3.  | Shri S.S. Ahluwalia, MP                                     | - Rajya Sabha (BJP)                  |
| 4.  | Kunwar Rewati Raman Singh, MP                               | - Lok Sabha (SP)                     |
| 5.  | Smt. Yashodhara Raje Scindia, MP                            | - Lok Sabha (BJP)                    |
| 6.  | Shri Jesudasu Seelam, MP                                    | - Rajya Sabha (INC)                  |
| 7.  | Shri Mohammed Azharuddin, MP                                | Lok Sabha (INC)                      |
| 8.  | Dr. Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, MP                               | - Lok Sabha (AITC)                   |
| 9.  | Shri P.D.T. Achary<br>Secretary General, Lok Sabha          | - ASGP Executive Committee<br>Member |
| 10. | Dr. V.K. Agnihotri<br>Secretary General, Rajya Sabha        | - ASGP Member                        |
| 11. | Shri Amitabh Mukhopadhyay<br>Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha     | Secretary to the Delegation          |

During the Assembly and related meetings the following subject items were discussed:

- 1) General debate on the political, economic and social situation in the world with the overall theme of **Parliament at the heart of political reconciliation and good governance**;
- 2) Cooperation and shared responsibility in the global fight against organized crime, in particular drug trafficking, illegal arms sales, human trafficking and cross-border terrorism (First Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
- 3) The role of parliaments in developing South-South and Triangular Cooperation with a view to accelerating achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)
- 4) Youth participation in the democratic process (Third Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)

- 5) Emergency Item on "The role of parliaments in strengthening the solidarity of the international community towards the people of Haiti and Chile in the wake of devastating major disasters, and urgent actions required in all disaster-prone countries to improve disaster-risk assessment, prevention and mitigation".

The Assembly approved following items for the 124<sup>th</sup> Assembly of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to be held in Panama City, Panama from 15-20 April, 2011:

- (i) First Standing Committee: Providing a sound legislative framework aimed at preventing electoral violence, improving election monitoring and ensuring the smooth transition of power;
- (ii) Second Standing Committee: The role of parliaments in ensuring sustainable development through the management of natural resources, agricultural production and demographic change; and
- (iii) Third Standing Committee: Transparency and accountability in the funding of political parties and election campaigns.

Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha being the Chairperson of Asia Pacific Geo-Political Group of IPU, meetings of the APG were convened by the India Group on 27<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

Shri P.D.T. Achary, Secretary General Lok Sabha attended the Executive Committee meeting of ASGP. Further, Shri P.D.T. Achary, Secretary General Lok Sabha and Dr. V. K. Agnihotry Secretary General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of ASGP held on the sidelines of the Assembly.

Shri P.D.T. Achary, Secretary General, Lok Sabha made a presentation on "Independence of Parliament Secretariat" at the ASGP meeting.

An amount of Rs. 4,89,089/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**10. 123<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 4 to 6 October, 2010.**

The Meeting of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union took place in Geneva (Switzerland) from 4 to 6 October, 2010.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha consisting of the following members attended the Assembly:

1. Smt. Meira Kumar - Leader of the Delegation  
Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha
2. Shri K. Rahman Khan, Hon'ble Dep  
Chairman, Rajya Sabha
3. Shri S.S. Ahluwalia, MP - Rajya Sabha (BJP)
4. Shri Kirti Azad, MP - Lok Sabha (BJP)
5. Shri Hassan Khan, MP - Lok Sabha (Ind.)
6. Smt. Bhavana Gawali Patil, MP - Lok Sabha (SS)
7. Smt. Annu Tandon, MP - Lok Sabha (INC)
8. Dr. V.K. Agnihotri  
Secretary General, Rajya Sabha  
ASGP Member
9. Shri S. Bal Shekar Secretary to the Delegation  
Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha  
Secretariat

Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha presided over the meeting of Asia-Pacific Geo-political Group of IPU (APG) held on 3 October 2010.

During the Assembly, Panel Discussions on the following three subjects selected for discussion by Standing Committees were held:

- (i) Providing a sound legislative framework aimed at preventing electoral violence, improving election monitoring and ensuring the smooth transition of power (First Standing Committee)
- (ii) The role of parliaments in ensuring sustainable development through the management of natural resources, agricultural production and demographic change (Second Standing Committee)

- (iii) Transparency and accountability in the funding of political parties and election campaigns (Third Standing Committee)

Besides, a special event on 'Migration and Development' was held during the Assembly. The Emergency Item on "The importance of international inter-parliamentary cooperation for natural disaster response, in particular with regard to relief aid to flood-stricken Pakistan' was adopted and included in the Assembly agenda, and thereafter a resolution was adopted on the same.

An amount of Rs. 20,25,410/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**11. The 124<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Panama City (Panama) from 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.**

The 124<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Panama City (Panama) from 15 to 20 April, 2011.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha consisting of following members attended the Assembly:

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1. | Smt. Meira Kumar<br>Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha              | - | Leader of the Delegation |
| 2. | Shri K. Rahman Khan<br>Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha | - |                          |
| 3. | Dr. C.P. Thakur, MP                                         |   | Rajya Sabha (BJP)        |
| 4. | Shri Jesudasu Seelam, MP                                    |   | Rajya Sabha (INC)        |
| 5. | Smt. Meena Singh, MP                                        | - | Lok Sabha (JDU)          |
| 6. | Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP                                | - | Lok Sabha (BJP)          |
| 7. | Smt. Shruti Choudhry, MP                                    | - | Lok Sabha (INC)          |
| 8. | Shri Vijay Bahadur Singh, MP                                | - | Lok Sabha (BSP)          |
| 9. | Shri Pyarimohan Mohapatra, MP                               |   | Rajya Sabha (BJD)        |

10. Shri T.K. Viswanathan, Secretary General, Lok Sabha - ASGP Member
11. Dr. V. K. Agnihotri, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha - ASGP Executive Committee Member
12. Shri S. Bal Shekar, Additional Secretary Lok Sabha Secretariat - Secretary to the Delegation
13. Shri U.S. Saxena , Joint Secretary Lok Sabha Secretariat

A brief on the participation of the delegation is as under:

### Assembly

All members of the delegation attended the Assembly. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, addressed the General Assembly during the General Debate held on the political, economic and social situation in the world with the overall theme of 'Parliamentary accountability: Living up to people's expectations'.

### Emergency Item

The Assembly considered the subject item entitled Strengthening democratic reform in emerging democracies, including in North Africa and the Middle East as Emergency Item.

A Drafting Committee was constituted to discuss the above said item and Shri Pyarimohan Mahapatra, MP participated in the meetings of Drafting Committee.

The Assembly adopted a resolution on the said subject item.

### Governing Council

The 188<sup>th</sup> Session of Governing Council was held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, and Shri Vijay Bahadur Singh, MP participated in the meetings of the Council.

## Standing Committees

- (i) The First Standing Committee (Peace and International Security) held deliberations on the subject item titled Providing a sound legislative framework aimed at preventing electoral violence, improving election monitoring and ensuring the smooth transition of power. Shri J.D. Seelam, MP and Shri Pyarimohan Mohapatra, MP participated in the deliberations.

Shri J.D. Seelam, MP also participated in the meeting of Drafting Committee of the First Standing Committee.

The Assembly adopted a resolution on the said subject item.

- (ii) The Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade) held deliberations on the subject item titled the role of parliaments in ensuring sustainable development through the management of natural resources, agricultural production and demographic change. Shri Vijay Bahadur Singh, MP and Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP participated in the deliberations

Shri Vijay Bahadur Singh, MP also participated in the Meeting of Drafting Committee of the Second Standing Committee.

The Assembly adopted a resolution on the said subject item.

- (iii) The Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights) held deliberations on the subject item titled Transparency and accountability in the funding of political parties and election campaigns. Dr. C.P. Thakur, MP and Smt. Shruti Choudhry MP participated in the deliberations.

The Assembly adopted a resolution on the said subject item.

The above three Standing Committees also adopted the following Subject items for the 126<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly:

1. Promoting and practising good governance as a means of advancing peace and security: Drawing lessons from recent events in the Middle East and North Africa (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
2. Redistribution of power, not just wealth: Ownership of the international agendas (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)

3. Access to health as a basic right: The role of parliaments in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)

### Panel Discussions

- (a) The panel discussion on 'Narrowing the Gaps: Achieving the Millennium Development Goals with Equity for Children' was held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the panel discussion.
- (b) The panel discussion on 'Recent political upheavals in the world: lessons for democracy' was held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 to debate the significance of recent political upheavals in the Arab World and Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the said panel discussion.

### Women Parliamentarians

The Sixteenth meeting of Women Parliamentarians took place on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. Smt. Meena Singh, MP and Smt. Shruti Choudhry, MP attended the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians.

### Asia-Pacific Geo Political Group (APG)

The meeting of APG was convened on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. All Members of the Delegation attended the Meeting of the Geo Political Group.

### Association of Secretaries-General of Parliaments (ASGP)

Shri T.K. Viswanathan, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Dr. V.K. Agnihotri Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha participated in the Meetings of ASGP.

### Elections and other appointments

During the above Assembly and related meetings the following members from the India Group of IPU have been elected / re-elected to the bodies of IPU as indicated below:

- (i) Bureaux of the Standing Committee -  
Third Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights  
Shri S.S. Ahluwalia (India) – Titular (Re-elected)
- (ii) Shri Francisco C. Sardinha (India) was appointed as co-Rapporteur on the subject item entitled 'Access to health as a basic right: The role of parliaments in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children' for the 126<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly.

An amount of Rs. 52,73,620/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**12. The 125<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Bern (Switzerland) from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2011.**

The 125<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly was held in Bern, Switzerland from 16 to 19 October, 2011.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha consisting of following members attended the Assembly:

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. | Smt. Meira Kumar<br>Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha                    | - | Leader of the Delegation           |
| 2. | Shri K. Rahman Khan<br>Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha       | - |                                    |
| 3. | Shri Uday Singh, MP                                               |   | Lok Sabha (BJP)                    |
| 4. | Shri Francisco Sardinha, MP                                       |   | Lok Sabha (INC)                    |
| 5. | Shri Umashanker Singh, MP                                         |   | Lok Sabha (RJD)                    |
| 6. | Shri Jose K. Mani, MP                                             |   | Lok Sabha (KC[M])                  |
| 7. | Shri T.K. Viswanathan Secretary General,<br>Lok Sabha             | - | ASGP Member                        |
| 8. | Dr. V. K. Agnihotri Secretary General,<br>Rajya Sabha             | - | ASGP Executive<br>Committee Member |
| 9. | Shri S. Bal Shekar, Additional Secretary<br>Lok Sabha Secretariat | - | Secretary to the<br>Delegation     |

A brief on the participation of the delegation is as under:

## Assembly

All members of the delegation attended the Assembly.

## Emergency Item

The Assembly considered the subject item entitled 'the plight of the people of famine-stricken Somalia and relief efforts by IPU members' as emergency item. Shri Jose K. Mani, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the debate.

The Assembly adopted a resolution on the said subject item.

## Governing Council

The 189<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Council was held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Shri Uma Shankar Singh MP participated in the meetings of the Council.

## Standing Committees

- (i) The First Standing Committee (Peace and International Security) held a panel discussion on 'Promoting and practicing good governance as a means of advancing peace and security: Drawing lessons from recent events in the Middle East and North Africa' on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. Shri K. Rahman Khan, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the discussion.
- (ii) The Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade) held a panel discussion on 'Redistribution of power, not just wealth: Ownership of the international agendas' on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the discussion.
- (iii) The Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights) held a panel discussion on 'Access to health as a basic right: The role of parliaments in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children' on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. Shri Uday Singh, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the panel discussion.

Shri Francisco Sardinha, MP, Lok Sabha Co-Rapporteur of the Third Standing Committee alongwith the other two co-rapporteurs namely Ms. S. Ataullahjan

(Canada) and Ms. P. Turyahikayo (Uganda) presented the draft Report on the subject item of the Third Standing Committee.

#### IPU Committee on UN Affairs

The IPU Committee on UN Affairs met from 17 to 19 October, 2011. Shri Jose K. Mani, MP and Shri Uday Singh, MP participated in the meetings of the IPU Committee.

#### Panel Discussion

The panel discussion on 'Reform of the financial markets' was held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. Shri K. Rahman Khan, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the discussion.

#### Asia-Pacific Geo Political Group (APG)

The meeting of the APG was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. All members of the delegation attended the meeting of the Geo Political Group.

#### Association of Secretaries-Generals of Parliaments (ASGP)

Shri T. K. Viswanathan, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Dr. V. K. Agnihotri, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha participated in the Meetings of ASGP.

#### Elections and other appointments

Dr. Theo-Ben GURIRAB, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Namibia, was elected as President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for a three-year mandate on 15 October 2008, at the 183rd session of the Governing Council of the IPU in Geneva. When his term came to an end on 19 October 2011, the Governing Council conferred on him the title of the Honorary President of the IPU.

Mr. Abdelwahad RADI, Speaker of the Moroccan House of Representatives was elected to the post of President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for a three-year mandate on 19 October 2011 at the 189th session of the Governing Council of the IPU in Bern.

An amount of Rs. 18,71,775/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**13. The 126<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Kampala (Uganda) from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.**

The 126<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly was held in Kampala, Uganda from 31 March to 5 April, 2012.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha consisting of following members attended the Assembly:

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|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Smt. Meira Kumar<br>Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha                    | - | Leader of the Delegation           |
| 2.  | Shri V. Hanumantha Rao, MP                                        | - | Rajya Sabha (INC)                  |
| 3.  | Shri Francisco Cosme Sardinha, MP                                 | - | Lok Sabha (INC)                    |
| 4.  | Shri Narahari Mahato, MP                                          | - | Lok Sabha (AIFB)                   |
| 5.  | Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, MP                                  | - | Lok Sabha (BJP)                    |
| 6.  | Smt. Putul Kumari, MP                                             | - | Lok Sabha (IND.)                   |
| 7.  | Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, MP                                       |   | Rajya Sabha (BJP)                  |
| 8.  | Shri T.K. Viswanathan,<br>Secretary General, Lok Sabha            | - | ASGP Member                        |
| 9.  | Dr. V.K. Agnihotri<br>Secretary General, Rajya Sabha              | - | ASGP Executive Committee<br>Member |
| 10. | Shri S. Bal Shekar<br>Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat | - | Secretary to the<br>Delegation     |

2. The Members of the Delegation participated in the meeting of the Asia Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU, held on 31 March, 2012.

3. During the Assembly, the following resolutions of the three Standing Committees were adopted:

- (i) 'Promoting and practicing good governance as a means of advancing peace and security: Drawing lessons from recent events in the Middle East and North Africa' (First Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
- (ii) 'Redistribution of power, not just wealth: Ownership of the international agendas' (Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade).
- (iii) 'Access to health as a basic right : The role of parliaments in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children (Third Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)

4. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and Leader of the Delegation participated in the General debate on the political, economic and social situation in the world with the overall theme of Parliaments and people: Bridging the gap.

5. The Indian Delegation participated in the following three Panel Discussions held during the Assembly:

- (i) Bringing an end to malnutrition: the Role of Parliamentarians in addressing Nutrition Security;
- (ii) The Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development', and
- (iii) 'Making the law work for the response to AIDS: Zero new infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths.

6. The Emergency Item on 'Inter-Parliamentary Union Initiative for an immediate halt to the bloodshed and human rights violations in Syria, and the need to ensure access to humanitarian aid for all persons in need and to support implementation of all relevant Arab League and United Nations Resolutions and Peace Efforts' was adopted and included in the Assembly agenda, and thereafter a resolution was adopted on the same.

7. The women members of the delegation attended the meetings of Women Parliamentarians held on the sidelines of the Assembly.
8. Secretaries-General, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha participated in the Meetings of Association of Secretaries- General of Parliaments (ASGP).

An amount of Rs. 17,85,495/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**14. The 127<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Quebec City (Canada) from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.**

The 127<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly was held in Quebec City, Canada from 21 to 26 October, 2012.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha consisting of following members attended the Assembly:

1. Smt. Meira Kumar - Leader of the Delegation  
Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha
2. Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, MP - Rajya Sabha (INC)
3. Dr. M. Jagannath, MP - Lok Sabha (INC)
4. Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, MP - Rajya Sabha (BJP)
5. Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, MP - Lok Sabha (INC)
6. Shri Jose K. Mani, MP - Lok Sabha (KC(M))
7. Dr. Mehboob Beg, MP - Lok Sabha (J&KNC)
8. Shri T.K. Viswanathan, - ASGP Member  
Secretary General, Lok Sabha.
9. Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff - ASGP Member  
Secretary General, Rajya Sabha.
10. Shri S. Bal Shekar - Secretary to the Delegation  
Additional Secretary,  
Lok Sabha Secretariat

2. A Special debate with an overall theme "Citizenship, identity and linguistic and cultural diversity in globalised world" was held during the Assembly. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha delivered a key note address on one of the Special Debate themes namely "Best practices and innovative ideas for managing citizenship in a globalized and rapidly changing environment". Dr. M. Jagannath, MP and Dr. Mehboob Beg, MP also addressed the Assembly during the debate.

3. All the Members of the Delegation participated in the meeting of the Asia Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU, held on 21 October, 2012.

4. During the Assembly the three Standing Committees held panel discussions on the following subject items chosen for the debate in the 128<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly to be held at Quito, Ecuador from 22 to 27 March, 2013:-

- (i) "Enforcing the responsibility to protect: The role of parliament in safeguarding civilians' lives" First Standing Committee (Peace and International Security). Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, MP participated in deliberations of the Committee.
- (ii) "Fair trade and innovative financing mechanisms for sustainable development" Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade). Dr. Mehboob Beg, MP participated in the deliberations of the Committee.
- (iii) "The use of media, including social media, to enhance citizen engagement and democracy" Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights). Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, MP participated in the deliberations of the Committee.

5. The Emergency Item on 'The institutional and security situation in Mali'" was adopted and included in the Assembly agenda, and thereafter a resolution was adopted on the same. Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, MP participated in the debate on Emergency Item

6. The 191<sup>st</sup> Session of the Governing Council was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2012. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Dr. Mehboob Beg, MP and Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, MP participated in the meetings of the Governing Council.

7. The IPU Committee on UN Affairs met on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2012. Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, MP contributed in the finalisation of the Handbook on "Supporting Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament" which was released during the Assembly. He also participated in the Workshop on new tools to promote nuclear disarmament.

8. The Indian Delegation participated in the following Panel Discussions held during the Assembly:-

- (i) "Building peace after conflict"  
Shri M. Jagannath, MP participated in the panel discussion;
- (ii) "Peak oil: what prospects for energy security?"  
Shri M. Jagannath, MP participated in the panel discussion;
- (iii) "Parliamentary immunity: benefit or burden?"  
Dr. Mehboob Beg, MP attended the panel discussion;
- (iv) "Parliamentary and Political Law"  
Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, MP attended the panel discussion; and
- (v) "Creating opportunities for youth in today's global economy"  
Shri Jose K. Mani, MP attended the panel discussion. He also participated in the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians during the Assembly.

Besides, the Indian Delegation also participated in the Special Gender partnership Session which was attended by Shri Jose K. Mani, MP and a Joint IPU-ASGP Session on the theme 'Parliamentary representation and communication, and

the role of social media' during the Assembly which was attended by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, MP, Dr. Mehboob Beg, MP and Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, MP.

9. Shri T.K. Viswanathan, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha participated in the Meetings of Association of Secretary-Generals of Parliaments (ASGP).

Shri T.K. Viswanathan presented a communication on "Parliamentary Practice or recent developments in Lok Sabha".

An amount of Rs. 47,91,925/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**15. The 128<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Quito (Ecuador) from 22 to 27 March, 2013**

The 128<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly was held in Quito, Ecuador from 22 to 27 March, 2013.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of following members attended the Assembly from 25 to 27 March, 2013:

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|----|------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1. | Shri Kariya Munda,<br>Hon'ble Deputy Speaker,<br>Lok Sabha | - | Leader of the Delegation |
| 2. | Shri Lalit Mohan Suklabaidya, MP                           | - | Lok Sabha (INC)          |
| 3. | Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, MP                                  | - | Lok Sabha (BJP)          |
| 4. | Prof. Sheikh Saidul Haque,MP                               | - | Lok Sabha (CPI(M))       |
| 5. | Dr. Vijaylaxmi Sadho, MP                                   | - | Rajya Sabha (INC)        |
| 6. | Smt. Putul Kumari, MP                                      | - | Lok Sabha (Ind.)         |
| 7. | Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff<br>Secretary General, Rajya Sabha | - | ASGP Member              |

8. Shri S. Bal Shekar, - Secretary to the Delegation  
Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha  
Secretariat

2. Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha, addressed the General Assembly during the General Debate held on the overall theme "From unrelenting growth to purposeful development "Buen Vivir": New approaches, new solutions".

3. During the Assembly, following three Standing Committees met and the details of Indian delegation's participation are as follows:

(i) "Enforcing the responsibility to protect: The role of parliament in safeguarding civilians' lives." First Standing Committee (Peace and International Security). Shri Lalit Mohan Suklabaidya, MP participated in deliberations of the Committee.

(ii) "Fair trade and innovative financing mechanisms for sustainable development" Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade). Prof. Sheikh Saidul Haque, MP and Smt. Putul Kumari, MP participated in the deliberations of the Committee.

(iii) "The use of media, including social media, to enhance citizen engagement and democracy" Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights). Dr. Vijaylaxmi Sadho, MP participated in the deliberations of the Committee.

4. Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha, Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, MP, and Dr. Vijaylaxmi Sadho, MP participated in the meetings of the 192<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Governing Council.

5. The Indian Delegation participated in the Panel Discussions held during the Assembly. The details are as follows:

(i) "The legalization of drugs: Can it help curb organized crime?"  
Prof. Sheikh Saidul Haque, MP participated in the panel discussion;

- (ii) "Addressing the rights of children with disabilities"  
Smt. Putul Kumari, MP participated in the panel discussion.

6. Besides, the Indian Delegation also participated in the following workshops held during the Assembly:-

- (i) "Ensuring accountability for women's and children's health"  
Smt. Putul Kumari, MP participated in the workshop;
- (ii) "Towards a new vision for sustainable development: What place for democratic governance?"  
Shri Lalit Mohan Suklabaidya, MP participated in the workshop.

7. Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha participated in the Meetings of Association of Secretary-Generals of Parliaments (ASGP).

An amount of Rs. 51,04,650/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**16. The 129<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 7 to 9 October, 2013**

The 129<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 7 to 9 October, 2013. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha consisting of following members attended the Assembly:

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|----|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Smt. Meira Kumar<br>Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha             | Leader of the Delegation |
| 2. | Prof. P.J. Kurien,<br>Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha |                          |
| 3. | Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya, MP                           | Rajya Sabha (AGP)        |
| 4. | Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, MP                                | Lok Sabha (BJP)          |
| 5. | Shri Jagdambika Pal, MP                                    | Lok Sabha (INC)          |

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6. | Shri Manohar Tirkey, MP                                     | Lok Sabha (RSP)             |
| 7. | Shri S. Bal Shekar,<br>Secretary General, Lok Sabha         | ASGP Member                 |
| 8. | Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff,<br>Secretary General, Rajya Sabha | ASGP Member                 |
| 9. | Shri U.S. Saxena<br>Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat  | Secretary to the Delegation |

All the Members of the Delegation participated in the meeting of the Asia Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU, held on 6 October, 2013.

3. During the Assembly, the three Standing Committees held panel discussions of the following subject items chosen for the debate in the 130<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly to be held at Geneva, Switzerland from 16 to 20 March, 2014:

- (i) "Towards a nuclear – weapon – free world: The contribution of Parliaments' (First Standing Committee on Peace and International Security). Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, MP participated in the panel discussion.
- (ii) 'Towards risk – resilient development: Taking into consideration demographic trends and natural constraints' (Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade). Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya, MP participated in the panel discussion.
- (iii) "The role of Parliaments in protecting the rights of children, in particular unaccompanied migrant children, and in preventing their exploitation in situations of war and conflict' (Third Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the panel discussion)

4. The Emergency Item on 'The Role of Parliaments in supervising the destruction of Chemical Weapons and the ban on their use' was adopted and included in the Assembly agenda, and thereafter a resolution was adopted on the same. Prof. P.J.

Kurien, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the debate on the emergency item.

5. The 193<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Governing Council was held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2013. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Shri Manohar Tirkey, MP participated in the meetings of the Governing Council.

6. The IPU Committee on UN Affairs met on 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2013. Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya, MP participated in the discussion on the agenda items of the Committee on (i) 'Interaction between national parliaments and UN country teams' and (ii) 'Follow-up of the fourth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV)'. Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, MP participated in the discussion on the agenda items on (i) 'Implications of and action on the recently adopted Arms Trade Treaty' and (ii) 'Implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1549 (Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction)'. He also participated in the discussion on the agenda item on 'Promoting International commitments and defending the rights of vulnerable groups: Segment 1 : 'Indigenous peoples' and Shri Manohar Tirkey, MP participated in the discussion on Segment 2 of above topic namely, 'Persons with disabilities' .

7. The Indian Delegation participated in the following Panel Discussions held during the Assembly:-

- (i) 'Addressing Internal Displacement : The Responsibility of Parliaments' Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the panel discussion; and
- (ii) 'Political Party Control over Parliamentarians: Striking the Rights balance'. Shri Jagdambika Pal, MP (Lok Sabha) participated in the panel discussion.

8. Shri S. Bal Sekhar, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of Association of Secretary-Generals of Parliaments (ASGP).

9. The Indian Delegation also participated in the following post Assembly meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2013:-

- (i) 'Conference on 'Managing conflict between Parliament and the Courts'' jointly organized by IPU Secretariat and ASGP. Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the Conference; and
- (ii) The Tenth Parliamentary Seminar on 'Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)'. Shri Jagdambika Pal, MP participated in the Seminar.

An amount of Rs. 30,00,552/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**17. The 130<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 16 to 20 March, 2014.**

The 130<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 16 to 20 March, 2014.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Assembly:

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Prof. P.J. Kurien<br>Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha      | - Leader of the Delegation    |
| 2. | Shri Balbir Punj, MP                                           | - Rajya Sabha (BJP)           |
| 3. | Shri H. K. Dua, MP                                             | - Rajya Sabha (Nominated)     |
| 4. | Ms. Arnavaz Rohington Aga, MP                                  | - Rajya Sabha (Nominated)     |
| 5. | Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff<br>Secretary General, Rajya Sabha     | - ASGP Member                 |
| 6. | Shri Devender Singh,<br>Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat | - Secretary to the Delegation |

2. All the Members of the Delegation participated in the meeting of the Asia Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU, held on 16 March, 2014.

3. The 194<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Council was held during the Assembly. Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Ms. Arnavaz Rohington Aga, MP, Shri H.K. Dua, MP participated in the meetings of the Governing Council.

4. All members of the delegation attended the Assembly. Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the General debate on 'The IPU at 125: Renewing our commitment to peace and democracy'.

5. The subject item proposed by Morocco, namely, "Helping to restore peace and security and consolidate democracy in the Central African Republic: The contribution of the IPU" was adopted as the Emergency Item of the Assembly and was included in the Agenda of the Assembly and thereafter a resolution was adopted on the same. Shri H.K. Dua, MP participated in the debate on the emergency item.

6. The following three Standing Committees met during the Assembly to draft and adopt resolutions which were subsequently adopted in the Assembly on 20 March, 2014:

- (i) 'Towards a nuclear – weapon – free world: The contribution of Parliaments' (First Standing Committee on Peace and International Security);
- (ii) 'Towards risk – resilient development: Taking into consideration demographic trends and natural constraints' (Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade); and
- (iii) 'The role of Parliaments in protecting the rights of children, in particular unaccompanied migrant children, and in preventing their exploitation in

situations of war and conflict' (Third Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

Shri Balbir Punj, MP, Shri H.K. Dua, MP and Ms Arnavaz Rohington Aga, MP, respectively, participated in the said meetings of the three Standing Committees.

7. The Fourth Committee of IPU on UN Affairs met on 19 March, 2014. Shri H.K. Dua, MP participated in the discussion on the following agenda items of the Committee:

- (i) 'Parliamentary contribution to the UN process of devising the next generation of development goals; and
- (ii) 'Preparations for the UN General Assembly debate on Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the IPU.

8. Following Panel Discussions were held during the Assembly:-

- (i) 'Promoting the child's best interest: The case of migrant children' Ms Arnavaz Rohington Aga, MP, participated in the panel discussion; and
- (ii) 'Reasons for the high turnover of parliamentarians at elections'. Shri H.K. Dua, MP participated in the panel discussion.

9. Ms Arnavaz Rohington Aga, MP and Shri Balbir Punj, MP participated in the meetings of the Women Parliamentarians held during the event.

10. Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of Association of Secretary-Generals of Parliaments (ASGP).

An amount of Rs. 3,97,761/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**18. The 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 12 to 16 October, 2014.**

The 131<sup>st</sup> IPU Assembly was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 12 to 16 October, 2014. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Assembly:-

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|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1.  | Smt. Sumitra Mahajan,<br>Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha         | - Leader of the Delegation  |
| 2.  | Prof. P.J. Kurien<br>Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha   |                             |
| 3.  | Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP                                | - Lok Sabha (AITC)          |
| 4.  | Shri Rakesh Singh, MP                                       | - Lok Sabha (BJP)           |
| 5.  | Shri Hari Bansh Narayan Singh, MP                           | - Rajya Sabha (JDU)         |
| 6.  | Ms. Sushmita Dev, MP                                        | - Lok Sabha (INC)           |
| 7.  | Smt. Poonamben Hematbhai Maadam, MP                         | - Lok Sabha (BJP)           |
| 8.  | Dr. Satya Pal Singh, MP                                     | - Lok Sabha (BJP)           |
| 9.  | Shri P.K. Grover,<br>Secretary General, Lok Sabha           | - ASGP Member               |
| 10. | Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff<br>Secretary General, Rajya Sabha  | - ASGP Executive Member     |
| 11. | Shri U.S. Saxena,<br>Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat | Secretary to the Delegation |

2. Smt. Maadam Poonamben Hematbhai, MP and Ms. Sushmita Dev, MP participated in the First IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians on Taking Democracy to Task held on 10 and 11 October, 2014.

3. All members of the delegation attended the meeting of the Asia-Pacific Geo-Political Group (APG) of IPU.

4. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Shri Rakesh Singh, MP participated in the meetings of the Governing Council.

5. All members of the delegation attended the Assembly. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General debate on the overall theme of 'Achieving gender equality, ending violence against women'. The Assembly adopted an outcome document on the same.

6. The Assembly adopted 'The role of parliaments in supporting an immediate and robust international response to the Ebola epidemic and in enacting laws ensuring an effective response to and preparedness for Ebola and other infectious disease outbreaks' as the emergency item. Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP participated in the debate on the emergency item. The Assembly adopted a resolution on the said theme.

7. Discussions on the subject items of the four Standing Committees of IPU:

a) First Standing Committee of IPU on Peace and International Security:-

(i) Dr. Satya Pal Singh, MP participated in the debate on implementation of the IPU resolution "The role of parliaments in striking a balance between national security, human security and individual freedoms, and in averting the threat to democracy (Cape Town, April, 2008); and

(ii) Hon'ble MP also participated in the discussion entitled 'Cyber warfare – A serious threat to peace and global security'.

b) Second Standing Committee of IPU on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade:-

(i) Shri Rakesh Singh, MP participated in the Interactive debate on Shaping a new system of water governance: Promoting parliamentary action on water;

- (ii) Shri Hari Bansh Narayan Singh, MP participated in the discussion entitled 'Parliamentary contribution to the 2014 Climate Change Conference'; and
- (iii) Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP participated in the panel discussion organized in cooperation with UNCTED / World Investment Forum entitled 'Multi-stakeholder dialogue on Corporate investment in sustainable development' (joint session with the World Investment Forum).

c) Third Standing Committee of IPU on Democracy and Human Rights:-

The Standing Committee deliberated on the draft resolution on the subject entitled 'International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights'. Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP and Ms. Sushmita Dev, MP participated in the debate.

d) The Fourth Standing Committee of the IPU on United Nations Affairs also met during the Assembly:-

- (i) Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Rakesh Singh, MP and Shri Hari Bansh Narayan Singh, MP participated (i) in the Interactive debate with Professor Alfred de Zayas, UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order; and (ii) on the role of corporations in UN decision-making;
- (ii) Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Dr. Satya Pal Singh, MP also attended the panel discussion on International cooperation towards an integrated strategy to counter the global drug problem.

8. Smt. Maadam Poonamben Hematbhai, MP and Ms. Sushmita Dev, MP participated in the meeting of Women Parliamentarians. In the meeting following subject items were discussed:-

- a) Special debate on electoral quotas for women in politics; and
- b) Women's influence on Parliament (Panel Debate)

9. Smt. Maadam Poonamben Hematbhai, MP also participated in the Forum of Young Parliamentarians. In the Forum views of the Young MPs on the subject items of the Standing Committees of IPU were discussed.

10. Shri P.K. Grover, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of ASGP.

11. Dr. Satya Pal Singh, MP participated in the Workshop on Good Nuclear Disarmament Practice held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

An amount of Rs. 44,84,680/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**19. The 132<sup>nd</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Hanoi, Vietnam from 28 March to 1 April, 2015**

The 132<sup>nd</sup> IPU Assembly was held in Hanoi, Vietnam from 28 March to 1 April, 2015. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Assembly:-

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|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Smt. Sumitra Mahajan,<br>Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha | - Leader of the Delegation |
| 2. Ms. Bhavana Gawali (Patil) , MP                     | - Lok Sabha (SS)           |
| 3. Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan, MP                  | - Rajya Sabha (INC)        |
| 4. Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, MP                    | - Lok Sabha (BJP)          |
| 5. Shri M.P. Achuthan, MP                              | - Rajya Sabha (CPI)        |
| 6. Shri Nagendra Singh, MP                             | Lok Sabha (BJP)            |
| 7. Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav, MP                    | - Lok Sabha (INC)          |
| 8. Shri Raj Kumar Singh, MP                            | - Lok Sabha (BJP)          |
| 9. Smt. Satabdi Roy (Banerjee), MP                     | - Lok Sabha (AITC)         |
| 10. Shri Anoop Mishra,                                 | - ASGP Member              |

- Secretary General, Lok Sabha
11. Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff - ASGP Executive Member  
Secretary General, Rajya Sabha
12. Shri Cyril John, Secretary to the Delegation  
Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat

2. All members of the delegation attended the meeting of the Asia-Pacific Geo-Political Group (APG) of IPU.
3. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan, MP and Ms. Bhawna Gawali Patil, MP participated in the meetings of the Governing Council.
4. All members of the delegation attended the Assembly. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General debate on the overall theme of 'The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action'. The Assembly adopted an outcome document on the same.
5. The Four Standing Committees of IPU held their meetings during the Assembly and Members of the Delegation participated in the deliberations. Shri R.K. Singh, MP was unanimously elected as a Member on the Bureau of the First Standing Committee of IPU on Peace and International Security. Shri Dinesh Trivedi, MP, Lok Sabha was nominated as Co-Rapporteur of the Committee.
6. Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of the Association of Secretaries-General of Parliaments (ASGP).

An amount of Rs. 46,55,934/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

## **20. 133rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 17 to 21 October, 2015.**

The 133rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 17 to 21 October, 2015. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting the following attended the Assembly.

1. Smt. Sumitra Mahajan,  
Hon'ble Speaker, Lok  
Sabha - Leader of the Delegation
2. Shri Ishwarlal Shankarlal Jain, MP - Rajya Sabha (NCP)
3. Shri Rangasayee Ramakrishna, MP - Rajya Sabha (BJP)
4. Shri Nagendra Singh, MP - Lok Sabha (BJP)
5. Shri Raj Kumar Singh, MP - Lok Sabha (BJP)
6. Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, MP - Lok Sabha (BJP)
7. Smt. Geetha Kothapalli, MP - Lok Sabha (YSRCP)
8. Smt. V. Sathyabama, MP - Lok Sabha (AIADMK)
9. Shri Dushyant Chautala, MP - Lok Sabha (INLD)
10. Prof. M. V. Rajeev Gowda, MP - Rajya Sabha (INC)
11. Shri Anoop Mishra,  
Secretary General, Lok  
Sabha - ASGP Member
12. Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff  
Secretary General, Rajya  
Sabha - ASGP Executive Member
13. Shri Cyril John,  
Joint Secretary,  
Lok Sabha  
Secretariat - Secretary to the Delegation

All the Members of the Delegation participated in the meeting of the Asia Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU held on 17 October, 2015.

Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Shri Rangasayee Ramakrishna, MP and Shri R. K. Singh, MP participated in the meetings of the Governing Council of IPU.

All members of the delegation attended the Assembly. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General debate on the overall theme of '***The moral and economic imperative for fairer, smarter and more humane migration***' The Assembly adopted a declaration on the same.

The subject item namely "The role of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, parliaments, parliamentarians, and international and regional organizations in providing necessary protection and urgent support to those who have become refugees through war, internal conflict and socio-economic situations, according to the principles of international humanitarian law and international conventions" was adopted as the Emergency Item of the Assembly and was included in the Agenda of the Assembly and thereafter a resolution was adopted on the same.

The Four Standing Committees of IPU held their meetings during the Assembly and Members of the Delegation participated in the deliberations.

Shri Nagendra Singh, MP during the Plenary of the Second Standing Committee of IPU on Sustainable Development Finance and Trade got elected to its Bureaux.

Smt. Geetha Kothapalli, MP and Smt. V. Sathyabama, MP, participated in the Meetings of Women Parliamentarians.

Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda, MP participated in the Parity debate on "Parliamentary oversight and political will" held during the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians.

Smt. Geetha Kothapalli, MP and Shri Shri Dushyant Chautala, MP participated in the meetings of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians.

Shri Raj Kumar Singh, MP participated in the panel discussion on "Parliamentary action in meeting international commitments to counter terrorism".

Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda, MP and Shri Dushyant Chautala, MP participated in the panel discussion on "Powerful parliaments: building capacity for effective parliamentary oversight".

Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of ASGP.

An amount of Rs. 46,00,000/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**21. The 134<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Lusaka (Zambia) from 19 to 23 March, 2016.**

The 134<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Lusaka (Zambia) from 19 to 23 March, 2016. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Assembly:-

1. Smt. Sumitra Mahajan,  
Hon'ble Speaker, Lok  
Sabha - Leader of the Delegation
2. Shri Avinash Rai Khanna, MP - Rajya Sabha (BJP)
3. Dr. (Prof.) Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, MP - Lok Sabha (BJP)
4. Shri P.L. Punia, MP - Rajya Sabha (INC)
5. Shri Anil Yeshwant Desai, MP - Rajya Sabha (SHIV SENA)
6. Shri Nagendra Singh, MP - Lok Sabha (BJP)
7. Shri Raj Kumar Singh, MP - Lok Sabha (BJP)
8. Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, MP - Lok Sabha (BJP)
9. Smt. Anju Bala, MP - Lok Sabha (BJP)
10. Smt. K. Maragatham, MP - Lok Sabha (AIADMK)
11. Shri Anoop Mishra,  
Secretary General, Lok  
Sabha - ASGP Member
12. Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff  
Secretary General, Rajya  
Sabha - ASGP Executive Member
13. Shri Cyril John, Joint Secretary, Lok  
Sabha Secretariat - Secretary to the delegation

2. Smt. Anju Bala, MP, LS and Smt. K. Maragatham, MP, LS had participated in the pre-assembly event namely, The Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians held on 16-17 March, 2016.
3. All members of the delegation except Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, MP, LS attended the meeting of the Asia-Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU.
4. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Shri Anil Yeshwant Desai, MP, RS, Shri Nagendra Singh, MP, LS, Dr. Krit Premjibhai Solanki, MP, LS, Smt. Anju Bala, MP, LS and Smt. K. Maragatham, MP, LS participated in the meetings of the Governing Council.
5. All members of the delegation attended the Assembly. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General debate on the overall theme of '**Rejuvenating democracy, giving voice to youth**'. The Assembly adopted a declaration on the same.
6. The Four Standing Committees of IPU held their meetings during the Assembly and Members of the Delegation participated in the deliberations. Smt. Anju Bala, MP, LS and Smt. K. Maragatham, MP, LS attended the meeting of the Women Parliamentarians.
7. Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments.
8. Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, MP, LS participated in the meeting of the Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

An amount of Rs.63,00,000/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**(22) 135<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 23 to 27 October, 2016 and Meeting of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments of BRICS Parliamentary Forum held on 23 October 2016, in Geneva, Switzerland.**

The 135<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 23 to 27 October, 2016. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Assembly:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha	- Leader of the Delegation
2.	Shri N. K. Premachandran, MP	- Lok Sabha (RSP)
3.	Dr. (Prof.) Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, MP	- Lok Sabha (BJP)
4.	Shri Anil Yeshwant Desai, MP	- Rajya Sabha (SHIV SENA)
5.	Shri Vivek Gupta, MP	- Rajya Sabha (AITC)
6.	Smt. Wansuk Syiem, MP	- Rajya Sabha (INC)
7.	Shri Nagendra Singh, MP	- Lok Sabha (BJP)
8.	Shri Raj Kumar Singh, MP	- Lok Sabha (BJP)
9.	Smt. R. Vanaroja, MP	- Lok Sabha (AIADMK)
10.	Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary General, Lok Sabha	- ASGP Member
11.	Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff Secretary General, Rajya Sabha	- ASGP Executive Member
12.	Shri Cyril John, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat	- Secretary to Delegation

2. All the Members of the Delegation participated in the meeting of the Asia Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU.

3. The Meetings of the Governing Council were held during the Assembly. Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha; Shri Anil Yeshwant Desai, MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri Nagendra Singh, MP, Lok Sabha; Shri Raj Kumar Singh, MP, Lok Sabha; Smt. R. Vanaroja, MP, Lok Sabha; and Smt. Wansuk Syiem, MP, Rajya Sabha had attended the meetings of the Governing Council.

4. All members of the delegation attended the Assembly. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General debate on the overall theme of '*Human rights abuses as precursor of conflict: Parliaments as early responders*'. The Assembly adopted a declaration on the same.

5. The Four Standing Committees of IPU held their meetings during the Assembly and Members of the Delegation participated in the deliberations. Smt. R. Vanaroja, MP, LS and Smt. Wansuk Syiem, MP, RS had participated in the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians. Shri Vivek Gupta, MP, RS had participated in the Forum of Young Parliamentarians.

6. Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, MP, LS participated in the meeting of the Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.

7. Shri Raj Kumar Singh, MP, Lok Sabha; Shri Nagendra Singh, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri Anil Yeshwant Desai, MP, Rajya Sabha had participated in the bureaux meetings of the First, Second and Third Standing Committees of IPU, respectively.

8. Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of ASGP. Secretary-General, Lok Sabha had presented a communication on the topic '*The Lok Sabha Secretariat and its journey towards a paperless office*'.

9. On the sidelines of 135th IPU Assembly, the Meeting of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments of BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held on 23 October 2016, in Geneva, Switzerland. Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and Chairperson, BRICS Parliamentary Forum; Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary General, Lok Sabha; Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha; and Shri Cyril John, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Secretary to the delegation attended the above Meeting.

10. The theme of the meeting was '*BRICS Parliamentary Cooperation on the implementation of SDGs*'.

11. Parliament of India hosted the event. Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments and Clerks of the House/Secretaries-General of Parliament and their representatives from BRICS countries, namely, Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa attended the Meeting.

An amount of Rs. 36,52,522/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**(23) 136<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Dhaka (Bangladesh) in April, 2017**

The 136<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Dhaka (Bangladesh) from 01 to 05 April, 2017. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Assembly:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha	Leader of the Delegation
2.	Shri N. K. Premachandran, MP	Lok Sabha (RSP)
3.	Dr. (Prof.) Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, MP	Lok Sabha (BJP)
4.	Smt. Viplove Thakur, MP	Rajya Sabha (INC)
5.	Shri Anil Desai, MP	Rajya Sabha (Shiv Sena)

6.	Shri Nagendra Singh, MP	Lok Sabha (BJP)
7.	Shri Raj Kumar Singh, MP	Lok Sabha (BJP)
8.	Km. Sushmita Dev, MP	Lok Sabha (INC)
9.	Shri Deepak Adhikari, MP	Lok Sabha (AITC)
10.	Ms. Dola Sen, MP	Rajya Sabha (AITC)
11.	Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary General, Lok Sabha	ASGP Member
12.	Shri P. C. Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat	Secretary to Delegation

- All members of the delegation attended the meeting of the Asia-Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU.
- The Meetings of the Governing Council were held during the Assembly. Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha; Shri N. K. Premachandran, MP, Lok Sabha; Shri Anil Yeshwant Desai, MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri Raj Kumar Singh, MP, Lok Sabha and Smt. Viplove Thakur, MP, Rajya Sabha had attended the meetings of the Governing Council.
- All members of the delegation attended the Assembly. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General debate on the overall theme of '*Redressing inequalities: Delivering on dignity and well-being for all*'. The Assembly adopted a declaration on the same.
- The Four Standing Committees of IPU held their meetings during the Assembly and Members of the Delegation participated in the deliberations. Ms. Dola Sen, MP, and Km. Sushmita Dev, MP had participated in the meetings of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians. Km. Sushmita Dev, MP, and Shri Deepak Adhikari, MP participated in the meeting of Forum of Young Parliamentarians.
- Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha attended the Meetings of Association of Secretaries General of Parliament (ASGP).

7. Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, MP, LS participated in the meeting of the Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.

An amount of Rs. 13,70,620/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**24. 137<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union(IPU) held in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation from 14 to 18 October, 2017.**

The 137<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the IPU was held in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation from 14 to 18 October, 2017. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha Smt. Sumitra Mahajan and consisting of following members of Parliament attended the Assembly: Sarvashri Basawaraj Patil, MP, Sh. Anil Desai, MP, Smt. Sasikala Pushpa, MP, Sh. Nagendra Singh, MP, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, MP, Km. Sushmita Dev, MP and Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, MP. Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri Desh Deepak Verma, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha also attended the Assembly. Shri Atul Kaushik, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to Delegation.

Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General debate on the overall theme of '*Promoting cultural pluralism and peace through inter-faith and inter-ethnic dialogue*'. 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. A meeting of BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held on the sidelines of the Assembly. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and Shri Nagendra Singh, MP attended the forum.

Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Shri Desh Deepak

Verma, Secretary- General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP).

An amount of Rs. 26,13,186/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**25. 138<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union(IPU) held in Geneva, Switzerland from 24 to 28 March, 2018.**

The 138<sup>th</sup> 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 of '*Strengthening the global regime for migrants and refugees: the need for evidence-based policy solutions*'. 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

An amount of Rs. 33,24,343/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

**(26) 139<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 14 to 18 October, 2018.**

The 139<sup>th</sup> 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 of *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.

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 139th Assembly, the following bilateral meetings were also held between the Presiding Officers of Indian Parliamentary Delegation and heads of the Parliamentary Delegation from other countries.

① Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha met H.E. Ms. S.S. Choudhury, Speaker

of Bangladesh.

- ① Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha held bilateral meetings with H.E. J. Wangchuk, MP, Head of the Delegation from Bhutan, H.E. Dr. Patrick Matibini, Hon'ble Speaker, National Assembly of Zambia, H.E. Mr. Wesley W. Siminia, Hon'ble Speaker, Parliament of Federated States of Micronesia and Mr. S. Rakhmanov, MP, Chairperson, Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs, Parliament of Belarus.

An amount of Rs. 65,27,309/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

(27) **140<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Doha, Qatar from 6 to 10 April, 2019.**

**The 140<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Doha (Qatar) from 06 to 10 April, 2019.** A two members Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha attended the Assembly. Dr. Sonal Man Singh, MP, Rajya Sabha was the second member on the delegation. Smt. Snehlata Srivastava, 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 an Outcome Document 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.

During the Assembly, following subjects were discussed and resolutions were adopted thereon:

- (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*'.

Members of Indian Delegation also participated in the panel

discussions/expert hearings held under the aegis of the following Standing Committees of IPU:-

**Third Standing Committee of IPU on Democracy and Human**

**Rights** "*Achieving Universal Health Coverage by 2030: The role of Parliaments in ensuring the right to health*"

**Fourth Standing Committee of IPU on United Nations Affairs**

- (i) 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; and
- (ii) 2019 HLPF: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality.

Besides, 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 Shrivastava, 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). An amount of Rs. 5,43,012/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha Component).

**28. 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, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha accompanied by 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.

Hon'ble 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. Hon'ble 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 to be included in the Agenda of the Assembly as an Emergency Item. Dr. Shashi Tharoor 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 included in the agenda of the Assembly as an Emergency Item. Thereafter, the Assembly adopted a Resolution on the Emergency Item.

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 DeshDeepak 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 139th Assembly, Hon'ble 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 Mexico, Chamber of Deputies

(vi) HE Ms. S. S Choudhury, Speaker of Parliament of Bangladesh.

During the assembly the 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 IPU Committee to Promote the Respect for International Humanitarian Law and the Board of the forum of Young Parliamentarians of IPU. An amount of Rs. 25,91,644/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

## **IPU Events**

### **(29) Virtual meeting of Asia Pacific Group of IPU on 30 October 2020**

An India Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha attended the above meeting.

During the meeting the contenders for the post of IPU President (2020-23) presented their visions and agenda in order to seek the support of the members of the Group.

The Presidency of the APG was also transferred to Parliament of South Korea for next one year's term

**(30) The 206th Session of the Governing Council (Extraordinary Virtual Session) of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva from 1 to 3 November, 2020.**

The 206th Session of the Governing Council (Extraordinary Virtual Session) of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva was organized from 1 to 3 November 2020. The agenda of the Virtual Session inter-alia included the election of the new President of IPU through remote electronic ballot, in order to replace the outgoing President of IPU, H.E. Gabriela Cuevas Barron.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Smt. Poonamben Hematbhai Maadam, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri Swapan Dasgupta, MP, Rajya Sabha participated in the above mentioned Virtual Session. Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri Desh Deepak Verma Secretary General, Rajya Sabha also attended the Virtual Session. Dr, Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation. The Members of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation participated in the Virtual Session of the Governing Council and cast their votes.

At the end of the election, Mr. Duarte Pacheco from Portugal got elected as the President of IPU for the period of 2020-23.

**(31) 142<sup>nd</sup> Assembly and 207<sup>th</sup> Session of Governing Council of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU)**

142nd IPU Assembly and the 207th Session of Governing Council (Virtual Session) was held from 24 to 27 May 2021. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha accompanied by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP, Lok Sabha; Shri Jyotiraditya M. Sciendia, MP, Rajya Sabha; Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP; Lok Sabha; Shri Anil Desai; MP, Rajya Sabha; Smt. Poonamben Maadam, MP, Lok Sabha; Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, MP, Lok Sabha; Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha; Shri Jayadev Galla, MP, Lok

Sabha; Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha and Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the Assembly. Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General Lok Sabha and members of Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) attended the Assembly. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary and Chief of Protocol are part of the IPD.

During the 142nd IPU Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the Interactive Debate on overall theme "Overcoming the pandemic today and building a better tomorrow: the role of Parliaments" held on 26 May 2021 along with the other Presiding Officers of the Member Parliaments of IPU. During his address to the IPU Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker highlighting the tragic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health, economy, society and other aspects of life urged all nations to work together in the spirit of the ancient Indian saying "Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam".

. In the run-up to the 142<sup>nd</sup> IPU IPU Assembly, various Virtual Meetings or Panel Discussions with respect to the IPU Standing Committees and other IPU bodies were also held.

It may also be mentioned that during the 207<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Council held on 24 and 25 May 2021, the IPU Secretariat, Geneva organised online elections for various vacancies in the IPU Standing Committees and other related bodies. The casting of votes was held online following the rule of "One delegate, One vote". From our Parliament Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, MP was seeking reelection to the Board of Forum of Young Parliamentarians for a second term. Further, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP was nominated by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha for vacancy in the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security. Similarly, Shri Vishnu

Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha was India's nominee for the vacancy in the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development. At the same time, Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP was also nominated for vacancy in the newly formed IPU Working Group on Science and Technology. Km. Diya Kumari, MP, Lok Sabha was Indian Parliament's candidate for vacancy in the Standing Committee on UN Affairs.

### **(32) Virtual Meeting (Third Sitting) of the Bureau of the IPU Forum of Women Parliamentarians**

The Bureau of the IPU Forum of Women Parliamentarians held a meeting on 2 June 2021 to review the work of the Forum during the 142nd IPU Assembly held in May 2021. During the meeting, the members of the Bureau inter-alia evaluated the outcomes of the 142nd IPU Assembly from the perspective of women and discussed the follow-up measures to be taken. The Bureau members also discussed about the contribution of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians to the 143rd Assembly.

Smt. Poonamben Maadam, MP, Lok Sabha and the member of the Bureau of the IPU Forum of Women Parliamentarians attended the aforesaid meeting.

### **(33) 143<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union & related meetings held in Madrid, Spain from 26 - 30 November 2021.**

The 143<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the IPU & related meetings were held in Madrid, Spain from 26-30 November 2021.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP, Lok Sabha and consisting of Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha; Smt. Poonamben Maadam, MP, Lok Sabha; Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha; Km. Diya Kumari, MP Lok Sabha; and Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the aforementioned Assembly and related meetings. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

During the 143<sup>rd</sup> IPU Assembly, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP and Leader of the Delegation participated in the General Debate on the overall theme “*Contemporary challenges to democracy: overcoming division and building community*”. The Assembly adopted an Outcome Document on the theme of the General Debate at its concluding Session. The Assembly also adopted a Resolution on theme of the Emergency item namely, “*Harnessing global parliamentary support for vaccine equity in the fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic*”.

The Delegation attended the sessions of other IPU bodies *viz.* the IPU Governing Council, the Bureaux Meetings and Plenary Sessions of the four Standing Committees of IPU, Forum of Women Parliamentarians, Committee to Promote respect for International Humanitarian Law, and IPU Advisory Group on Health. The Members of the IPD also attended two workshops organized by IPU on the following themes (i) Interfaith Dialogue  
(ii) Knowledge exchange on Climate Change.

Further, on the sideline of the Assembly, Members of the Delegation also participated in the following events (i) Asian Parliamentary Assembly Coordination Meeting held on 26 November 2021 (ii) Inaugural meeting of the Parliamentary Network of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) held on 28 November 2021. During the Assembly, members of the IPD also met H.E. Duarte Pacheco, President, IPU. IPD led by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP also held bilateral meetings with H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Sinzohagera, President of the Senate of Burundi, and Hon. Advocate Jacob Francis Nzwidamilimo Mudenda, Speaker of the National Assembly of Zimbabwe.

Seventh BRICS Parliamentary Forum held on 27 November 2021 in Madrid, Spain.

In the year of India’s Presidency of BRICS, Seventh Edition of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum was hosted by Parliament of India on 27 November 2021 in Madrid, Spain on the sidelines of the 143<sup>rd</sup> IPU Assembly. The Forum

deliberated on the overall theme *'the Role of BRICS Parliaments in ensuring inclusive and equitable post pandemic economic recovery'*. Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP and Leader of the Delegation Chaired the Forum. All Members of the IPD participated in the Forum.

South Africa was represented by the Speaker of the National Assembly, H.E. Ms. Nosiviwe Mapisa Nqakula. The Delegation from Brazil was led by Hon. Mr. Atila Lins, MP, Chamber of Deputies. From the Russian Federation, HE Mr. Petr Tolstoy, Deputy Chairman of State Duma and HE Mr. Konstantin KOSACHEV, Deputy Speaker of the Federation Council participated in the Forum. H.E. Shen Yueyue, Vice Chair-woman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China participated through recorded video message. On behalf of Indian Delegation, Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha delivered a statement on the theme of the Forum, and Smt. Poonamben Maadam, MP, Lok Sabha expressed views from women's perspective on the theme of the Forum.

An amount of Rs. 44,56,314/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

**(34) 144th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings held in Nusa Dua (Bali), Indonesia from 20-24 March 2022.**

The 144th Assembly of the IPU and related meetings were held in Nusa Dua (Bali), Indonesia from 20-24 March 2022.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP, Lok Sabha and consisting of Smt. Poonamben Maadam, MP, Lok Sabha; Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha; Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, MP, Lok Sabha; Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha; and Shri Syed Zafar Islam, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the aforementioned Assembly and related meetings. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

During the 144th IPU Assembly, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP and Leader of the Delegation participated in the General Debate on the overall theme "Getting to zero:

Mobilizing parliaments to act on climate change". After the General Debate, the Assembly adopted an Outcome Document called "Nusa Dua Declaration" on the overall theme. After the end of the General Debate, the IPU also organized a special accountability segment on the follow-up action taken by the members on the Resolutions adopted by IPU during the 143rd IPU Assembly. The Assembly also adopted a Resolution on theme of the Emergency item namely, "Peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine, respecting international law, the Charter of the United Nations and territorial integrity".

The Delegation attended the sessions of other IPU bodies viz. the IPU Governing Council, the Bureaux and Board Meetings of IPU Committees, and Forums and Plenary Sessions of the four Standing Committees of IPU, Forum of Women Parliamentarians, Forum of Young Parliamentarians, and Working Group on Science and Technology.

The Members of the Delegation also attended the workshop organized by IPU on Health Security preparedness, and the two Panel Discussions held during the Assembly namely on (i) "Leveraging parliamentary budgeting powers for children," and (ii) "International cooperation to prosecute corruption and recover stolen assets".

Further, on the sideline of the Assembly, Members of the Delegation also participated in the (i) Meeting of the Asia Pacific Geopolitical Group, and (ii) Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Coordinating Meeting.

During the Assembly, members of the Delegation met H.E. Duarte Pacheco, President, IPU and held bilateral meetings with the Parliamentary Delegation from Bahrain and Germany.

An amount of Rs. 18,26,906/ has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

**(35) 145th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Kigali, Rwanda from 11-15 October 2022.**

The 145th IPU Assembly and related meetings were held in Kigali, Rwanda from 11-15 October 2022. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble

Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and consisting of Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha; Km. Diya Kumari, MP, Lok Sabha; Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha; Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha; and Shri Kartikeya Sharma, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the Assembly. Shri P. C. Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha also attended the Assembly. Shri L.V. Ramana, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

For the Parliament of India, the Assembly was extremely productive. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha was elected to the post of the member of the Executive Committee (ExCom) of IPU from Asia Pacific Group by a two-third majority. The election is a remarkable moment in the history of India's Parliamentary Diplomacy as it gives our Parliament an opportunity to be represented in the prestigious IPU ExCom after a gap of 20 years. Earlier, Dr. Najma Heptulla, the then Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha had served on the IPU Ex Com from 1995-1999 as a member, and then from 1999-2002 as an ex-officio member by virtue of being the IPU President. The ExCom is the premier decision making body of the IPU which oversees the administrative and financial matters of the organization.

Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha addressed the Assembly during the General Debate on the theme of "*Gender Equality and Gender sensitive Parliaments or drivers of change for a more resilient and peaceful world.*" Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha addressed the General Debate of the Assembly from the Youth's perspective.

The Assembly adopted "Kigali Declaration" on the overall theme. The Assembly also adopted the Resolution of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights i.e. "*Parliamentary impetus to local and regional development of countries with high levels of international migration and to stopping all forms, including state-sponsored, of human trafficking and human rights abuse.*"

The Delegation attended the sessions of other IPU bodies viz. the IPU Governing Council, the Bureaux and Board Meetings of IPU Committees and Forums, and Plenary Sessions of the four Standing Committees of IPU, Committee to Promote Respect for

International Humanitarian Law, Forum of Women Parliamentarians and Forum of Young Parliamentarians.

The Members of the Delegation also attended the workshops organized by IPU on the three themes namely (i) Rights of the Child, (ii) Nutrition, and (iii) Climate Change and Health, and the Panel Discussion on the theme "*Towards gender equality: Celebrating and understanding the accomplishments of women's Parliamentary caucuses.*"

Further, on the sidelines of the Assembly, Members of the Delegation also participated in the (i) Meeting of the Asia Pacific Geopolitical Group, and (ii) Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Coordinating Meeting.

An amount of Rs. 16,56,033/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

**(36) 146<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Manama, Bahrain from 11-15 March 2023**

The 146<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly and related meetings were held in Manama, Bahrain from 11-15 March 2023. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP, Lok Sabha; Shri Tiruchi Siva, MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha; Smt. Poonamben Maadam, MP, Lok Sabha; Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha; Km. Diya Kumari, MP, Lok Sabha; Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha; Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha; Dr. Radha Mohan Das Agrawal, MP, Rajya Sabha; and Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha attended the Assembly. Shri Rajit Punhani, Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat also attended the Assembly. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha addressed the Assembly in 'Hindi' during the General Debate on the overall theme of "*Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: Fighting intolerance.*" Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha also addressed the Youth

Segment of the General Debate. After deliberations, the Assembly adopted an Outcome Document the “Manama Declaration” on the theme of the General Debate. The Assembly also adopted resolutions on the subjects (i) *Cyberattacks and cybercrimes: The new risks to global security* and (ii) *Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon balances of forests* taken up by the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security and on Sustainable Development, respectively. Dr. Heena Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha was the co-rapporteur of the resolution of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development.

In addition to the Assembly, the Members of the Delegation also attended the plenary sessions of various IPU bodies as well as *in-camera* meetings of their respective bureaus/boards i.e., four Standing Committees, Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law, Forum of Women Parliamentarians, Forum of Young Parliamentarians, and Working Group on Science and Technology. The Members of Delegation also participated in the meetings of the Governing Council and Executive Committee (Ex-Co).

The Members of the Delegation also attended Panel Discussions/Workshops organized during the Assembly i.e., (i) Parliamentary action on biodiversity: Translating global commitments into national action (ii) Climate Oversight Action (iii) Parliamentary Solidarity with MPs at risk (iv) Workshop in preparation for the United Nations Summit of the Future (v) Sexual and Reproductive Health. Further, during the Assembly, Members of the Delegation also participated in the (i) Meeting of the Asia Pacific Geopolitical Group (APG), and (ii) Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Coordinating Meeting. As a Member of the Ex-Co from the APG, Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, LS briefed the Group about the deliberations at the meetings of Ex-Co. On the sidelines of the Assembly Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha met with H.E. Duarte Pacheco, IPU President. He held bilateral meetings with some of the Presiding Officers of G20 and guest countries under India’s G20 Presidency and invited them for the 9<sup>th</sup> G20 Parliamentary Speakers’ Summit (P20) to be hosted by Parliament of India in 2023. He met:

- i. H.E. Mr. Milton Dick, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia;
- ii. H.E. Mr. Soorojdev Phokeer, Speaker of the National Assembly of Mauritius;
- iii. H.E. Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh;
- iv. H.E. Sheikh Khalid bin Hilal Al Maawali, Chairman of the Shura Council of Sultanate of Oman;
- v. H.E. Ms. Nosiviwe Mapisa Nqakula, Speaker of the National Assembly of South Africa; and
- vi. H.E. Mr. Hanafy El Gebaly, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Egypt.

In addition to the above bilateral meetings in the context of 9<sup>th</sup> P20 Summit, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha also met the following dignitaries:

- i. H.E. Ahmed Bin Salman Almusalam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives of Bahrain;
- ii. H.E. Ali Bin Saleh Alsaleh Speaker of the Shura Council of Bahrain; and
- iii. H.E. Mr. Allen Simonyan, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia.

On behalf of Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Members of the IPD also met the Parliamentary Delegations of Canada, Russian Federation, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, France, Spain, Brazil and Saudi Arabia and invited their respective delegations for the 9<sup>th</sup> P20 Summit.

Vacancies to various IPU bodies were also filled during the Assembly. Ms. Sumalatha Ambareesh, MP, Lok Sabha was unanimously elected to the post of the member of the High Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism (HLAG-CTVE) from Asia Pacific Group. Also, the tenure of the following MPs of our Parliament were renewed in their respective bureaus for another two years; Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP, Lok Sabha (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security); Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development); and Km. Diya Kumari, MP, Lok Sabha (Standing Committee on UN Affairs). Smt. Poonamben Maadam, MP, Lok Sabha and Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, MP, Lok Sabha completed their respective tenure as Members of *Bureau of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians* and *Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians*, respectively.

Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP was appointed as one of the co-rapporteures for the next Resolution of the IPU Standing Committee on Sustainable Development for the subject item on *Partnerships for climate action: Promoting access to affordable green energy, and ensuring innovation, responsibility and equity.*

An amount of Rs. 21,74,410/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

### **(37) 147th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Luanda, Angola from 23-27 October 2023**

The 147th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings were held in Luanda, Angola from 23-27 October 2023. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha attended the 147th IPU Assembly. The other members of Indian delegation were Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MP, Rajya Sabha; Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha; Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha; Smt. Sumalatha Ambareesh, MP, Lok Sabha and Ms. Mamta Mohanta, MP, Rajya Sabha. Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha, and Leader of the Delegation participated in the General Debate and delivered a statement on the overall theme of Parliamentary action for peace, justice and strong institutions (SDG 16). After deliberations, the Assembly unanimously adopted an Outcome Document called "Luanda Declaration" on the overall theme. IPU Governing Council held its 212th Session during the 147th IPU Assembly in which Members of Indian Parliamentary Delegation participated. The Governing Council elected Rt. Hon'ble Dr. Tulia Ackson, Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania, as the new IPU President after secret ballot held on 27 October 2023. In the context of initiatives taken by Parliaments to promote gender equality, Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha and Member of IPU ExCom apprised the Executive Committee about the historic Naari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Women Empowerment Act) passed by our Parliament for providing one-third reservation to women in the Lok Sabha (House of the People) and State Assemblies. The Indian Parliamentary Delegation also participated in the meetings of various IPU bodies and the four IPU Standing Committees. The Members of Indian delegation also attended meetings of the Asia Pacific Geopolitical Group and Coordinating Meeting of Asian Parliamentary Assembly held on the sidelines of the IPU Assembly. The Members of Indian Delegation also participated in the

following Panel Discussions/Workshops organized during the IPU Assembly (i) IPU-UNICEF Joint workshop: The role of parliaments in securing effective public spending for children's rights (ii) Parity Debate: I care to care: Male

parliamentarians engage in equal caring responsibilities (iii) IPU-WHO Joint Workshop : Unpacking the development of the Pandemic Accord. At the request of the Parliamentary Delegations from Armenia, Belarus and Tanzania, members of IPD met the following:

- i. H.E. Mr. H. Arshakyan, Vice President of the National Assembly, Armenia
- ii. Mr. Sergei RACHKOV, Leader of the Belarus Delegation and Mr. Andrei SAVINYKH, Member of Parliament.
- iii. Mr. Mussa Azzan Zungu, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Tanzania

The Embassy of India in Angola organized a community event in honor of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation. Members of Indian delegation attended this event and interacted with the members of Indian Diaspora in Angola.

An amount of Rs. 4115856/- (approx) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

### **(38) 148<sup>th</sup> Assembly of IPU & related meetings**

The 148<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings were held in Geneva, Switzerland from 23-27 March 2024. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and consisting of five members of Rajya Sabha, namely, Shri S.Niranjan Reddy, Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Dr. Prashanta Nanda, Smt. Sumitra Balmik and Shri Sujeet Kumar attended the 148<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly.

Hon'ble Chairman Rajya Sabha participated in the General Debate and delivered a statement on the overall theme of '*Parliamentary Diplomacy: Building bridges for peace and understanding*'. After deliberations, the Assembly unanimously adopted an Outcome Document on the overall theme. The Indian Parliamentary Delegation also participated in the meetings the four IPU Standing Committees and IPU Governing Council. The Members of Indian Delegation also attended the sideline meetings of the Asia Pacific Geopolitical Group, BRICS Parliamentary Forum and Asian Parliamentary Assembly. The Members of Indian Delegation also participated in the following Panel Discussions/Workshops organized during the Assembly (i) Women peace-builders advancing sustainable peace (ii) Climate change and conflict: How can parliaments ensure health during times of crises (iii) The crisis of multilateralism: Root causes and possible solutions (iv) Interfaith dialogue: Building bridges through interfaith dialogue for more peaceful and inclusive societies (v) Roundtable Discussion on the theme "From Luanda to the UN Summit of the Future: Addressing strategic and existential threats through common security and the rule of law" (vi) Strengthening climate legislation: Practical tools for parliamentarians" (vii) Human security: Equipping

parliamentarians for peace building and conflict prevention" (vii) IPU-OHCHR Joint Event on the Protection of Minority Rights (viii) Parity Debate on Eliminating discrimination, transforming economic losses into gains

On the sidelines of the Assembly, the IPD led by Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha met H.E. Ms. Tulia Ackson, IPU President. Also, the IPD held courtesy bilateral meetings with the following Delegations;

- (i) Thai Parliamentary Delegation led by H.E. Prof. Pornpetch Wichitcholchai, President of the Senate, Thailand
- (ii) Armenian Parliamentary Delegation led by H.E. Mr. H. Arshakyan, Vice President of the National Assembly, Armenia
- (iii) Tunisian Parliamentary Delegation led by Mr. Mohamed Amine Ouerghi, MP

An amount of Rs. 931534 /- (approx) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

### **(39) 149th Assembly of IPU & related meetings**

The 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings were held in Geneva, Switzerland from 13-17 October 2024. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP Lok Sabha, Shri Rajeev Shukla, MP, Rajya Sabha, Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha, Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha, Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha, Smt. Mamata Mohanta, MP, Rajya Sabha, Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri P.C. Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha participated in the Assembly. Following officers also accompanied the Delegation- Shri K.S. Somasekhar, Additional Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Shri Anjani Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Rajeev Dutta, Joint Secretary and OSD to HS, Shri Gaurav Goyal, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Mukesh Kumar Sharma, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri L.V. Ramana, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Yogendra Singh, Deputy Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Aditya Kumar Mangain, Additional Private Secretary to Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Shri Deepak Kalra, Deputy Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Shri Akshay Sharma, Protocol Officer, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Shri Satayender Kumar, Sr. Secretariat Assistant, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Shri Deen Bandhu Barman, Personal Staff of Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha.

An amount of Rs. 10184020 /- (approx) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

#### **(40) 150<sup>th</sup> Assembly of IPU & related meetings**

The 150th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings were held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 04-09 April 2025. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP, Lok Sabha, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha, Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha, Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha, Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha, Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, MP, Rajya Sabha, Smt. Kiran Choudhry, MP, Rajya Sabha, Dr. Lata Wankhede, MP, Lok Sabha, Smt. Bijuli Kalita Medhi, MP, Lok Sabha, Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri P.C. Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha participated in the Assembly. Following officers also accompanied the Delegation- Shri Rajeev Dutta, Joint Secretary and OSD to HS, Shri Gaurav Goyal, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri L.V. Ramana, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Alok Ranjan Ghosh, PS to Vice-President of India and Chairman Rajya Sabha, Shri Vijay Kumar, Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Shri Yogendra Singh, Deputy Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Sammer Kapoor, Deputy Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Shri Preetam Prabhakar, Under Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Himanshu Shekhar Jha, Protocol Officer to Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Ms. Suvaiba Shaikh, Protocol Officer, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Satayender Kumar, Sr. Secretariat Assistant, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Shri Mahipal Singh Gurjar, Senior Secretariat Assistant, Personal Staff of Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha.

An amount of Rs. 85,00,000/- (approx) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

#### **41. 151<sup>st</sup> Assembly of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings held in Geneva, Switzerland from 19 to 23 October 2025.**

The 151<sup>st</sup> Assembly of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings were held Geneva, Switzerland from 19 to 23 October 2025. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) consisting of Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha, Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha, Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha, Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha, Dr.

Sumer Singh Solanki, MP, Rajya Sabha, Shri Samik Bhattacharya, MP, Rajya Sabha and Smt. Kamaljeet Sehrawat, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the Assembly. Dr. K.S. Somashekar, Additional Secretary, Rajya Sabh Secretariat, Shri Yogendra Singh, Deputy Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri K.V.V. Rama Rao, Protocol Officer, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Shital Kumar, Security Assistant Grade-I, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Shri Devendra Prasad Birthwal, Liaision Officer, Rajya Sabha Secretariat accompanied the Delegation.

An amount of Rs. 76,00,000/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit of Indian Palriamentary Delegation.

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**\*\*The Expenditure mentioned *w.r.t.* above visits only pertains to the Lok Sabha component of the Delegation.**