

**Specialized Meetings/Conferences/Summits of IPU and other
Multi-Lateral Inter-Parliamentary bodies**

1. 11th General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentarian Conference on "Environment and Development" (APPCED) held in Korolevu Island (Fiji) from 18 to 20 August, 2004:

A Seven member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Prof. Saif-ud-Din Soz attended the above Assembly. The Conference which mainly deliberated on the general theme "Large Oceans - Vulnerable Small Islands: Addressing Barriers to Sustainable Developments" was split into three Groups to discuss the following sub themes:

- (i) Sustaining Island ecosystem
- (ii) Small Islands and tourism: finding a balance
- (iii) Trade and environment

7th Session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on WTO held in Geneva (Switzerland) on 6 and 7 September, 2004:

Shri Rupchand Pal, MP attended that Session as a member of the Steering Committee of IPU. The session mainly deliberated on the following items in its Agenda:

- (iv) Update on recent developments at WTO;
- (v) Preparation for the Brussels Session of the Parliamentary Conference on WTO; and
- (vi) Draft Rules of procedure of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO.

2. World Conference of Women Parliamentarians for the protection of Children and Young persons held in Rome (Italy) on 17 and 18 October, 2004:

A two member Indian Parliamentary Delegation participated in the Conference. The Conference held interactive sessions on (i) Children rights and (ii) protection of children.

3. Brussels Sessions of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Brussels (Belgium) from 24 to 26 November, 2004:

A four member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Rupchand Pal, MP participated in the above Session. The Session debated on the following topics and adopted by consensus, a final declaration:

- (i) Interactive panel discussion: The significance of the WTO General Council decision for the future of the Doha Round.
- (ii) Debate on substantive themes: (a) Agriculture; (b) Trade in services from a development perspective.
- (iii) Optional side event: Practical aspects of trade related capacity building with special focus on the needs of parliaments.

4. 9th Session of the IPU Steering Committee and the WTO Public Symposium held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 20 to 23 April, 2005:

Shri Rupchand Pal, MP attended the session as a Member of the Steering Committee of the IPU. The session mainly deliberated on the topic "The WTO at 10. The perceived loss of sovereignty due to WTO accords: Should Parliamentarians be concerned."

5. Conference on Initiative on the Enhancement of the powers of Parliamentarians with regard to the International Environmental Laws and Institutions for Sustainable Development held in Paris (France) on 22 and 23 April, 2005:

A three member Indian Parliamentary Delegation attended the Conference. During the Conference, the delegates discussed in working groups a range of issues within the following areas:

- (i) Water, climate change and energy; and
- (ii) Trade for sustainable development.

6. Second World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments held in New York from 7 to 9 September, 2005:

Shri Charnjit Singh Atwal, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha, attended the Conference. The Conference deliberated on the theme "Parliaments and multilateral cooperation: meeting the challenges of the 21st Century" and adopted a declaration

on the subject "Bridging the democracy gap in international relations: A stronger role for Parliaments". The Conference also held Panel Discussions on the following subjects:

- (i) Parliaments' contribution to democracy; and
- (ii) Role and responsibility of Parliaments as regards the work of the United Nations

7. Tenth Session of the IPU Steering Committee on WTO held in Geneva, Switzerland on 22 and 23 September, 2005:

Shri Rupchand Pal, MP attended the Session as a member of the Steering Committee of the IPU. The Session finalized the agenda and other logistical details for the Hong Kong Session of the Parliamentary Conference on WTO, which was to be held from 12 to 15 December, 2005.

8. The Hong Kong Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held at Hong Kong (China) on 12 to 15 December, 2005:

Shri Rupchand Pal, MP attended the Session as member of the Steering Committee of WTO. The participants deliberated on the following themes and adopted a declaration at the end of the session:

- (i) Completing the Doha Development Agenda; and
- (ii) Coherence between Trade Policy and other Public Policy Challenges.

9. Regional Seminar on Developing a protective framework for Children: The Role of Parliaments held in Hanoi, Vietnam from 15 to 17 February, 2006:

A two member Indian Parliamentary Delegation attended the Conference. The Seminar aimed at facilitating debate amongst parliamentarians from the region on ways and mechanisms of developing a protective framework for children with particular focus on parliamentary mechanisms. The purpose of the Seminar was to enable parliamentarians and the parliamentary staff involved in child protection issues to gain a deeper understanding of the tools at their disposal to develop a protective environment for children.

10. Parliamentary Forum on the occasion of 6th International Conference of New or Restored Democracies held in Doha (Qatar) from 29 October to 1 November, 2006:

Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha represented our Parliament at the Forum. The overall theme of the Forum was "Dialogue, tolerance and freedom of expression as the cornerstones of democracy". Besides, two workshops on "Representation, accessibility, accountability and transparency to ensure inclusive decision-making" and "Towards greater effectiveness of parliaments" were deliberated during the Forum.

11. Annual Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva on 1 and 2 December, 2006:

A four member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Rupchand Pal, MP attended the Conference. The principal objective of the Session was to enhance external transparency of the WTO and make this Inter-governmental organization accountable to legislators as elected representatives of the people. The following themes were discussed during the Session :

- (i) Lessons to be learnt from the history of multilateral trade negotiations under WTO auspices; and
- (ii) Multi-literalism and bilateralism in trade policy.

12. Seminar on the Role of Parliamentary Committees in Mainstreaming Gender and Promoting the Status of Women held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 4 to 6 December, 2006:

A three member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Smt Krishna Tirath, MP attended the Conference. The Seminar sought to identify ways in which the functioning of parliamentary committees dealing with gender equality and the status of women can be enhanced and policy & legislative outcomes bolstered to promote gender equality. It provided a forum for chairpersons and members of these committees to share national experiences and debate issues relating to:

- (i) The functioning of these parliamentary committees dealing with

- gender equality, including their mandates, membership and working methods;
- (ii) Best practices and recommendations on how parliaments and committees can effectively address gender issues at the national level;
- (iii) Lessons learned regarding the development of policy and legislation to promote gender equality and support mainstreaming;
- (iv) Relations between committees and other partners to enhance their work.

13. Celebrations on occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the parliamentary reforms of Finland held at Helsinki on 1 June, 2006:

A four member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha represented our Parliament at the celebrations. The celebrations marked the 100th Anniversary of the Parliamentary Reform of Finland which was commenced in 1906.

14. International Parliamentary Conference on HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Eurasia and the role of G-8 held in Moscow (Russia) on 8 June, 2006:

Dr. R.C.Dome, MP attended the Conference. The participants deliberated on the following themes:

- (i) The G-8 and AIDS in Eurasia: New partnerships for our common future;
- (ii) HIV/AIDS in Eurasia: Strategic challenges and breakthrough opportunities;
- (iii) Role of the G-8 and the International community;
- (iv) The Power of partnerships against AIDS.

15. Second Conference of Women Parliamentarians held in Sofia (Bulgaria) on 19 and 20 June, 2006:

A two member Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Ms. Pramila Bohidar and Smt Kiran Maheswari, MPs participated in the Conference. The Conference was organized on the theme "Protecting the rights of children and young people"

16. APPCED Parliamentarians Workshop on “MDG and the International Development Cooperation in Asia-Pacific Region” took place in Seoul from 1 to 4 September, 2006:

Shri Sandeep Dikshit, MP participated in the Workshop. The theme of the Workshop was MDGs and the International Development Cooperation in Asia-Pacific Region. The Workshop discussed following topics:

- (i) Environment and MDG;
- (ii) Development and Environmental Policy;
- (iii) MDG and International Development Cooperation; and
- (iv) Role of the Parliamentarians for joint goals.

17. Fifth International Tourism Forum for Parliamentarians and local authorities held in Yasmine Hammamet, Tunisia from 13 to 15 June, 2007:

A four member Indian Parliamentary Delegation participated in the Forum.

The following subjects were discussed in the plenary session of the Forum:

- (i) Making harmonious tourism growth possible and strengthening its resilience to crises; and
- (ii) Fostering the sustainability of tourism development;

Besides, plenary session, the following two subjects were also discussed in the workshops organized during the Forum:

- (i) Decentralization and competitiveness of destinations; and
- (ii) Inter-ministerial coordination and coherence of tourism policies.

18. 15th Session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva (Switzerland) on 14 and 15 June, 2007:

Shri Rupchand Pal, MP represented the Indian Parliament at the Session. The Session deliberated on the ways of enhancing the efficiency of the Conference as a de facto parliamentary dimension of the WTO.

19. Regional Seminar on developing a protective Environment for South Asian Children held in Islamabad, Pakistan from 27 to 29 June, 2007:

Shri Charnjit Singh Atwal, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha represented the Indian Parliament at the Seminar. The Seminar was aimed at facilitating debate on ways and mechanisms of developing a protective framework for children, with a particular focus on parliamentary mechanisms. The seminar addressed all functions of a parliament - legislation, oversight and representation - and examined how these can serve to protect children. The following subjects were deliberated upon during the Seminar:

- (i) The Human rights-based Approach to Legislative Reform and the Child Rights based Approach;
- (ii) Legislating for child protection;
- (iii) Overseeing government's action for child protection
- (iv) Justice for Children;
- (v) Juvenile Justice in South Asia;
- (vi) Global Juvenile Justice indicators; and
- (vii) The Role of Parliamentarians in working towards protective environment for children in conflict with the law.

20. 7th Session of the United Nations Convention to combat Desertification (UNCCD) Forum for Parliamentarians held in Madrid (Spain) on 12 and 13 September, 2007:

Shri Kunwar Rewati Raman Singh, MP, Lok Sabha represented the Indian Parliament at the said Forum. The following subjects were discussed in the Forum:

- (i) Implementation of the UNCCD: Role of major cooperating partners;
- (ii) Challenges of forced migration due to drought and desertification;
- (iii) Preventing conflicts over scarce resources;
- (iv) Meeting the Challenges of combating desertification as they relate to climate change; and
- (v) Good Governance and the challenges on combating desertification.

21. 1st Global Parliamentary Meeting on HIV/AIDS held in Manila from 28 November to 1 December, 2007:

A seven member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Karan Singh Yadav, MP attended the Meeting. Following subjects were discussed during the Meeting:

- (i) Parliaments and leadership in combating HIV/AIDS
- (ii) Stigma and discrimination: What can members of Parliament do?
- (iii) Affordability of drugs;
- (iv) What can Parliaments do for vulnerable groups?
- (v) Legalization and criminalization of transmission issues;
- (vi) Budgeting: powers of oversight to tailor government budgets more closely to HIV/AIDS needs.

22. Second Seminar for Members of Parliamentary Committees on Status of Women and other Committees dealing with Gender Equality held at Geneva, Switzerland from 6 to 8 December, 2007:

A four member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Smt Krishna Tirath, MP, Lok Sabha attended the Seminar.

The Seminar was organized by the Inter Parliamentary Union in collaboration with the International Labour Organization at Geneva, Switzerland to address the theme of Women and Work. This included questions related to women's entrepreneurship, equal pay, and discrimination or exploitation at work.

The main aim of the Seminar was to identify key priority areas for action and adequate parliamentary initiatives and strategies for achieving equality between men and women in the labour market. The Seminar provided an opportunity to raise awareness amongst Parliamentarians of new challenges related to women and work.

23. Visit of Indian Parliamentary Delegation to attend the Forum on "Shaping The Information Society: The Role of Parliaments and Legislators" organized by the United Nations held in Geneva on 14 and 15 May, 2008:

A two member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Nikhil Kumar, MP & Chairman, Standing Committee on Information Technology, Lok Sabha, Lok Sabha attended the Forum. Following subjects were discussed during the Meeting: -

- (i) The United Nations system at work: multi-stakeholder partnerships;
- (ii) Tracking progress: Bridging the digital divide
- (iii) Fulfilling parliamentary responsibilities
- (iv) Organizational approaches in parliaments
- (v) Bringing the information society to all
- (vi) Ensuring equitable access
- (vii) Guaranteeing fundamental rights in the Web 2.0 environment
- (viii) Protecting privacy in the Internet era

24. Annual 2008 session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO took place on 11 and 12 September 2008 at the Geneva (Switzerland):

A two member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Rupchand Pal, MP, Lok Sabha attended the Session. The Session held debate on substantive themes:

(i) Looking beyond Doha; and (ii) Can international trade help mitigate climate change? Besides this, the following Panel Discussions were also held in the Session namely:

- (i) Defusing the threat of conflicts over food and energy through trade; and
- (ii) Trade in the era of digital revolution.

25. Third Conference for Members of Parliamentary Committees on the Status of Women and other Committees Dealing with Gender Equality held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 2-4 December 2008:

A two member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Smt Ranjeet Ranjan, MP, Lok Sabha attended the Conference. The three-day event provided an opportunity for members of parliament to discuss various aspects pertaining to violence against woman (VAM) and suggest measures to address issues raised thereon. The conference resulted in the identification of concrete ways in which parliaments can respond effectively to violence against women.

26. Meeting of the Working Group of Asia-Pacific Group of IPU in Beijing on 20th March, 2009:

Shri P.S. Gadavi, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri Cyril John, Director, Secretary to the Delegation attended the Meeting. The meeting held deliberations and finalized the agenda of the Asia-Pacific group of IPU for 120th IPU Assembly in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia).

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

27. Eighth Session of the UNCCD Round Table for parliamentarians held in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on 24 and 25 September 2009.

Shri Kavuri Samba Siva Rao, MP, Lok Sabha (INC) had participated in the above Session.

During this meeting, the following agenda items came up for discussion:

- (i) Which policy towards achieving food security in the drylands under the current economic crisis?
- (ii) How can the UNCCD contribute to the global responses to climate change?

An amount of Rs. 5,90,215/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit

(Lok Sabha component).

28. Fourth Conference for Members of Parliamentary Committees on the Status of Women and other Committees dealing with Gender Equality held in Geneva on 28 and 29 September 2009.

A 2 member Indian Parliamentary Delegation represented Parliament of India at the above Conference.

During the above Conference, the committees inter-alia deliberated following two key topics:

- (i) Session 2 : Overcoming barriers: Electoral gender quotas
- (ii) Session 4 : Women in Parliament: Challenges inside the House

An amount of Rs. 2,75,950/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

29. Meetings of (i) WTO Public Forum 2009; (ii) Parliamentary Panel on WTO Public Forum 2009; and (iii) 19th Session of the Steering Committee.

Shri P.C. Chacko, MP, Lok Sabha (INC) had participated in the above said three meetings of WTO held in Geneva from 28 September to 1 October 2009.

During these meetings, several key issues came up for discussion as indicated below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Conference	Subject
1	WTO Public Forum 2009 (28 to 30 September, 2009)	Global Problems, Global Solutions: Towards better Global Governance (Main theme) <u>Sub-Themes:</u> (i) Finding global solutions to global problems: The way forward towards better global governance; (ii) The role of the WTO and the Doha Round negotiations in the midst of the current financial crisis; (iii) The impact of the global economic crisis on developing countries, in particular LDCs, and the role of trade financing; and (iv) The main challenges facing the multilateral trading systems and reflections on the post-crisis agenda for the WTO.
2	Parliamentary panel on WTO Public Forum 2009 (30 September 2009)	Can protectionism protect trade? The Legislators perspective.

3	19th Session of the Steering Committee (1 October 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Current state of multilateral trade negotiations and Possible Scenarios for the conclusion of the Doha Round (ii) Main challenges facing the multilateral trading system (iii) Assessment of long-term consequences of the protracted stalemates in WTO talks
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An amount of Rs. 3,73,569/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

30. Second Preparatory Meeting of the Third Conference of Speakers of Parliament held in New York from 16-17 November, 2009.

The Second meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Third World Conference of Speakers of Parliament held in New York, U.S.A. on 16 and 17 November, 2009. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Smt. Meira Kumar had participated in the above meeting. Secretary General, Lok Sabha also participated in the Meeting.

During this meeting, the following agenda items came up for discussion:

- (i) Follow-up to the 2000 and 2005 Conference of Speakers of Parliament
- (ii) Parliaments and Democracy in 21st Century.
- (iii) Parliaments and United Nations
- (iv) Inter-parliamentary cooperation
- (v) Political and practical preparation for the 2010 Conference

An amount of Rs. 7,16,358/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

31. 21st session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva, Switzerland on 24 and 25 June, 2010

The 21st session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO was held in Geneva, Switzerland on 24 and 25 June, 2010. Shri P.C.

Chacko, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the Session.

During this meeting, the following agenda items came up for discussion:

- (i) Parliaments and the WTO Aid-for-Trade campaign
- (ii) The successful settlement of the banana dispute: a sign of things to come?
- (iii) Preparations for the WTO Public Forum 2010
- (iv) Long-term prospects for the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO

An amount of Rs. 3,68,975/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

32. Sixth Annual Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament held in Bern on 16 and 17 July 2010

The Sixth Annual Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament was held in Bern on 16 and 17 July 2010. Smt. Meira Kumar, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and Shri P.D.T.Achary, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha participated in above Meeting. During the above meeting, following themes were discussed:

I: Building national health systems

- (a) How to ensure access for all
- (b) How to improve service delivery for women and children

II: Legislation and policy: removing barriers to access to health for all.

- (a) Addressing discrimination in the legal framework, which limits women's access to health services and care

III: Funding for MDGs 4 and 5

- (a) Allocation of national resources
- (b) The role of ODA
- (c) The role of international organizations

IV: Empowering women, including by addressing violence against women

- (a) Empowerment of women at the core of progress
- (b) Changing mentalities and addressing cultural stereotypes
- (c) Violence against women, especially in conflict situations

V: Raising awareness and building political will

- (a) Educating women and children about their rights and health needs/care
- (b) Sensitizing populations to maternal and child health
- (c) Building political will nationally
- (d) International commitment and partnerships

An amount of Rs. 4,00,082/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

33. Fourth and Fifth (Final) Meetings of the Preparatory Committee held in Geneva on 18 and 20 July 2010.

The Fourth and Fifth (Final) Meetings of the Preparatory Committee were held in Geneva on 18 and 20 July 2010, respectively. Smt. Meira Kumar, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and Shri P.D.T.Achary, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha participated in above Meetings. During the above meetings, the Committee considered amendments to the draft declaration entitled 'Securing Global Democratic Accountability for the Common Good' submitted by parliaments'.

An amount of Rs. 4,00,082/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

34. The 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament held in Geneva from 19 to 21 July, 2010

The 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament took place in Geneva from 19 to 21 July, 2010. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker consisted of following members participated in the event.

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| 1. | Smt. Meira Kumar | - Leader of the Delegation |
| | Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha | |
| 2. | Shri K. Rahman Khan | Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha |
| 3. | Shri P.D.T. Achary
Secretary General, Lok Sabha | |
| 4. | Shri Amitabh Mukhopadhyay | Secretary to the Delegation |
| | Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat | |

A General Debate on 'Parliaments in a world of crisis: securing global democratic accountability for the common good' was held during the Conference

Besides, two Panel Discussions on the subject (a) Countdown to 2015: Keeping our collective promise on the Millennium Development Goals; and (b) Strengthening trust between parliament and the people also took place at the Conference.

An amount of Rs. 4,00,082/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

35. Conference on 'Parliaments, minorities and indigenous peoples: Overcoming the challenges to effective participation in decision-making' held in Chiapas, Mexico from 31 October to 3 November 2010.

Conference on 'Parliaments, minorities and indigenous peoples: Overcoming the challenges to effective participation in decision-making' was held in Chiapas, Mexico from 31 October to 3 November 2010. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Conference: -

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| 1. | B. Shri Siricilla Rajaiah, MP | Lok Sabha (INC) |
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During this Conference, the following agenda items inter-alia came up for discussion:

1. Effective participation in politics: a human right, a prerequisite for democracy and a means of preventing conflict
2. Perspectives on effective participation – Minorities and Indigenous people; and
3. The participation of minority and indigenous women in decision making.

An amount of Rs. 7,60,000/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

38. Fourth Parliamentary Forum on Shaping the Information Society on the Triple Challenge of Cyber-Security: Information, Citizens and Infrastructure Held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 18 to 20 May, 2011.

The Fourth Parliamentary Forum on 'Shaping the Information Society on the Triple Challenge of Cyber-Security: Information, Citizens and Infrastructure' took place in Geneva, Switzerland from 18 to 20 May, 2011. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Forum:

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| 1. | Shri Inderjit Singh Rao, MP Lok Sabha (INC) | - | Leader of the Delegation |
| 2. | Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, MP | - | Lok Sabha (BJP) |
| 3. | Shri Ali Anwar Ansari, MP | - | Rajya Sabha (JDU) |
| 4. | Smt. Sudesh Luthra, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat | - | Secretary to the Delegation |

The Forum highlighted that effective and harmonized legal frameworks were necessary to address the challenges of cybersecurity.

An amount of Rs. 7,75,000/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

39. Meeting of co-Rapporteurs of the Third Standing Committee of IPU held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 18 to 20 May, 2011.

A meeting of Co-rapporteur of the Third Standing committee took place in Geneva (Switzerland) from 18 to 20 May, 2011 to identify the key issues to be addressed in the draft report and resolution on the subject 'Access to health as a basic right: The role of parliaments in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children' approved by 124th Assembly of IPU. It also discussed the sharing of responsibilities among Co-Rapporteurs and established a road map.

Shri Francisco Sardinha, MP, Lok Sabha who was appointed as a Co-rapporteur of the Third Standing Committee of IPU during the 124th Assembly of IPU held in Panama in April, 2011, participated in the Meeting.

An amount of Rs. 4,80,000/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

40. 15th General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Parliamentarians Conference on Environment & Development (APPCED) held in Kuala Lumpur, (Malaysia) from 6 to 9 June, 2011.

The 15th General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Parliamentarians Conference on Environment & Development (APPCED) took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 6 to 9 June, 2011. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Assembly:

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| 1. | Shri Sadananda Gowda Devaragunda Venkappa, MP | - | Leader of the Delegation |
| 2. | Shri Ninong Ering, MP | - | Lok Sabha (INC) |
| 3. | Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar, MP | - | Rajya Sabha (Nominated) |
| 4. | Shri P.K. Misra, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat | - | Secretary to the Delegation |

The 15th General Assembly of APPCED deliberated on the theme, "Climate Change and Tourism". The General Assembly provided opportunities to share ideas, experiences and policies being considered to cope with emerging challenges for climate change and the ongoing energy crisis.

An amount of Rs. 2,90,000/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

41. Regional seminar for Asian Parliaments on 'Preventing and Responding to Violence against Women and Girls: From Legislation to effective enforcement'.

The above Seminar was hosted by the Parliament of India and was jointly organised by Parliament of India and Inter-Parliamentary Union from 15 to 17 September, 2011. The venue of the Seminar was Parliament Library Building (PLB), Parliament House Complex.

2. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Smt. Meira Kumar inaugurated the Seminar, H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben GURIRAB, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), & Hon'ble Speaker of National Assembly of Namibia delivered the Welcome Address in Balayogi Auditorium, PLB on 15th September, 2011.

3. Delegations from Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand participated in the Seminar.

4. H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben GURIRAB, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), & Hon'ble Speaker of National Assembly of Namibia participated in the Seminar as 'Special Invitee'.

5. The Indian Delegation consisted of following:-

- i Dr. (Kum.) Girija Vyas, MP - Leader of the Delegation
- ii Dr. C.P. Thakur, MP
- iii Shri Gurudas Dasgupta, MP

- iv Dr. Prabha Thakur
- v Shri Baijayant Panda, MP
- vi Km. Meenakashi Natarajan, MP
- vii Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP
- viii Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, MP
- ix Dr. (Smt.) Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, MP
- x Dr. T.N. Seema, MP
- xi Dr. Ravinder Kumar Chadha, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat - Secretary to the Delegation

6. On behalf of Secretary General of IPU, Mr. Martin Chungong, Director of IPU attended the Seminar.

7. Presiding Officers of States Legislative Councils / Assemblies, Senior Officials of the Embassies of the concerned countries in New Delhi, UN Women and UNFPA participated in the Seminar as Observers.

8. The Sessions of the Seminar commenced with the video message from Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Under Secretary General of United Nations and Executive Director, UN Women.

9. There were Seven Sessions in the Seminar and the Panelists from India and abroad presented their papers on the following themes:-

Session 1: Violence against women and girls: Forms, causes, consequences and overview of strategic approaches in Asia

[Panellist:

Ms. Amarsanaa Darisuren, Human Rights Specialist, UN Women East and Southeast Office]

Session 2: International legal instruments and model framework on legislation to address violence against women and girls

[Panellists:

- Ms. Indira Jaising, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (India)
- Ms. Rosalyn Park, Research Director, The Advocates for Human Rights (USA)]

Session 3: Process and challenges of developing and effecting legal reform on all forms of violence against women

[Panellists:

- Ms. Njoki S. Ndungu, Judge of the Supreme Court, Former Member of Parliament (Kenya)
- Ms. Rozaina Adam, Member of Parliament (Maldives), Chairperson of the Domestic Violence Prohibition Bill Evaluation Committee, Vice Chairperson of the National Security Committee, and the Vice President of Dhivehi Rayyithunge Party (DRP) Women's Wing]

Session 4: Implementation of legislation: Costing violence against women and ensuring adequate funding

[Panellists:

- Ms. Libby Lloyd AM, Chair (Commonwealth's) Violence Against Women Advisory Group (VAWAG), Board Member White Ribbon Foundation (Australia)
- Ms. Yamini Mishra, Regional advisor on gender responsive budgeting, UN Women]

Session 5: Implementation of legislation: Monitoring and overseeing government action

[Panellists:

- Ms. Rosalyn Park, Research Director, The Advocates for Human Rights (USA)
- Ms. Paroma Ray, Programme Officer, Lawyers Collective Women's Rights Initiative (India)
- Ms. Pusadee Tamthai, Member of the House of Representatives (Thailand)]

Session 6 (first part): Working groups on legislation and effective enforcement

1) Domestic violence

Moderator: Ms. Rosalyn Park, The Advocates for Human Rights

Rapporteur: Ms. Chong Eng Chong, Member of Parliament (Malaysia)

2) Sexual violence and sexual harassment in public spaces

Moderator: Ms. Stephanie Miedema, Partners for Prevention

Rapporteur: Ms. Nancy Shukri, Member of Parliament (Malaysia)

3) Harmful practices against women

Moderator: Ms. Amarsanaa Darisuren, UN Women

Rapporteur: Ms. Eva Abdulla, Member of Parliament (Maldives)

Session 6 (second part): Reports of the working groups on legislation and effective enforcement

Presentations of the reports

1) Domestic violence: Ms. Chong Eng Chong, Member of Parliament (Malaysia)

2) Sexual violence and sexual harassment in public spaces: Ms. Nancy Shukri, Member of Parliament (Malaysia)

3) Harmful practices against women: Ms. Eva Abdulla, Member of Parliament (Maldives)

Session 7: Preventing violence against women and girls and creating an enabling environment

[Panellists:

- Ms. Stephanie Miedema, Research Analyst, Partners for Prevention: Working to Prevent Violence against Women, UNDP, UNFPA, UN Women & UNV Regional Joint Programme for Asia and the Pacific
- Mr. Rajiv Kale, Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Delhi (India)]

10. The First and the Third Sessions were Chaired by Kumari Selja, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Culture and Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, MP, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Rural Development, Lok Sabha, respectively. In the Eighth Session, the General Rapporteur Ms. Attiya Inayatullah, MP (Pakistan) presented the final conclusions, which were subsequently adopted.

11. Secretary General, Lok Sabha presided the concluding Session and H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben GURIRAB, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), & Hon'ble Speaker of National Assembly of Namibia delivered the closing remarks. The Seminar concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, MP & Member of the Indian Delegation.

42. 25th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Brussels, Belgium from 7 to 8 May, 2012.

The 25th Session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO was held in Brussels, Belgium from 7 to 8 May, 2012. Shri P.C. Chacko, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the Session. During this meeting, update on recent developments at the WTO were discussed.

In conjunction with the above Session, Shri P.C. Chacko also attended a workshop entitled "The future of the WTO and the World Trading System which was organised by European Parliament. During the Workshop, the following agenda items came up for discussion:

- (i) High level panel discussion on Identifying the reasons behind the institutional crisis and providing high-level guidance.
- (ii) Panel discussion on assessing the options for WTO reform on :
 - (a) The role of the WTO in a rapidly changing international economic order; and
 - (b) Towards greater coherence and transparency.

43. Meetings of (i) WTO Public Forum 2012; (ii) 26th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva from 24 to 26 September, 2012.

The WTO Public Forum 2012 and the 26th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO took place in Geneva from 24 to 26 September, 2012. Shri P.C. Chacko, MP, Lok Sabha participated in these events.

The theme of the WTO Public Forum 2012 was entitled "Is Multilateralism in Crisis?". The main theme was divided into following sub-themes:-

- (i) Formulating new approaches to multilateral trade opening in areas such as trade facilitation.
- (ii) Addressing 21st- Century issues and identifying areas in need of new regulations.
- (iii) Looking at the role of non-state actors in strengthening the multilateral trading system.

The 26th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO discussed update on recent developments at the WTO.

Besides, Shri P.C. Chacko presented a discussion paper on the theme entitled "Trade as a tool of economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation".

An amount of Rs. 4,71,600/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

44. Seventh Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament on *Gender Sensitive Parliaments*.

The above Meeting was hosted by the Parliament of India and was jointly organized by Parliament of India and Inter-Parliamentary Union on 3 and 4 October, 2012. The venue of the Meeting was Parliament Library Building (PLB), Parliament

House Complex.

2. Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the Meeting, Smt. Meira Kumar, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, delivered the Welcome Address in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 3rd October, 2012. H.E. Mr. Abdelwahad Radi, President of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice President of India also addressed the distinguished gathering.

3. Women Presiding Officers of Parliament from Austria, Botswana, Bulgaria, Gabon, Iceland, India, Latvia, Rwanda, Swaziland, Turkmenistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe participated in the Meeting.

4. H.E. Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director, UN Women participated in the Meeting as the 'Special Invitee'.

5. Parliamentary Delegations from Russian Federation and Mozambique participated in the Meeting as Observers.

6. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha presided the inaugural session of the Meeting. The Meeting commenced with the key note addresses by Ms. Michelle BACHELET, UN Under-Secretary General, Executive Director UN Women and Mr. Anders B. JOHNSON, Secretary General of IPU and presentation of the IPU Gender-sensitive Parliament survey. The overall theme of the Meeting was 'Gender Sensitive Parliaments' and the theme was discussed in the following Sessions in which Women Presiding Officers/ Experts of Parliament presented their papers on the following themes of the Meeting:-

Theme I: Women in Parliaments: How to bring about change?

- Women in Parliament: What leadership positions? In what bodies? What committees?
- Mechanisms, rules and policies to promote women within parliaments, both as members and parliamentary staff
- Solidarity between Women Parliamentarians – how to bring about

change: strategies and tips

Theme II: Creating a gender sensitive parliamentary environment-work modalities and infrastructures

- How to facilitate balance between family and work obligations?
- Gender sensitive and family friendly working modalities (meeting times, schedules etc.)
- Gender sensitive parliamentary structures and facilities (crèches, family support allocations etc.)
- Gender equality internal policies (parental leave, sexual harassment etc.)

Theme III: Creating a gender sensitive parliamentary environment – culture and communication

- Internal culture of parliament – mores, practices, language
- Combating stereotypes in parliament
- Giving visibility to the work of women parliamentarians
- Communicating on gender equality issues

Theme IV: Building the capacity of Parliaments to address gender issues

- Developing a gender equality plan of action for parliament
- Strategies for gender mainstreaming in Parliament
- Role of gender committees; Role of Women Caucuses
- What internal capacity needs (technical units, role of staff, training etc)
- What cooperation opportunities (civil society, national machineries, research centers etc.

Theme V: Gender-sensitive parliaments: The specific role of Women Speakers

- The contribution of women Speakers in reforming Parliament into a gender-sensitive institution: What strategies? Process? Next steps?
- Women Speakers as role models in the political world but also in society

in general

- How to build a new generation of gender sensitive politicians and parliamentarians

VI Follow up to the Sixth Meeting of Women Speakers on maternal, newborn and child health

- Update on recent development on maternal, newborn and child health
- Follow-up of the Bern Initiative for Global Parliamentary Action on Maternal and Child Health

7. In the concluding session the Presiding Officers of Parliament adopted the 'New Delhi Initiative for Gender-Sensitive Parliaments' (please see the [ANNEXURE](#)).

45. 7th Asia- Europe Parliamentarians Meeting (ASEP-7) held in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 3 and 4 October, 2012.

The 7th Asia- Europe Parliamentarians Meeting (ASEP-7) held in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 3 and 4 October, 2012. A three member Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of the following members participated in the Meeting:

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| 1. Shri M. Krishnasswamy, MP
Lok Sabha | - Leader of the Delegation |
| 2. Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP | - Lok Sabha |
| 3. Shri Bibhu Prasad Tarai, MP | - Lok Sabha |
| 4. Shri D.P. Tripathi, MP | - Rajya Sabha |
| 5. Shri Surender Singh, Director, LSS | - Secretary to the Delegation |

2. The theme of the ASEP-7 Meeting was "Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership for Sustainable Development". In the Meeting, following agenda items were discussed:-

Panel Discussion 1: Economic Matters:

- (i) Ensuring Food Security in the Current Situation of Global Climate Change

- (ii) Strengthening the Asia-Europe Cooperation in the Field of Public Debts for Sustainable Development

Panel Discussion 2: Social and Environmental Matters:

Asia-Europe Partnership in Increasing Social Participation for Disaster Management

The Meeting concluded by adopting a draft declaration of the ASEP-7.

An amount of Rs. 3,54,804/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

46. Annual 2012 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 15 to 16 November, 2012.

The Annual 2012 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 15 to 16 November, 2012. A three member Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of the following members participated in the event:-

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| 1. Shri P.C. Chacko, MP
Lok Sabha | - Leader of the Delegation |
| 2. Shri Prem Das Rai, MP | - Lok Sabha |
| 3. Dr. Barun Mukherji, MP | - Rajya Sabha |
| 4. Shri R.S. Kambo, Joint Secretary,
Lok Sabha Secretariat | - Secretary to the Delegation |

2. During the Session, following agenda items were discussed:

- (i) Debate on substantive theme. Trade as a tool of economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation
- (ii) Analysing 21st century trade challenges
- (iii) Panel discussion on Trade in services: Time for political decisions

Parliamentary delegates from India made an effective participation in the above

Session.

An amount of Rs. 11,29,232/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

47. 16th General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Parliamentarians Conference on Environment & Development (APPCED) held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 14th to 18th January, 2013.

The 16th General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Parliamentarians Conference on Environment & Development (APPCED) took place in Kathmandu, Nepal from 14th to 18th January, 2013.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of the following members participated in the above session of APPCED:-

1. Shri Anant Kumar Hegde, MP - Leader of the Delegation
Lok Sabha (BJP)
2. Shri Muhammed Hamdullah Sayeed, MP - Lok Sabha (INC)
3. Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, MP - Rajya Sabha (AITC)
4. Smt. Sudesh Luthra, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat - Secretary to the Delegation

The Delegation participated in the discussions held on the Main theme of the event entitled 'Economic Development and Environmental Challenges'.

The members of the Delegation attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of APPCED held on the sidelines of the General Assembly. They also participated in the deliberations of the drafting Committee constituted to draft the Kathmandu declaration on the above said theme of the event.

48. Meeting of 28th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO in Brussels (Belgium) on 28 & 29 May, 2013.

The 28th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO took place in Brussels (Belgium) on 28 & 29 May, 2013. Shri P.C. Chacko, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the event.

The 28th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO discussed update on recent developments at the WTO.

An amount of Rs. 6,02,344/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

49. Multi-country seminar on Parliaments and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health held in Dhaka (Bangladesh) on 30 & 31 July, 2013

The Multi-country Seminar on Parliaments and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health held in Dhaka (Bangladesh) on 30 & 31 July, 2013. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Forum:

1. Smt. Bijoya Chakravarty, MP (Lok Sabha)
2. Smt. Rajani Patil, MP (Rajya Sabha)
3. Smt. Susmita Bauri, MP (Lok Sabha)
4. Smt. Kalpana Sharma, Director Secretary to the delegation

Lok Sabha Secretariat

An amount of Rs. 1,45,218/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component)

50. 34th General Assembly of Asean Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

The Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Shri Viswanathan Perumal, MP (Lok Sabha) and Shri V.R. Ramesh, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Secretary to the Delegation participated in the 34th General Assembly of Asean Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in Brunei Darussalam from 18 to 23 September, 2013.

Indian Delegation had the Observer Status in the Assembly.

An amount of Rs. 5,81,676/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

51. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF SAARC SPEAKERS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS:

Seventh Conference of Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians held in Maldives from 21 to 23 December, 2013.

The Seventh Conference of Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians was held in Maldives from 21 to 23 December, 2013. A five member Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the above Conference. The composition of the delegation is as under:-

1. Smt. Meira Kumar - Leader of the Delegation
Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha
2. Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita, MP - Rajya Sabha (INC)
3. Shri Sanjay Raut, MP - Rajya Sabha (SS)
4. Shri Hassan Khan, MP - Lok Sabha(Ind.)
5. Smt. Mala Rajya Laxmi Shah, MP - Lok Sabha (BJP)
6. Km. Ramya Divya Spandana, MP - Lok Sabha (INC)
7. Shri S. Bal Shekar,
Secretary General,
Lok Sabha
8. Shri U.S. Saxena - Secretary to the
Joint Secretary, Delegation
Lok Sabha Secretariat

2. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the Speaker's Council Meeting held in People's Majlis on 21st December, 2013.

3. All members of the delegation attended the General Assembly held on 22nd & 23rd December, 2013.

I. "Strengthening Democracy in the South Asia region through Institutional Development".

Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha was the first lead Speaker on the Subject. Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita, MP and Km. Ramya Divya Spandana, MP participated in the discussions held in the plenary.

II. "Democracy and inclusive development – Achieving SAARC MDG's".

Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha chaired the fourth and fifth sessions of the plenary. Shri Sanjay Raut, MP, Shri Hassan Khan, MP and Smt. Mala Rajya Laxmi Shah, MP participated in the discussions held.

4. The Meeting of Secretaries General held 21st December, 2013. Shri S. Bal Shekar, Secretary General, Lok Sabha participated in the deliberations on the theme entitled "*Ensuring a cost effective Secretariat*".

5. Smt. Mala Rajya Laxmi Shah, MP and Km. Ramya Divya Spandana, MP participated in the meetings of the Women Parliamentarians held on 21st December, 2013. The theme of the discussion was "*Opportunities and Challenges for Women's political participation and representation in South Asia*".

An amount of Rs. 5,81,676/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

52. Ninth Annual Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament held in Geneva (Switzerland) on 4 and 5 September, 2014

The Ninth Annual Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Geneva (Switzerland) on 4 and 5 September, 2014. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the above Meeting. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha was also accompanied by Secretary General, Lok Sabha. The theme of the meeting was "Economic Empowerment of Women – at the heart of sustainable development".

An amount of Rs. 5,23,057/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

53. 35th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) held in Vientiane Capital, Lao People's Democratic Republic from 14 to 20 September, 2014

The 35th AIPA General Assembly was held in Vientiane Capital Lao PDR from 14-20 September, 2014. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Assembly as 'Observer':

- (i) Shri Rajen Gohain, MP (Lok Sabha)
- (ii) Shri Ganesh Singh, MP (Lok Sabha)
- (iii) Shri V.R. Ramesh, Joint Secretary - Secretary to Delegation

Lok Sabha Secretariat

The topic for dialogue with AIPA observer countries was "New approaches for cooperation engagement between AIPA Member Parliament and Parliaments of Observer countries".

An amount of Rs. 5, 50,581/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

54. Regional Seminar for Asia Pacific Parliaments on 'Ending the cycle of violence against girls in Asia - Pacific' held in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 23 to 25 September, 2014

The Regional Seminar for Asia Pacific Parliaments on 'Ending the cycle of violence against girls in Asia-Pacific' was held in Dhaka (Bangladesh) from 23 to 25 September, 2014. An Indian parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Seminar.

- (i) Smt, Jyoti Dhurve, MP (Lok Sabha) - Leader of Delegation
- (ii) Dr. T.N. Seema, MP (Rajya Sabha)

- (iii) Shri Babul Supriya Baral, MP (Lok Sabha)
- (iv) Smt. Sudesh Luthra, Joint Secretary - Secretary to Delegation
Lok Sabha Secretariat

An amount of Rs. 2,03,373/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

55. The Parliamentary Event on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Acceleration and Post 2015 Agenda held in Surabaya East Java Province, Indonesia on 12 & 13 November, 2014.

The Parliamentary Event on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Acceleration and Post 2015 Agenda was held in Surabaya East Java Province, Indonesia on 12 & 13 November, 2014. An Indian parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the Event:-

1. Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre, MP (LS)
2. Shri Nagendra Kumar Pradhan, MP (LS)
3. Shri R.S. Kambo, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat
Secretary to Delegation

An amount of Rs. 8,16,717/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

55. Second Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament held in New York (U.S.A.) on 17 and 18 November, 2014.

The Second Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament was held in New York (U.S.A.) on 17 and 18 November, 2014. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the above Meeting. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha was also accompanied by Secretary General, Lok Sabha.

The meeting deliberated on the following agenda items:-

- (i) Lessons from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and future post – 2015 development agenda
- (ii) Challenges facing parliaments today
- (iii) Mainstreaming Gender Equality
- (iv) Challenges to World Peace and Democracy
- (v) Theme of the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament; and
- (vi) Political and Practical preparations for the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament.

An amount of Rs. 8,01,051/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

56. Annual 2015 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva (Switzerland) on 16 and 17 February, 2015.

The Annual 2015 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO was held in Geneva (Switzerland) on 16 and 17 February, 2015. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of following members attended the event:-

- 1. Shri Anand Sharma, MP, Rajya Sabha
- 2. Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP, Lok Sabha
- 3. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha
- 4. Dr. Ravinder Kumar Chadha, Secretary to the Delegation
Additional Secretary,

2. During the above Session following topics were discussed:-

- (i) Trade as an enabler of peace and better living conditions;
- (ii) Policy, politics and trade: keeping the WTO negotiations on the right

track;

- (iii) Whytrade? Reflections about the WTO anniversary; and
- (iv) Conveying the benefits of the WTO to the wider public: The case of consumers and young people.

An amount of Rs. 12,54,390/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

57. Global Parliamentary Conference of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & International Monetary Fund (IMF) held in Washington D.C. (U.S.A.) from 12 to 13 April, 2015.

The Global Parliamentary Conference of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & International Monetary Fund (IMF) was held in Washington D.C. (U.S.A.) from 12 to 13 April, 2015. Dr. Kirit Somaiya, Member of Parliament and Chairperson, Committee on Energy participated in the event.

2. In the event following subject items were discussed:-

- (i) Financing for Development and Attaining the Sustainable Development;
- (ii) Improving Healthcare Systems and Emergency Responses;
- (iii) Gender Equality and Women's Rights in the Post-2015 Agenda;
- (iv) Current Global and Regional Challenges, Unemployment and Inequality;
- (v) Global and Local Environmental Sustainability, Development and Growth; and
- (vi) Building more Open, Effective and Accountable Institutions.

An amount of Rs. 9,08,243/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

58. Visit of Prof. Kuruppasseril Varkey Thomas, MP, Lok Sabha & Chairman, Public Accounts Committee to attend Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committee (ACPAC) Conference 2015 in Adelaide, Australia from 15 to 18 April, 2015.

The Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committee (ACPAC) Conference 2015 was held in Adelaide, Australia from 15 to 18 April, 2015. Prof. Kuruppasseril

Varkey Thomas, MP, Lok Sabha & Chairman, Public Accounts Committee (PAC) participated in the event. Shri A.K. Singh, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Secretary to the Delegation also attended the event.

2. The event was held under the overall theme "Inquiring Minds-Public Accountability". Hon'ble Member & Chairman, PAC took part as Guest Speaker in the Session entitled "The role of Public Accounts committee Members – International perspective".

An amount of Rs. 9,27,126/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

59. IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians held in Tokyo, on 27 & 28 May, 2015.

The IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians held in Tokyo, on 27 & 28 May, 2015. Shri Ritabrata Banerjee, MP and Shri Dushyant Chautala, MP participated in the event. Shri Pramod Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Secretary to the Delegation also attended the event.

2. During the event deliberations were held on the following topics:-

- (i) Youth in a world of socio-economic crisis;
- (ii) What is the youth vision of a prosperous world and how can it be achieved?
- (iii) Can young people help eliminate violence and conflict through the democratic process?
- (iv) What concrete actions should young parliamentarians take to advance peace and prosperity? What are the challenges for the future?; and
- (v) Is it possible for young people to grow up in a culture of non-violence in today's world?

An amount of Rs. 6,89,150/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit

(Lok Sabha component).

60. Third Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments held in Geneva (Switzerland) on 1 & 2 June, 2015.

The Third Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments was held in IPU Headquarter, Geneva (Switzerland). Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the Meeting. Secretary General, Lok Sabha accompanied the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha.

2. During the meeting of the Preparatory Committee, the Presiding Officers considered and approved the agenda and draft outcome document of the 4th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament. The participants also interacted with officials of United Nations on the inter-connections between the Speakers' Conference and the UN Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals.

An amount of Rs. 5,22,866/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

61. The Meeting of the Standing Committee of Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) held in Jakarta (Indonesia) on 19 and 20 August, 2015.

The Meeting of the Standing Committee of Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) was held in Jakarta (Indonesia) on 19 and 20 August, 2015. Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, MP and Dr. Kulamani Samal, MP participated in the event. Shri Shiv Singh, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Secretary to the Delegation also attended the event.

2. During the Meeting following subject items were discussed:-
- (i) Linking Economic Growth to Sustainable Development Goals for Peace and Prosperity;
 - (ii) The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Time to Take Action;
- and

visit.

(iii) Financial Affairs: Ensuring Efforts for Economic Growth.

An amount of Rs. 11, 21,790/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid

62. (i) 10th Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament and (ii) Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament held in New York (U.S.A.) from 29 August to 2 September, 2015.

The (i) 10th Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament and (ii) Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament was held in New York (U.S.A.) from 29th August to 2nd September, 2015. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha attended the above said events. Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament.

2. The Tenth Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament discussed the following topics:-

- (i) Theme 1: Democracy: Innovating for more gender inclusive decision making processes and bodies
- (ii) Theme 2: Peace: Innovating to end violence against women and harmful practices, in particular in conflict situations
- (iii) Theme 3: Development: Innovating for financing for gender equality

3. The Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament held from 31st August to 2nd September, 2015, discussed the following subject items:-

- (i) A General Debate was held on "Placing Democracy at the Service of Peace and Sustainable Development, Building the World the People Want". Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the debate.
- (ii) Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the panel discussions on "Parliamentary oversight: Challenges and opportunities" and "Translating the SDGs into action".
- (iii) Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha also Chaired the Session of the Conference from 1015 hours to 1200 hours on 2nd September, 2015.
- (iv) The Conference was culminated with the adoption of a Final declaration.

An amount of Rs. 8,55,075/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

63. the 36th General Assembly of AIPA was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 6 to 12 September, 2015.

The 36th General Assembly of AIPA was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 6 to 12 September, 2015. Shri Ganesh Singh, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri C.R Chaudhary, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the event. Smt. Sudesh Luthra, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Secretary to the Delegation also attended the event.

2. During the Meeting the delegates discussed the topic entitled "Engaging a People-Oriented, People Centred ASEAN Community Towards Inclusiveness".

An amount of Rs. 13,41,000/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

64. Meetings of (i) the 34th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO; (ii) Parliamentary Session within the framework of WTO Public Forum 2015; and (iii) WTO Public Forum 2015 held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 30th September to 2nd October, 2015.

Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Chairman, Standing Committee of Information Technology and the Member of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO participated in the above meetings.

2. During the above events, discussions were focused on the following themes:-

- (i) WTO Public Forum: 'Trade Works'.
- (ii) Parliamentary Panel within the framework of WTO Public Forum 2015:
 - (a) 'Reducing trade costs: why speedy legislative action on the Trade Facilitation Agreement is of paramount importance'; and
 - (b) The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement(TFA).
- (iii) 34th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO:

- (a) Update on recent developments at the WTO; and
- (b) Impressions of the WTO Public Forum, 2015.

An amount of Rs. 5,49,013/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

65. South Asian Speakers' Summit on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 30-31 January 2016

The South Asian Speakers' Summit on Achieving the Sustainable Development goals (SDGs) was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 30-31 January 2016. The above event was being organized by Inter-Parliamentary Union in partnership with the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha has participated in the above said event. Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri Cyril John, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha and Secretary to the Delegation also attended the event.

An amount of Rs.1,15,161/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

66. Meeting of 35th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Brussels on 16 and 17 February, 2016.

Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Chairman, Standing Committee of Information Technology and the Member of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO participated in the event.

- (i) During the above event, discussions were focused on :
 - (i) **Theme:** 35th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO;
 - a) Update on recent developments at the WTO; and
 - b) Benefits of trade investment for the Least Developed Countries

An amount of Rs.1,91,770/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

67. Annual 2016 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva, Switzerland on 13 and 14 June, 2016

Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha, Chairman, Standing Committee of Information Technology and the Member of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, Dr. Kirit Jayantilal Somaiya, MP Lok Sabha and Shri Pavan Kumar Verma, MP, Rajya Sabha participated in the event. Smt. Kalpana Sharma, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha and Secretary to the Delegation also attended the event.

(i) During the above event Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP made a presentation on the theme "Making trade work for development after Nairobi". Discussions were also held on the following Subject items of the Agenda:

- (i) WTO in the area of mega-regional trade agreements;
- (ii) Post-Nairobi work: reflections on the future of the WTO;
- (iii) Trade as vehicle of social progress: The gender perspective;
- (iv) Best practices: Trade-related capacity building; and
- (v) The riddles of the WTO dispute settlement system.

In the concluding Session of the Annual meet the Participants adopted an outcome document.

An amount of Rs.9,79,893/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

68. World e-Parliament Conference held from 28 to 30 June 2016 in Valparaiso, Chile

The World e-Parliament Conference was held from 28 to 30 June 2016 in Valparaiso, Chile. Dr. Sunil Baliram Gaikwad, MP, Lok Sabha has participated in the above said event. Smt. Sushma Rungta, Director, Lok Sabha and Secretary to the Delegation also attended the event.

The World e-Parliament Conference during its sessions exchanged good practices in the area of information and communication technology (ICT) and the draft Report on "World e-Parliament - 2016" was adopted.

An amount of Rs.20,31,866/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

69. First SAARC Young Parliamentarians' Conference on Peace and Harmony for Development held in Islamabad, Pakistan from 16-18 August, 2016.

The First SAARC Young Parliamentarians' Conference on Peace and Harmony for Development was held in Islamabad, Pakistan from 16-18 August, 2016. Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, MP, Lok Sabha and Leader of the Delegation; Shri Alok Tiwari, MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri Devji Mansingram Patel, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri Devender Singh, Additional Secretary and Secretary to the Delegation attended the above Conference. The Conference *inter alia* discussed the following themes:

4. Inter Parliamentary Linkages,
5. SAARC Sustainable Development Goals-Tackling Inequality to Encourage emancipation,
6. Towards Regional Integration-ideas for future, and
7. SAARC Youth Charter-Challenges and Success Stories.

An amount of Rs. 6,24,120/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

70. The 18th General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Parliamentarians' Conference on Environment and Development (APPCED) held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 10 -12 November, 2016.

The 18th General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Parliamentarians' Conference on Environment and Development (APPCED) was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 10-12 November, 2016. Shri Parvesh Sahib Singh, MP, Lok Sabha attended the above General Assembly.

The theme of the Conference was '*UN-SDGs and International*

Development'.

An amount of Rs. 1,88,596/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

71. Launch of the Global Appeal 2017 to end Stigma and Discrimination Against Persons affected by Leprosy held in Delhi on 30 January, 2017.

The Launch of the Global Appeal 2017 to end Stigma and Discrimination Against Persons affected by Leprosy was held in Delhi on 30 January, 2017. Dr. C. P. Thakur, MP, Rajya Sabha and Leader of the Delegation; Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha; Dr. K. Kamaraj, MP, Lok Sabha and Smt. Kalpana Sharma, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Secretary to the delegation attended the above programme.

72. 2017 South Asian Speakers' Summit on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, 18-20 February, 2017 India.

The South Asian Speakers' Summit on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals was held in Indore on 18-19 February 2017. It was organized by the Parliament of India and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). It aimed at identifying specific actions that will advance the integration of the SDGs in the region. The Speakers of the national Parliaments of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka deliberated on the theme *Strengthening regional cooperation and resources for the SDGs*. The 'Indore Declaration' was adopted during the Summit.

73. Meeting of 38th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Brussels on 9th March 2017.

Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Chairman, Standing Committee of Information Technology and the Member of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO participated in the above Meeting.

During the above events, discussions were focused on the following themes:-

- (i) Update on Recent Developments at the WTO;
- (ii) Trade as a Tool to Promote Human Rights; and
- (iii) The Impact of the United States 2016 Presidential Election on the WTO.

An amount of Rs. 2,55,045/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

74. Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committee Biennial Conference held in Brisbane, Queensland (Australia) on 19-21 April, 2017.

The Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committee Biennial Conference was held in Brisbane, Queensland (Australia) on 19-21 April, 2017. Prof. K.V. Thomas, MP, Lok and Leader of the Delegation and Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha had Participated in the aforesaid event. Shri A.K. Singh, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Secretary to the Delegation had also attend the event.

An amount of Rs. 15,77,518/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit

75. Regional Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of the Asia-Pacific held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 25-26 April, 2017.

The Regional Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of the Asia-Pacific was held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 25-26 April, 2017. Shri Rahul Kaswan, MP, Lok Sabha and Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha had participated in the aforesaid event. Shri Yatindra Mohan Kandpal, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Secretary to the Delegation also attended the event.

An amount of Rs. 5,99,311/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit

76. Regional Seminar on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the Parliaments in the Asia-Pacific region held in Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam) on 11-13 May 2017.

The Regional Seminar on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the Parliaments in the Asia-Pacific region was held in Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam) on 11-13 May 2017. Shri Rattan Lal Kataria, MP, Lok Sabha had participated in the aforesaid event. Shri Rajinder Singh Kambo, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretary and Secretary to the Delegation also attended the event.

An amount of Rs. 8,62,392/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

77. Second Meeting of Speakers of Eurasian Countries' Parliaments held in Seoul (Korea) on 26-28 June 2017.

The Second Meeting of Speakers of Eurasian Countries' Parliaments was held in Seoul (Korea) on 26-28 June 2017. Shri Suresh Chanabasappa Angadi, MP, Lok Sabha and Chairman of the House Committee had participated in the aforesaid event. The delegation deliberated on the subject '*Promotion of Inter Parliamentary Cooperation for Common Prosperity in the Eurasian Region*'.

An amount of Rs. 1,20,736/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

78. World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development held in NusaDua, Bali (Indonesia) from 5 to 7 September, 2017.

The World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development was held in Nusa Dua, Bali (Indonesia) from 5 to 07 September, 2017. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan attended the Forum. Shri Rakesh Singh, MP, Lok Sabha, Shri Jose K. Mani, MP, Lok Sabha, Smt. Riti Pathak, MP, Lok Sabha, Shri La. Ganesan, MP Rajya Sabha and Shri Anoop Mishra, Secretary General, Lok Sabha were also part of the delegation. Shri Ajay Kumar Munshi, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

The Forum deliberated on the several subjects of topical relevance focusing on Sustainable Development Goals including inclusive and equitable development, climate change, peaceful co-existence, women land rights, contribution of women leaders, post legislative scrutiny on SDGs issues, regional cooperation, etc.

At the end of the event, a declaration namely 'Bali Declaration' was adopted on the theme "Achieving the 2030 Agenda through Inclusive Development". However, India decided to dissociate itself from the adoption of the declaration.

An amount of Rs. 20,58,469/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

79. 38th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter Parliamentary Assembly held in Manila, Philippines from 14 to 20 September,2017.

The 38th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter Parliamentary Assembly was held in Manila, Philippines from 14-20 September,2017. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation was invited to attend the event in the capacity of observer member state. Shri Ganesh Singh, MP, Lok Sabha represented the Indian side in the aforesaid Assembly. The main theme of the Assembly was "AIPA and ASEAN Partnering for Inclusive Change". Shri Atul Kaushik, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the delegation.

An amount of Rs. 4,94,356/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

80. Meetings of (i) 39th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO; (ii) Parliamentary Session within the framework of WTO Public Forum 2017; and (iii) WTO Public Forum 2017 held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 26 to 28 September, 2017.

Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha, Chairman, Standing Committee of Information Technology and the Member of the IPU Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO participated in the above Meetings. During the abovementioned meetings, discussions were held on the following themes:-

- (i) Trade: Behind the Headlines;
- (ii) Making Trade Fair: The contribution of Parliaments; and
- (iii) Update on recent developments at the WTO including preparation of the 11th Ministerial Conference in Argentina

An amount of Rs. 4,49,116/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

81. Fourth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians held in Ottawa (Canada) from 17 to 18 November, 2017

The Fourth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians was held in Ottawa (Canada) from 17 to 18 November, 2017. Shri Prathap Simha, MP; Smt. Priyanka Singh Rawat, MP; Shri Conard Kongkal Sangma, MP; and Shri Mir Mohammad Fayaz, MP attended the conference. Shri Dal Singh Malha, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

During the abovementioned conference, discussions were held on the following themes.

- (i) Young people on the move: Migration and asylum seeking in the 21st Century;
- (ii) Inclusive Growth and Trade, Environmental Sustainability and Improved Well-being; and
- (iii) Inclusive Political Participation.

An Outcome document was also adopted during the event.

An amount of Rs. 29,14,886 /-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

82. International Parliamentary Conference in Astana, Kazakhstan on 27 November 2017

Shri Richard Hay, MP attended an International Parliamentary Conference held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 27 November 2017. The conference was organised in the honour of the 'Day of the First President of Kazakhstan'.

An amount of Rs. 1,30,307/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

83. "Parliamentarian Against Drugs" held in Moscow, Russian Federation on 4 December 2017.

An International Conference on the subject "Parliamentarian Against Drugs" was held in Moscow, Russian Federation on 4 December 2017. Dr. Yashwant Singh, MP and Shri Harish Chandra Meena, MP attended the Conference. Smt Abha Singh Yaduvanshi, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation. During the Conference discussions were held on the following sub themes;

- (i) Improving of the Legislative Regulation of Combating the Illicit Drug Trafficking.
- (ii) Drug Addiction: Modern Approaches to the Treatment and Rehabilitation; and
- (iii) The Role of the NGO in fight against Drugs.

An amount of Rs. 7,73,833/-(approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

84. Annual 2017 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, Buenos Aires (Argentina), 9 to 10 December 2017

The Annual 2017 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO was held in Buenos Aires (Argentina) between 9 to 10 December 2017. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP; Dr. Kirit Jayantilal Somaiya, MP and Shri Swapan Dasgupta, MP attended the Conference. Shri Abhijit Kumar, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation. During the session, interactive debates were held and related reports were presented on the following themes:

- (i) E-commerce and the Internationalization of SMEs; and
- (ii) The Role of Multilateralism In Times of Rising Protectionism

An amount of Rs. 24,03,674/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

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

The Third South Asian Speakers' Summit on SDGs was held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 11 -12 July, 2018. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha led a parliamentary delegation to the event which consisted of Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita, MP, Rajya Sabha and Secretary General, Lok Sabha. An Outcome Document was adopted at the conclusion of the above event.

Elaborate deliberations were held on a number of crucial issues pertaining to SDGs under the overall theme of the summit "*promoting regional parliamentary co-operation for sustainable, equitable and green economic growth*".

An amount of Rs. 5,92,050/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

(86) 39th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter- Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in Singapore from 3-7 September, 2018

Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, MP, Lok Sabha attended the 39th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter- Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in Singapore from 3-8 September, 2018. The overall theme of the assembly was "*Towards a Resilient and Innovative Community*". Hon'ble Member made a statement on the said theme and also participated in a dialogue session with AIPA Observer countries on the topic "*Exchange of Experiences on Climate Action and Active Ageing*".

An amount of Rs. 2,80,580/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

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

First Meeting of the Parliamentarians' Evaluation Forum 'EVAL COLOMBO 2018' was held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) from 17 to 19 September, 2018. Shri Jagdambika Pal, MP, Lok Sabha and Mrs. Vandana Hemant Chavan, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the above meeting. Smt. Anita Bhatt Panda, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation.

Indian delegation made an effective participation on all the issues/topics deliberated during the above meeting under the overall theme "Responsible Parliament: Mainstreaming Evaluation in the Agenda 2030 Era".

An amount of Rs. 2,84,148/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

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

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

An amount of Rs. 7,83,348/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

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

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

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

An amount of Rs. 9,80,773/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

(90) Meetings of (i) 42nd Session of the IPU Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO; (ii) Parliamentary Session within the framework of WTO Public Forum 2018; and (iii) WTO Public Forum 2018 held in Geneva from 2-5 October, 2018

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

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

An amount of Rs. 3,06,457/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

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

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

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

- (i) Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha met H.E. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, IPU and discussed matters of mutual interest. Mr. Nigel Evans (MP, House of Commons) was also present during the meeting.
- (ii) Hon'ble Speaker had a meeting with Mr. Marcelo German Wechsler, the President of India-Argentina Friendship Group, and Diputade De La Nacion
- (iii) Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, met Mr. Mikhail Emelianov (MP, 1st Deputy Head of the State Duma) and Mr. Pavel Shcherbakov (Deputy Head of the 1st Deputy Chairman). Issues of mutual interest were discussed during the said bilateral meeting.

An amount of Rs. 52,04,264/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

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

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Shri Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre, MP, Lok Sabha, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, MP, Rajya Sabha and accompanied by Smt. Manju Sharma, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat as Secretary to the delegation attended the Eighth World e-Parliament Conference held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 3 - 5 December, 2018.

The theme of the Conference was *Parliaments, Technology and Innovation*. An Outcome Document was also adopted at the conclusion of the event.

An amount of Rs. 5,61,450/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

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

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

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

An amount of Rs. 9,24,956/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha component).

(94) Call on Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha

HE Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, Inter Parliamentary Union and Senator, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Mexico called on Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 12 December, 2018 at Parliament House Annexe, Extension Building.

An amount of Rs. 54,514/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid Call on.

(95) Fourth South Asian Speakers' Summit on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held in Male, Maldives on 1 and 2 September, 2019.

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

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

Following seminars were held during the Summit.

- (i) Plenary Session: Follow up to Colombo Declaration (2018)
- (ii) Session II : Achieving SDGs 2 and 3- Nutrition and food security as drivers of maternal, child and adolescent health in the Asia Pacific Region.
- (iii) Session III : Catalyzing the global agenda on ultimate change overcoming challenges and utilizing opportunities to strengthen the regional agenda for delivering on the Paris Agreement.

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

The Summit adopted „Male Declaration“ an outcome document containing

summery of conclusions and recommendations of the meeting. A Male Declaration was also adopted at the end of the Summit.

An amount of Rs. 4,87,905 (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha Component).

(96) IPU-UN Regional Conference on Countering Terrorism and Extremism held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 30 September to 3 October, 2019

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

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

An amount of Rs. 3,06,457 (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha Component).

97. Meetings of (i) 44th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO; (ii) Parliamentary Session within the framework of WTO Public Forum 2019; and (iii) WTO Public Forum 2019 held in Geneva, Switzerland from 7th to 11th October, 2019

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

- (i) Update on recent developments at the WTO including preliminary discussion on the arrangements for the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO on the occasion of the 12th Ministerial Conference in Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan)

- (ii) Trade Forward: Adapting to a Changing World.
- (iii) What role for Parliamentarians in digital trade?

An amount of Rs. 5,61,450 (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit (Lok Sabha Component).

98. The 6th G 20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P 20) held in Tokyo, Japan from 3-5 November, 2019.

The Sixth G 20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P 20) jointly organized by the House of Councillors of the National Diet of Japan and the Inter Parliamentary Union, Geneva was held in Tokyo , Japan from 3 to 5 November, 2019. Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha accompanied by Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha participated in the aforesaid Summit. Sh. PC Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation. The Summit involved three sessions on the following themes:

Session I -"Promotion of Free, Open and Fair Trade and Investment"
Session II-"Utilization of Innovative Technology towards a Human-Centered Future Society"
Session III. -"Efforts towards Resolution of Global Challenges and Achievement of the SDGs (Financing for Devselopment, Need for Transparent and Effective Government etc)".

Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha attend the above three Sessions and delivered a key note address during the Session-II. Hon'ble Speaker also intervned and made a Statement during the Session-III. At the end of the Summit a 'Joint Statement" was also adopted.

During the Visit, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha also addressed a select gathering of the Indian Diaspora in Tokyo. The Event was organized by the Embassy of India in Tokyo, Japan.

An amount of Rs. 12,57,634 (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

99. Inaugural session of People’s Majilis (Parliament of Maldives)

Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha attended the Inaugural Session of

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

100. Meeting of the 45th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on WTO

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

During the meeting following agenda items were discussed:

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

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

An amount of Rs. 3,63,912/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

101. Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP)

The Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP) was organised in Virtual format by the Inter Parliamentary Union, (IPU) Geneva in collaboration with the Parliament of Austria and the United Nations Organisation on 19 and 20 August 2020. Originally, the Conference was to be organised in physical format in Vienna, Austria in August, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the in-person Conference was postponed until July, 2021.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the above-mentioned Virtual Conference. Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha also attended the Conference.

The overall theme of the Conference was "*Parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the*

people and planet". The agenda of the 5WCSP *inter-alia* included an Interactive Debate on 'Health, climate and the economy' and five thematic panel discussions on the following themes:

- a. Stepping up parliamentary action: the climate change emergency;
- b. Human mobility in pursuit of a better life: challenges, opportunities and solutions;
- c. Improving governance by bridging the gap between Parliaments and the people;
- d. Forging inclusive and sustainable economies that deliver well-being and justice for all; and
- e. Countering terrorism and violent extremism: the perspective of victims.

The Indian Parliamentary Delegation attended the above mentioned five thematic Panel discussions. **Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha addressed the Conference on the theme "*Improving Governance by bridging the gap between Parliament and people.*"**

A Declaration was adopted at the end of the Conference.

102. Virtual Call on by Mr. Duarte Pacheco, MP, Parliament of Portugal and IPU Presidential Candidate (2020-23)

On 25 August, 2020, Mr. Duarte Pacheco, MP, Parliament of Portugal and Chairperson of the Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group of IPU apprised Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha about his candidacy for the next IPU Presidency (2020-23) and sought support of Parliament of India for self.

103. 41st General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

The 41st General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) was held from 8 to 10 September 2020 in virtual mode. The Assembly was organized by the National Assembly of Vietnam and AIPA Secretariat, Jakarta. The main theme of the Assembly was "*Parliamentary Diplomacy for Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN*".

Dr. Satya Pal Singh, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the above Assembly.

104. The 46th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference of World Trade Organization (PCWTO).

The 46th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference of World Trade Organization (PCWTO) was organized in the Virtual mode by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva and European Parliament on 30 September 2020. During the Meeting, the Members of the Steering Committee *inter-alia* received an update on major developments at the WTO. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and member of Steering Committee of PCWTO participated in the interactive Session with WTO officials on '*the challenges and opportunities ahead*'.

105. The VIth BRICS Parliamentary Forum.

The VIth BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held in Virtual format on 27 October, 2020. The meeting was chaired by the H.E. Vyachaslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. Speakers and members of five BRICS Parliaments, namely, Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa participated in the Forum. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, MP, Lok Sabha attended the Virtual Forum. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha addressed the said Forum on the theme "*BRICS partnership in the interest of the global stability. General safety and innovative growth: Parliamentary dimension*". Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, MP, Lok Sabha also delivered a statement on the same.

(106) Parliamentary Webinar of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference of World Trade Organisation (PCWTO)

A Parliamentary Webinar of Parliamentary Conference of World Trade Organisation (PCWTO) was organised by the IPU Secretariat, Geneva and European Parliament on 3 December, 2020.

The theme of the said Webinar was "*The global post COVID-19 economy: Devising sustainable trade policies to support the fight against poverty*". An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and

Member of the Steering Committee of PCWTO participated in the said Webinar.

(107) 11th International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Legislators Forum – 2021 held in Virtual mode on 13 January 2021

Shri CS Bellana, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the Legislators Forum on 13 January 2021 and expressed India's point of view on the theme "Parliamentary actions to scale up renewable investments: Renewable energy as an enabler of services".

(108) Visit of H.E. Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva to India from 14-20 March 2021.

In November 2020, HE Mr. Duarte Pacheco, MP, Parliament of Portugal was elected as the President of IPU for a three years' term. On the special invitation of Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla, HE Pacheco visited India from 14-20 March 2021. It was his first visit to any member country of the IPU.

Under the auspices of Indian Parliamentary Group (IPG), HE Pacheco addressed the Members of Parliament at Central Hall, Parliament House in a historical felicitation ceremony. He called on Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs Dr. S. Jaishankar, and Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) Shri Kiren Rijju and interacted with Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs. The Visiting Dignitary also witnessed the proceedings of both Houses of our Parliament.

HE Pacheco also visited Goa and called on Hon'ble Speaker, Goa Legislative Assembly Shri Rajesh Patnekar. He also called on Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Goa Shri Pramod Sawant and Leader of Opposition, Goa Legislative Assembly Shri Digambar Kamat. While visiting Agra, he was facilitated by Mayor, Agra City Shri Naveen Jain and other prominent civil society groups.

(109) Virtual Meeting of the 47th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held on 15 April 2021.

The Meeting of 47th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Virtual format on 15 April 2021.

Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and Member of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO participated in the above meeting.

During the meeting there was Interactive discussion with the new Director General of the WTO. Apart from that following subject was also discussed by delegates.

“Parliamentary priorities for 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) and global trade during the post-COVID 19 era”

(110) Virtual Parliamentary Meeting on the sidelines of High Level UN Meeting on HIV/AIDS

On 7 June 2021, IPU in collaboration with UNAIDS organized a Parliamentary Meeting on the sidelines of High Level UN Meeting on HIV/AIDS. The theme of the said Parliamentary Meeting was *“The role of Parliaments in addressing inequalities to end AIDS by 2030”*. The Meeting *inter-alia* reviewed and discuss the new Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026, and the role Parliaments and Parliamentarians could play in achieving it along with ending the discrimination and inequalities related to HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha and the member of IPU Advisory Group on Health participated in the above virtual meeting.

(111) Virtual High-level Parliamentary Meeting in the context of the UN Food Summit 2021.

On 23 June 2021, the IPU organized a Virtual High-level Parliamentary Meeting in the context of UN Food Summit 2021. The objective of the meeting was to ensure parliamentary contribution to the UN Food Systems Summit to be held in September 2021. Accordingly, the meeting sought to build understanding of food systems and discussed how parliamentary actions could be leveraged to expedite the progress

towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to ending poverty and malnutrition by 2030.

Sh. Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha and the member of the IPU Standing Committee on Sustainable Development participated in the above virtual meeting.

(112) COVID-19 pandemic recovery through a human rights lens: What contribution from parliaments?

The Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) in collaboration with the Office of United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) organized a virtual Global Workshop for Parliamentarians on 29 and 30 June 2021. The main theme of the workshop was “*COVID-19 pandemic recovery through a human rights lens: What contribution from parliaments?*” The workshop which lasted for two days covered four sessions related with the main theme.

Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP Rajya Sabha and the member of the IPU Committee on Promoting Respect to International Humanitarian Law participated in the above four sessions.

(113) Virtual Meeting of APA Standing Committee on Budget & Planning held on 4 August 2021.

The Meeting of Standing Committee on Budget and Planning of Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) was organized by Parliament of Russian Federation on 4 August 2021 in virtual mode on agenda “of payment of contributions by Member Parliaments to APA Budget”. Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP Lok Sabha participated in the event.

(114) Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament and First Global Parliamentary Summit on Countering Terrorism held in Vienna, Austria from 7 to 9 September 2021.

The Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP) was held in Vienna, Austria on 7-8 September 2021. The overall theme of the 5WCSP is "Parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the people and planet". Subsequently, immediately after the 5WCSP, the First Global Parliamentary Summit on Countering Terrorism was also held in Vienna, Austria on 9 September 2021.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha accompanied by Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha; and Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha participated in the above events. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

During the 5WCSP, Hon'ble Speaker Shri Birla addressed the distinguished gathering on the Motion-II of the Conference on the theme 'The global response to the COVID-19 pandemic challenges multilateralism's ability to deliver for the people'.

As one of the four lead Speakers, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, also introduced the Motion IV of the Conference on the theme. "Repealing laws that discriminate against women and girls is the only path towards achieving gender equality". Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha also responded to the queries of the participants during the debate on the Motion IV.

Further, Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha also participated in the Panel Discussion held during the 5WCSP on the theme "Parliaments and Global Governance: The Unfinished Agenda".

At the end of the 5WCSP a High-Level Declaration on the overall theme of the Conference was adopted.

After, the 5WCSP, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha also attended the First Global Parliamentary Summit on Countering Terrorism. Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha delivered a speech during the Session-I on the Summit on the theme "Parliamentary Response to Support the Victims of Terrorism".

On the sidelines of the events, the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha met H E Duarte Pacheco, President of IPU. Hon'ble Speaker also held bilateral meetings with the following Presiding Officers; (i) H E Mr. Roberto Fico, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies; (ii) H E Gombojav Zandanshatar, Chairman of Great Hural of Mongolia; (iii) H E Manzoor Nadir; Speaker of the National Assembly of Guyana; (iv) H E Dinh Hue Vuong, President of the National Assembly of Vietnam; (v) H E Mr. Byeong-Seung Park, Speaker of the National

Assembly, Republic of Korea; (vi) H E Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Speaker of the Council of the Federation, Russian Federation; (vii) H E Ms. Annita Demetriou, President of the House of Representatives, Cyprus; (viii) H E Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker of Parliament of Bangladesh; (ix) H E Ms. Esperanca Laurinda Francisco Nhiuane Bias, Speaker of Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique; (x) H E Mr. Saqr Ghobash, Speaker of the Federal National Council, United Arab Emirates; (xi) H E Mr. Wolfgang Sobotka, Speaker of National Council, Austria; (xii) H E Mr. Lukas Sinimbo Muha, Chairperson of the National Council, Namibia and (xiii) H E Advocate Jacob Francis Nzwidamilimo Mudenda, Speaker of the National Assembly, Zimbabwe On the side-lines of the 5WCSP, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha also met the following dignitaries (i) H E Ms. Edite Estrela, Deputy Speaker of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal; (ii) H E Mr. Joseph Owusu Osei, First Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Ghana; and (iii) H E Ms. Elham Azad, Head of the IPU Group of Parliament of Iran.

An amount of Rs. 17,77,686/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

(115) Meetings of (i) WTO Public Forum 2021; and (ii) Parliamentary Panel within the framework of WTO Public Forum 2021 held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 28 to 30 September 2021.

The WTO Public Forum 2021 and Parliamentary Session within the framework of WTO Public Forum 2021 took place in Geneva, Switzerland from 28 to 30 September 2021. The theme of the WTO Public Forum 2021 was 'Trade Beyond COVID-19: Building Resilience'. Parliamentary Panel within the framework of WTO Public Forum 2021 discussed the subject 'Strengthen the multilateral trading system through the equitable governance of work'. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha participated in these events.

An amount of Rs. 3,82,600/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

(116) The Seventh G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) held in Rome, Italy on 7-8 October 2021.

The Seventh G-20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit was held in Rome, Italy on 7-8 October 2021 on the overall theme of "*Parliaments for People, Planet and Prosperity.*"

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, and comprising of Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha; Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha; and Dr. PPK Ramacharyulu, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha attended the Summit. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

During the Summit, the participating Delegates deliberated on three sub-themes under the broad ambit of the overall theme. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in Session-I on the theme "*Response to the Social and Employment Crisis caused by the Pandemic*", during which he made an intervention highlighting India's initiatives for saving lives and livelihoods during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha was the Keynote Speaker for Session-II on the theme "*Rebooting Economic Growth in terms of Social and Environmental Sustainability*", wherein he emphasized that all countries need to join hands in finding solutions to address the challenge of Climate Change and ensure sustainable economic development.

Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in Session-III of the Summit on the theme "*Sustainability and Food Security after the Pandemic.*" At the end of the Summit, a Joint Statement was adopted based on the overall theme of the Summit highlighting the solidarity of all G20 Parliaments amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic.

On the side-lines of the Summit, the IPD led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha held bilateral meetings with the following dignitaries (i) Rt. Hon'ble Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of House of Commons, UK (ii) H.E. Mr. Reiner Haseloff, President of Bundesrat, Germany; (iii) H.E. Mr. Jan Anthonie Bruijn, President of the Senate of Netherlands (iv) H.E. Ms. Maria Elisa Alberti Casellati, President, of the Italian Senate (v) H.E. Ms. Puan Maharani, Speaker of the House of Representative, Indonesia (vi) H.E. Ms. Nosiviwe Mapisa Nqakula, Speaker of the National Assembly of South Africa.

Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha also met H.E. Mr. Konstantin Kosachev, Deputy Speaker, Council of Federation, Russia. IPD led by Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha also interacted with the members of the Italy-India Parliamentary Friendship Group.

An amount of Rs. 18,96,727/- (approx.) has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

(117) 48th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on WTO held on 31 March 2022 in virtual format.

Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and Member of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO (PCWTO) participated in the Meeting of the 48th Session of the Steering Committee in virtual format on 31 March 2022. The Session *inter-alia* held discussion on the possible activities of the PCWTO in the context of the upcoming 12th WTO Ministerial Conference to be held in Geneva in June 2022.

(118) Virtual Parliamentary Forum on Research and Library Cooperation held on 17 May 2022 in virtual format.

Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) organized a Parliamentary Forum in virtual format on Research and Library Cooperation in commemoration of 15 years of Parliamentary Achievements in Asia on 17 May 2022. Dr. Venkata Satyavathi Beesetti, MP, Lok Sabha and Member of the Library Committee of Parliament of India participated in the above meeting

(119) Meeting of the 49th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva on 13 June 2022.

The Meeting of the 49th Session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO was held in Geneva on 13 June 2022. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha, and Member of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO participated in the above meeting.

(120) 8th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians held in Sharm el-Shiekh, Egypt on 15-16 June 2022

The 8th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians was held in Sharm el-Shiekh, Egypt on 15-16 June 2022 on the theme "Parliamentary Action to fight Climate Change." An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, MP, Lok Sabha, and comprising of Shri Bhola Singh, MP, Lok Sabha and Smt. S. Phangnon Konyak, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the aforesaid conference. Shri Yogendra Singh, Deputy Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation.

An amount of Rs. 8,90,000/- has been spent on the aforesaid

meeting.

(121) Commemoration of International Day of Parliamentarism

On 30 June 2022, the Parliament of India participated in the commemoration of the International Day of Parliamentarism on the theme "How does your Parliament engage with the Public?". On the occasion, a short video message featuring public engagement initiatives of Parliament of India along with a congratulatory message by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha was broadcasted on SANSAD TV and social media Platforms of Lok Sabha and IPU, Geneva. Members of our Parliament who are associated with various IPU bodies also posted congratulatory messages on social media platforms and wished the people for the day

(122) Visit of the Parliamentary Delegation from ASEAN Parliaments to India from 10-14 August 2022

As part of 75 years of India's Independence and India-ASEAN Friendship Year to commemorate the 30 years of the establishment of India-ASEAN relations, a ASEAN Parliamentary Delegation comprising of 11 Members of Parliament from six ASEAN countries and led by H.E. Kittisethabindit Cheam Yeap, First Vice President of the National Assembly of Cambodia visited India from 10-14 August 2022. The Delegation consisted of (i) Hon. Chheang Vun, Member of National Assembly of Cambodia; (ii) Hon. Suos Yara, Member of National Assembly of Cambodia; (iii) Hon. Chhit Kim Yeap, Member of National Assembly of Cambodia; (iv) Hon. Sanya Praseuth, Member of Parliament of Lao PDR; (v) Hon. Karupaiya Mutusami, Member of Parliament of Malaysia; (vi) Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan bin Md. Yusof, Member of Parliament of Malaysia; (vii) Hon. Vikram Nair, Member of Parliament of Singapore; (viii) Hon. Dr. Fadli Zon, Member of Parliament of Indonesia; (ix) Hon. Nguyen Thi Le Thuy, Member of National Assembly of Vietnam; (x) Hon. Pham Phu Binh, Member of National Assembly of Vietnam. Ms. Nguyen Tuong Van, Secretary General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Secretariat also accompanied the Delegation.

During the visit, the Delegation participated in the "India-ASEAN Parliamentary Dialogue" with an Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and consisting of Shri Surendra Singh Nagar, MP, Rajya Sabha and Shri Raju Bista, MP, Lok Sabha on 11 August 2022 and discussed ways to strengthen parliamentary cooperation between the two sides.

The Delegation also called on Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Vice President of India & Chairman, Rajya Sabha, and Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs, Government of India. The Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE) gave a briefing on their training programme to the delegation.

Apart from Delhi, the delegation visited Taj Mahal at Agra. Before their return, the delegation had an interview with Sansad TV, sharing their experience of visiting India.

An amount of Rs. 2180266/- has been spent on aforesaid visit.

(123) 8th BRICS Parliamentary Forum

The Eighth BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held in Virtual Format on 6th September, 2022 under the Chairship of Parliament of China. The main theme of the Forum was *Leverage the role of Legislature to faster high quality BRICS Partnership*. Shri P.P. Chaudhary, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the above Forum.

(124) International Conference on "Science, Ethics, and Human Development" held in Quy Nhon, Vietnam from 13-16 September 2022.

The International Conference on "Science, Ethics, and Human Development" was held in Quy Nhon, Vietnam from 13-16 September 2022. The Conference was organized by International Centre for Interdisciplinary Science & Education, Vietnam and Inter Parliamentary Union, Geneva. Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha and member of the IPU Working Group on Science and Technology attended the Conference.

Apart from participation in the Sessions of the above conference, Dr. Gavit also attended the Meeting of the IPU High-Level Working Group on Science and Technology on the sidelines of the Conference. She along with other participating Delegates called on H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, President of Vietnam during a special event organised by the Host.

An amount of Rs. 5,43,296/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

(125) 8th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 5-7 October 2022

The 8th G20 Speakers' Summit (P20) held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 5-7 October 2022. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha attended the Summit. Shri Utpal Kumar, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri P. C. Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha also attended the Summit. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

The main theme of the Summit was "*Stronger Parliaments for Sustainable Recovery*". Under the aforesaid overall theme, four Sessions were held on various sub- themes.

During the Summit, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the debate at the Session II on the theme "*Emerging Issues: Food and Energy Security, and Economic Challenges*"; during which he elaborated India's initiatives for ensuring food and energy security for its large population during the COVID-19 pandemic. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha was the Keynote Speaker for the Session III of the Summit on the theme "*Effective Parliaments, Vibrant Democracy*." During his keynote address, highlighting India as Mother of Democracy, Hon'ble Speaker elaborated how Democracy is not only inherent in our cultural and political values but, is also an integral part of our ideology and our life style. Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in Session IV of the Summit on the theme "*Social Inclusion, Gender Equality, and Women Empowerment*".

On the sidelines of the Summit, the IPD led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha met

H.E. Duarte Pacheco, President, IPU, and held bilateral meetings with the following dignitaries

- i. H.E. Puan Maharani, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Indonesia
- ii. H.E. Mr. Milton Dick, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Australia
- iii. H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai, Speaker of the Parliament of Thailand
- iv. H.E. Mr. Ratu, Epeli Nailatikau, Speaker of the Parliament of Fiji

Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha also met H.E. Ms. Kim Young Joo, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea. During the visit, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha also addressed a gathering of Indian Diaspora during a cultural event organized by the Embassy of India in Jakarta.

An amount of Rs. 19,32,493/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

(126) 43rd General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 20-25 November 2022.

The 43rd General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 20-25 November 2022. Dr. Satya Pal Singh, MP, Lok Sabha attended the above Assembly and delivered a Statement on the theme "Advancing together for sustainable, inclusive and resilient ASEAN". He also participated in the dialogue session between AIPA member Parliaments and Observer Parliaments on the theme "Investing in Peace, Sustainable Development and Post COVID-19 Recovery".

An amount of Rs. 4,19,110/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

(127) 289th session of the IPU Executive Committee held in virtual format on 5 December 2022.

The 289th Session of the IPU Executive Committee was held in virtual format on 5 December 2022. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha and member of the IPU Executive Committee participated in above virtual session.

(128) Webinar on the theme "Creating Safe Cyberspace for Democracy" organized by IPU.

A Webinar on the theme "Creating Safe Cyberspace for Democracy" was organized by IPU on 06 December 2022. Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the above webinar.

(129) Virtual Meeting of the Bureau of the IPU Standing Committee on UN Affairs

Km. Diya Kumari, MP, Lok Sabha and member of the Bureau of the IPU Standing Committee on UN Affairs participated in the virtual meeting of the Standing Committee on 18 January 2023.

(130) Meeting with European Parliament (virtual)

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, MP, Lok Sabha, and consisting of Shri Sushil Kumar Singh, MP, Lok Sabha and Dr. Mahesh Sharma, MP, Lok Sabha participated in a virtual meeting with the European Parliamentary delegation led by Mr. Morten Løkkegaard, Chair of Delegation for relations with India (D-In) in the European Parliament.

(131) Meeting of the 51st Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO (PCWTO) held in Brussels, Belgium on 27 April 2023

The Meeting of the 51st Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO (PCWTO) was held in Brussels, Belgium on 27 April 2023. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha, and Member of the Steering Committee of PCWTO participated in the above meeting. During the meeting, the participants received updates on the recent developments at the WTO, and shared views on promoting exchanges of good practices with respect to role of Parliaments in the

context of International Trade.

(132) The 14th meeting of IPU High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism held in virtual format on 11 May 2023

The 14th meeting of the IPU High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism was held in virtual format on 11 May 2023. Ms. Sumalatha Ambareesh, MP, Lok Sabha and Member of the IPU High- Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism participated in the above meeting.

(133) Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue held in Marrakesh, Morocco from 13-15 June 2023.

A Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue was held in Marrakesh, Morocco from 13-15 June 2023. The Conference was jointly organized by the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Parliament of the Kingdom of Morocco. During the Conference, a General Debate was held on the theme *Parliaments and religious leaders: Promoting dialogue, working together for our common future*. Various Panel Discussions on the broader themes of Rule of Law and Peace & Inclusion were also held during the Conference. Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the above Conference and participated in the aforesaid General Debate and Panel Discussions. At the end of the conference, an Outcome Document, namely, the "Marrakesh Communiqué" was adopted.

Expenditure on the above visit was borne by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

(134) The 20th General Assembly of Asia Pacific Parliamentarians' Conference on Environment and Development (APPCED) held in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 14- 15 June 2023.

The 20th General Assembly of Asia Pacific Parliamentarians' Conference on Environment and Development (APPCED) was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 14- 15 June 2023. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation comprising Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy MP, Rajya Sabha and Dr. Jayanta Kumar Roy, MP, Lok Sabha attended the above Assembly. The overall theme of the Assembly was *Climate Change and Green Growth Strategies*. At the end of the Conference, an Outcome Document, namely, "Seoul Declaration" was adopted.

An amount of Rs. 370000/- has been spent on aforesaid visit.

(135) Extraordinary meeting of the IPU Committee on International Humanitarian Law held on 16 June 2023 in virtual mode.

An Extraordinary meeting of the IPU Committee on International Humanitarian Law was held on 16 June 2023 in virtual mode. Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha and Member of IPU Committee on International Humanitarian Law Committee attended the meeting.

(136) Meeting of the Co-Rapporteurs of the IPU Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development held on 16 June 2023 in virtual mode.

IPU Standing Committee on Sustainable Development organised an expert hearing on 16 June 2023 in virtual mode in the context of the draft Resolution of the Committee on the theme "Partnerships for climate action: Promoting access to affordable green energy, and ensuring innovation, responsibility and equity".

Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha and one of the corapporteurs for drafting of the above resolution participated in the meeting.

(137) Webinar of IPU Asia Pacific Geopolitical Group

The Parliament of Australia, present Chair of the IPU Asia Pacific Geopolitical Group organized a webinar on 28 June 2023 on the theme "Engaging Youth in the work of Parliaments in the Asia Pacific Region". Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the webinar.

(138) 290th session of the IPU Executive Committee held in Lisbon, Portugal from 28-30 June 2023

The 290th session of the IPU Executive Committee was held in Lisbon, Portugal from 28-30 June 2023. Smt. Aprajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha and Member of the IPU Executive Committee attended the session.

An amount of Rs. 350000/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

(139) Celebration of the International Day of Parliamentarism on 30 June 2023

The International Day of Parliamentarism is celebrated every year on 30 June by IPU member Parliaments to commemorate the foundation day of IPU. The theme of this year's International Day of Parliamentarism focussed on *Parliaments for Planet* for mobilizing the Parliaments for climate action. On this occasion, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla wrote an article in the Hindustan Times on Green Parliament so as to spread awareness about the role of Parliaments in promoting environment sustainability. The article also received coverage on the IPU Website under the IPU News section.

(140) 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum held at Gauteng Province, South Africa from 26 to 30 September 2023

The 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held in Gauteng Province, South Africa from 26 to 30 September 2023. Shri Indra Hang Subba, Member of Parliament,

Lok Sabha attended the above Parliamentary Forum.

An amount of Rs. 760958/- was spent on the aforesaid visit.

(141) Meeting of the Chairs of the Committees on International Affairs of the BRICS Parliaments in Moscow, Russian Federation on 11-12 April 2024

In the backdrop of the preparation of the 10th BRICS Parliamentary Forum 2024, a preparatory meeting of the Chairs of the Committees of International Affairs of BRICS Parliaments was held in Moscow, Russian Federation on 11-12 April 2024. The Meeting was chaired by the Parliament of Russian Federation. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Smt. Mamata Mohanta, MP, Rajya Sabha and Dr. Sikander Kumar, MP, Rajya Sabha, Dr. K.S. Somasekhar, Additional Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat and Ms. Archana Kapil, Office of Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha attended the above-said preparatory meeting. An amount of Rs. 37,90,366/- was spent on the aforesaid visit.

(142) Parliamentary Meeting on the Occasion of the 10th World Water Forum in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia from 19-21 May 2024

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) consisting of Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu, MP, Rajya Sabha and Dr Ashok Kumar Mittal, MP, Rajya Sabha, Ms. Kusum Tiwari, Joint Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat and Mr. Sujeet Kumar, PS to Hon'ble Vice President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the Parliamentary Meeting organized on the occasion of the 10th World Water Forum in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia from 19-21 May 2024. The event was jointly organized by the Indonesian House of Representatives and the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU).

(143) 1st P20 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

Under the Brazilian Presidency of the G20 for the year 2024, the First P20 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians was held in Maceio, Brazil on 1-2 July 2024.

The Meeting was organized under the broader theme of "Building a just world and sustainable planet". An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Dr. Kalpana Saini, MP, Rajya Sabha and Smt. Sangeeta Yadav, MP, Rajya Sabha, Dr. Rosey Sailo Damodaran, Director and Ms. Aradhita Singh, Sr. PS to Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in the above Meeting.

(144) 10th BRICS Parliamentary Forum

Under Russia's Presidency of BRICS for the year 2024, the 10th BRICS Parliamentary Forum was organized in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation on 11-12 July 2024. The overall theme of the Forum was "The Role of Parliaments in Strengthening Multilateralism for Equitable Global Development and Security." An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman Rajya Sabha; Shri Shambhu Sharan Patel, MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shi P.C. Mody, Secretary General Rajya Sabha attended the Forum. Shri Anjani Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation. Shri Rajeev Dutta, Joint Secretary and OSD to HS, Shri Sujeet Kumar, PS to Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri L.V. Ramana, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Yogendra Singh, Deputy Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Himanshu Shekhar Jha, Protocol Officer to Hon'ble Speaker and Shri Deen Bandhu Barman, Personal Staff, HS accompanied the Delegation.

During the Forum following Plenary Sessions were organized on the following themes:

I. Main Plenary Sessions: The role of parliaments in increasing the efficiency of the system of international relations and ensuring its democratization

II. Extended Plenary Session I: BRICS parliamentary dimension: prospects for strengthening inter-parliamentary interaction

III. Extended Plenary Session II: The role of parliaments in countering the fragmentation of the multilateral trade system and overcoming threats related to the consequences of global crises

IV. Extended Plenary Session III: Inter-parliamentary cooperation in the

humanitarian and cultural spheres

Hon'ble Speaker addressed the participants during the Main Plenary Session and Extended Plenary Session II. Hon'ble Deputy Chairman Rajya Sabha made statements during the extended Plenary Session I and III. After the main plenary session, the leaders of the BRICS PF signed a protocol to the MoU on BRICS Parliamentary Forum and a Joint Declaration, namely, "the St. Petersburg Declaration" was also unanimously adopted by the participants.

On the sidelines of the Forum, Hon'ble Speaker held bilateral meetings with the following Presiding Officers;

- I. H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma of Russian Federation;
- II. H.E. Ms. Valentina Matviyenko, Chairwoman of the Federation Council of Russian Federation
- III. H.E. Mr. Ashimbayev MS, Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan
- IV. H.E. Mr. Igor Segeyenko, Chairman of the House of Representatives, National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus
- V. H.E. Dr. Hanafy El Gebaly, Speaker of House of Representatives of Egypt
- VI. Her Excellency Ms. Tanzila Kamalovna Narbayeva, Chairperson of the Senate of the OliyMajilis of Uzbekistan
- VII. H.E. Mr. Mahmadoir Zoir Zokirzoda, Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament of Tajikistan

After the conclusion of the 10th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, the IPD also attended an interaction programme with the prominent members of the Indian Community in Russia, which was hosted by the Embassy of

India in Moscow.

An amount of Rs. 31,43,566/- was spent on the aforesaid visit.

(145) 10th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians

The 10th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians was held in Yerevan, Armenia from 12-14 September 2024. The conference was organized by the IPU and National Assembly of Armenia. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Shri Saumitra Khan, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri Amar Pal Maurya, MP, Rajya Sabha participated in the Conference. Shri Yogendra Singh, Deputy Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat accompanied the Delegation. The main theme of the Conference was "Avoiding lost generations: Preserving education and employment in all circumstances." Under the aforesaid overall theme, Sessions were held during the conference under the following sub-themes. (i) Countdown to 2030: Where are we on youth education and employment? (ii) Young lives disrupted: The impact of crisis on youth socio-economic rights and empowerment (iii) Leaving No one behind: Delivering education and Employment to the more vulnerable and marginalized (iv) Preserving youth empowerment in times of crisis: What young MPs can do (v) Conference: Reporting on the Discussions An Outcome Document was also adopted at the conclusion of the Conference.

An amount of Rs. 7,73,387/- was spent on the aforesaid visit.

(146) 45th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) held in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic from 17 to 23 October 2024

The 45th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) was hosted by the Parliament of the Lao People's Democratic Republic from 17-23 October 2024 at Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Shri Rameshwar Teli, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Shri Jintendra Singh, Advisor to Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha

participated in the said Assembly.

(147) The 10th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) held in Brasilia, Brazil

The 10th G20 Parliamentary Speaker's Summit (P20) was held in Brasilia, Brazil from 6-8 November 2024. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and consisting of Shri Manoj Kumar Jha, Member of Parliament, Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri P.C. Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha. Shri Anjani Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation.

An amount of Rs. 28,79,358 /- was spent on the aforesaid visit.

(148) Third World Summit of the Committee of the future held in Santiago, Chile from 13-14 January 2025.

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva and Parliament of Chile jointly organized the Third World Summit of the Committee of the future in Santiago, Chile from 13-14 January 2025. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Jagdambika Pal, MP, Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Sujeet Kumar, MP, Rajya Sabha and Shri Vimal Kumar, Joint Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat and Yogendra Singh, Deputy Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat participated in the Summit.

An amount of Rs. 16,46,632/- was spent on the above visit.

(149) 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum held in Brasilia, Brazil from 03 to 05 June 2025

Under Brazil's Presidency of BRICS for the year 2025, the 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum was organized in Brasilia, Brazil from 03-05 June 2025. The overall Motto of the Forum was "The Role of BRICS Parliaments in Building More Inclusive and Sustainable Global Governance." An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Harivansh,

Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Surendra Singh Nagar, MP, Rajya Sabha, Shri Vijay Bhagel, MP, Lok Sabha, Shri Vivek Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha, Dr. Shabari Byreddy, MP, Lok Sabha, Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shi P.C. Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha attended the Forum. Shri Anjani Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation. Shri Rajeev Dutta, Joint Secretary and OSD to HS, Shri Gaurav Goyal, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Alok Ranjan Ghosh, PS to the Vice-President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Yogendra Singh, Deputy Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Shri Ajin J. R., Deputy Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Himanshu Shekhar Jha, Protocol Officer to Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Shri Satayender Kumar, Senior Secretariat Assistant, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Shri Mahipal Singh Gurjar, Senior Secretariat Assistant and Personal Staff of Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha accompanied the Delegation.

An amount of Rs. 1,52,00,000/- was spent on the above visit.

(150) The Second Parliamentary Conference on "Interfaith Dialogue"

The Second Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue was held in Rome, Italy from 19-21 June 2025. The Conference was jointly organized by Parliament of Italy and Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva. The overall theme of the Conference was "Strengthening trust and embracing hope for our common future." The Parliament of India was represented by Smt. S. Phangnon Konyak, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha.

(151) 16th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Caucus held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 14 to 17 July 2025

16th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Caucus was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 14 to 17 July 2025. Shri Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, MP, Lok Sabha attended the said Caucus. Shri Preetam Prabhakar, Under Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat accompanied the MP for assistance during the meetings of the Caucus.

An amount of Rs. 6,15,000/- was spend on the above visit.

(152) 11th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians held in Lima, Peru from 11 to 13 September 2025

11th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians was held in Lima, Peru from 11 to 13 September 2025. The overall theme of the Conference was “Uniting generations for gender equality”. A single member Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Ms. Swati Maliwal, MP, Rajya Sabha participated in the above Conference. Ms. Neelam Bhatt, Deputy Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat accompanied the Hon’ble Member of Parliament during the visit.

(153) 46th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 17 to 21 September 2025.

The 46th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 17 to 21 September 2025. Parliament of India is a Observer member of the AIPA and an Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Shri Laxmi Kant Bajpai, MP, Rajya Sabha participated in the Dialogue Session with AIPA Observer Countries on the theme “ASEAN Centrality: Catalysing Inclusive Regional Architecture for Sustainable Future”. Shri Amit Kumar, Deputy Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretairat, accompanied the Hon’ble Member of Parliament during the visit.

(154) 11th G20 Parliamentary Speakers’ Summit (P20) held in Cape Town, South Africa from 01 to 03 October 2025

The 11th G20 Parliamentary Speakers’ Summit (P20) was held in Cape Town, South Africa from 01 to 03 October 2025. The summit was held under overall theme of “Harnessing Parliamentary Diplomacy for the Realization of Global Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability”. During the Summit four working sessions and a closing session were held under the overall theme. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon’ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and consisting of Shri P.C. Mody, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha participated in the Summit. Shri L.V. Ramana, Director, Lok

Sabha Secretariat and Shri Deepak Kalra, Deputy Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat accompanied the Delegation.

An amount of Rs. 10,50,000/- has been spent on aforesaid visit.

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