Laying of Papers by Private Members

As per the directions issued by the Chairman, Rajya Sabha under Rule 266 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States, the following is the procedure for laying of papers by Private Members:

“LAYING OF PAPERS ON THE TABLE BY PRIVATE MEMBERS”

37. Laying of papers by private members

A private member may lay a paper on the Table of the House when he is permitted to do so by the Chairman.

38. Procedure for laying of papers by private members

(i) If a private member desires to lay a paper or document on the Table of the House, he shall give prior notice to the Chairman of his intention along with a copy of the document desired to be so laid in order to enable him to decide whether permission should be given to lay the paper or document on the Table. If the Chairman permits the member to lay the paper or document on the Table, the member may at the appropriate time lay it on the Table.

(ii) If a private member, in the course of his speech wishes to quote from a secret or confidential or classified Government document, paper or report, he shall supply a copy thereof in advance to the Chairman and also indicate the portions thereof which he wishes to quote in order to enable the Chairman to decide whether permission should be granted. If the Chairman permits the member to quote from the document, the member may do so at the appropriate time. If the Chairman does not accord the necessary permission, the member shall not quote from the document nor refer to its contents.

(iii) (a) A paper or document sought to be laid on the Table by a private member may be considered for laying on the Table only if the member has quoted therefrom. The member seeking to lay the same may hand it over at the Table but it shall not be deemed to have been laid on the Table unless the Chairman, after examination, accords the necessary permission.
(b) If the Chairman does not accord the necessary permission, the paper or document shall be returned to the member and the fact indicated in the printed Debates.

39. Authentication of papers to be laid by private members

(i) When a member seeks permission of the Chairman to lay a paper or document on the Table of the House under Direction No. 38, he shall record thereon a certificate in one of the following forms, as the case may be:-

(a) ‘I certify from my personal knowledge that this is the original document which is authentic.’

(b) ‘I certify from my personal knowledge that this document is a true copy of the original which is authentic.’

(c) ‘I certify that the contents of this document are correct and based on authentic information.’

(ii) If the paper or document consists of more than one page, the member shall put his signature with date on every page thereof.”

No.59237

Table Office

Observance of Rule 243 by Members when Chairman rises

It is a well established parliamentary practice that members should resume their seats as soon as the Chairman rises to speak, or calls out “Order” or addresses the House.

2. Attention of members is invited to Rule 243 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States, which reads as under:—

“243. Procedure when Chairman rises

(1) Whenever the Chairman rises he shall be heard in silence and any member who is then speaking or offering to speak shall immediately sit down.

(2) No member shall leave his seat while the Chairman is addressing the Council.”

3. Kind cooperation of members is solicited.
Table Office

Parliamentary Customs and Conventions

Attention of the members is invited to paragraph 2.2 (pages 68-69) of the publication ‘Handbook for Members of Rajya Sabha’ (January, 2010) regarding Parliamentary Customs and Conventions required to be noted and observed by them. In particular, their attention is invited to the following:—

Parliamentary Customs and Conventions

(vi) The decorum and the seriousness of the proceedings of the House require that there should be no …… or any other slogans raised in the House.

(ix) Rulings are given by the Chair according to precedents of the House and where there is no precedent, they follow the usual parliamentary practice. Rulings given by the Chair should not be criticised directly or indirectly inside or outside the House.

(x) Questions pertaining to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat and the functions of the Chairman, Rajya Sabha are not answered on the floor of the House.

(xi) Reference to Officers of either House in debates is improper.

(xii) Proposals for expenditure from grants relating to the Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha Secretariat are not discussed on the floor of either House or in any Parliamentary Committees.

(xiv) Production of exhibits on the floor of the House is not in order.
Attention of Members is also invited to paragraph 2.3 (pages 70-74) of the publication ‘Handbook for Members of Rajya Sabha’ (January, 2010) regarding Parliamentary Etiquette required to be observed by them. Some of the notable areas are as follows:

**Parliamentary Etiquette**

- (ii) Every member should bow to the Chair while entering or leaving the House and also before taking or leaving his/her seat.

- (iii) While the House is sitting, every member should enter and leave the Chamber with decorum and in such a manner as not to disturb the proceedings in the House.

- (iv) A member should never pass between the Chair and any member who is speaking.

- (v) Members should not sit with their backs to the Chair.

- (vii) Members should not so converse amongst themselves as to disturb the proceedings. Such talks, though not very audible at a distance, may considerably disturb the Chair due to special sound arrangements in the Chamber.

- (ix) When a member wants to speak he should rise in his place to attract the attention of the Chair. No member should speak unless he or she has caught the "eye" of the Chair, and has been called upon by the Chair by name or by a sign to speak.

- (xi) Every member should resume his seat as soon as the Chairman rises to speak, or calls out "Order", and also when any other member is in possession of the floor (i.e., speaking with the permission of the Chair) or has interposed in the course of the debate to raise a point of order, or to offer a personal explanation.

- (xii) No member should rise or leave the House when the Chairman is addressing the House. The Chairman should always be heard in silence.
(xv) Members should not leave the House immediately after they finish their speeches. Courtesy to the House requires that after finishing their speeches they resume their seats and leave the House only afterwards, if necessary.

(xx) Personal reference (unless it be imperatively necessary for the purposes of the debate, being itself a matter in issue or relevant thereto) by way of imputation of motive to or questioning the bonafides of any member, should not be resorted to.

(xxi) Members, when in the Lobby, should talk with each other in a subdued tone so as not to disturb the proceedings of the House.

(xxii) No member should speak to the Gallery from inside the House, nor should he make any reference or appeal to it. Applause for any person sitting in the Gallery, except for the visiting foreign dignitaries whose presence in the Special Box is brought to the notice of the House by the Chairman, is out of order.

(xxiii) A member, while speaking, should not address the individual members directly, but should always address the Chair, and make all remarks to other members through the Chair.

(xxiv) No member should argue with another member when the latter is speaking. He may, however, ask through the Chair, questions with a view to obtaining information from the member who is speaking. But a member who is addressing the House with the permission of the Chair should not be interrupted by another member persistently. It is open to the former not to give way but to go on with his speech, if the interruption is not for raising a point of order.

(xxv) A member should not interrupt any member who is speaking, by disorderly expression or noise or in any other disorderly manner.
(xxxii) A member should speak only from the seat allotted to him. When a member is not sitting in his own seat, he may not be called to speak or to ask supplementary question.

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(xxiv) In their speeches members should not refer to Government Officials by name.

(xxv) Two members should not keep standing in the House at the same time.

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(xxxvii) Members should not obstruct proceedings and should avoid making running commentaries when speeches are being made in the House.

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(xxxix) Members should not stand in the passage of the Chamber. They must either sit down or go out.

(xi) Members should not as far as possible approach the Chair personally in the House. They may send chits to the Chair, if necessary, through the Chamber Attendants.

No.59239

Table Office

Mode of giving Notices

Attention of members is invited to Rule 223 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States, which is reproduced below for ready reference:

“223. (1) Every notice required by the rules shall be given in writing addressed to the Secretary-General, and signed by the member giving notice, and shall be left at the Council Notice Office which shall be open for this purpose between the hours to be notified in the Bulletin from time to time on every day except Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday.

(2) Notices left when the office is closed shall be treated as given on the next open day."
Besides, Members may also avail the facility of online submission of notices for various parliamentary devices in electronic form on the ‘e-Notices Portal’.

Members are requested to kindly adhere to the procedure strictly.

No. 59240

Mode of addressing of Communications

As per the established procedure, all communications (other than notices under the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) in connection with the business of the House) should invariably be addressed to the Chairman, Rajya Sabha.

No. 59241

Allocation of Time in Debates

Members may be aware that the Business Advisory Committee recommends allocation of time for debates. Thereafter, Table Office works out party-wise time allocation as per a settled formula for this purpose. Those parties which have a numerical strength of four and less as well as independent members have been designated as ‘Others’ and given a block time slot for the purpose of participation in debates.

It has been experienced in actual practice that the full list of intending participants is not available at the commencement of a debate, as a result of which, the Presiding Officer has difficulty in allocating and regulating the speaking-time of individual members. It has therefore been decided by the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) that Members, who wish to speak in a debate, should give their names to Table Office no later than 30 minutes prior to the commencement of a debate.

No. 59242

Avoidance of Written Speeches

As per well-established practice, no Member should read out a written speech while participating in the debates/discussions in the House. Though, they may refer to notes.

2. Members are therefore requested to avoid reading out from written speeches. They may, however, refer to notes, if required.
No.59243

Table Office

No Advance Publicity of Notices

As per Parliamentary customs and conventions, a notice for raising a matter in the Council should not be given publicity by any member or other person until it has been admitted by the Chairman and circulated to members. A member should not raise the issue in the Council of a notice given by him and pending consideration of the Chairman.

Kind co-operation of Members is solicited.

No.59244

Notice Office

Visitors’ Passes

Members are informed that Visitors’ Passes, to view the proceedings of the Council, are issued on their recommendations. Members are requested to kindly ensure that the visitors for whom they apply for visitors’ passes are known to them personally.

2. Attention of Members is invited specially to the following certificate which is given by them while applying for visitors’ passes for the Gallery of the Rajya Sabha:

“The above named visitor is my relation/friend, known to me personally and I take full responsibility for him/her”.

3. Members are also requested to ensure that the particulars required in the application form are duly filled in. The application form is available in Notice Office and in downloadable format on the Rajya Sabha website www.rajyasabha.nic.in under the link ‘Downloads’ – ‘Application Forms’ – ‘Notice Office Forms’. It will not be possible to issue visitors’ passes if all the particulars required therein have not been furnished.

4. Members are further requested that the application form for Visitors’ Passes must be delivered in Notice Office, Room No. 26, Parliament House, before 3.00 P.M. on the day previous to the date of the sitting of the House for which visitors passes are applied for. The passes may be collected from the Centralised Pass Issue Cell (CPIC), near the Reception Office, Parliament House.

5. Kind co-operation of Members is solicited.
No.59245

Notice Office

Same day Visitors’ Passes

Members are requested NOT TO MAKE request for SAME DAY VISITORS’ PASSES in view of security considerations.

Members are requested to co-operate.

No.59246

Notice Office

Admission of children in the Visitors’ Gallery

Attention of Members is invited to the following instruction given in the application form for admission to the Visitors’ Gallery:

“Children below 10 years of age are not allowed admission to the Gallery”.

2. Members are requested to adhere to the instruction and not to apply for admission of children, who are below 10 years of age.

No.59247

Notice Office

Central Hall Passes

The Central Hall Passes are issued to the following categories of persons only on the recommendation of a Member of Rajya Sabha:

1. Sitting MLAs/MLCs;
2. Chief Ministers/State Ministers;
3. Former Ministers in the State;
4. Spouse, Son(s)/Daughters(s) of sitting MPs.

2. Application form for the purpose is available in Notice Office and in downloadable format on the Rajya Sabha website www.rajyasabha.nic.in under the link ‘Downloads’ – ‘Application Forms’ – ‘Notice Office Forms’.

3. Members may submit the duly filled in Application form in Notice Office, Room No. 26, Parliament House.
4. Members are requested to co-operate and not to apply for passes for Central Hall for persons who do not fall in any of the above mentioned categories.

No.59248

Notice Office

Issue of Distinguished Visitor's Gallery (DVG) Passes

Members are informed that Distinguished Visitor’s Gallery (DVG) passes will be issued only to the following categories of persons:-

i) Sitting MLAs/MLCs;
ii) Union Ministers/Chief Ministers/State Ministers;
iii) Former Ministers in Central Government;
iv) Spouse, Son(s)/Daughter(s) of sitting Members of Rajya Sabha;
v) Governors of States;
vi) High Officials;
vii) Men of standing in public life;
viii) Members of the Diplomatic Corps; and
ix) Distinguished Visitors from foreign countries.

2. The Application Form for the purpose is available in Notice Office, Room No. 26, Parliament House and in downloadable format on the Rajya Sabha website www.rajyasabha.nic.in under the link ‘Downloads’ – ‘Application Forms’ – ‘Notice Office Forms’.

3. Members are requested that the duly filled in application form for DVG passes must be delivered in Notice Office, before 3.00 P.M. on the day previous to the date of the sitting of the House for which DVG passes are applied for.

4. The DVG passes may be collected from the Centralised Pass Issue Cell (CPIC), near the Reception Office, Parliament House.

No.59249

Notice Office

Car Park Labels for regulating entry of vehicles in the Parliament House Complex

Entry of all types of vehicles into the Parliament House Complex is regulated at all the Iron Gates and only vehicles displaying car park labels issued by the Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha Secretariats are permitted entry into the Parliament House Complex.
2. Members are requested to obtain appropriate car park labels for their vehicles from the Rajya Sabha Notice Office, Room No. 26, Parliament House and display the same prominently on their vehicles to avoid inconvenience.

3. The Application Forms for the purpose are available in Notice Office and in downloadable format on the Rajya Sabha website www.rajyasabha.nic.in under the link ‘Downloads’ – ‘Application Forms’ – ‘Notice Office Forms’.

No.59250

Issue of Bar Coded PS/PA Passes

Bar-Coded Passes for PS/PA of Members for entry into Parliament House, valid for Session/Inter-Session period are issued on an application made by the Members concerned on the prescribed form available in the Notice Office, giving full particulars and accompanied by two copies of recent passport size photograph of the PS/PA. The Application Form is also available in Notice Office, Room No. 26, Parliament House and in downloadable format on the Rajya Sabha website www.rajyasabha.nic.in under the link ‘Downloads’ – ‘Application Forms’ – ‘Notice Office Forms’.

No.59251

Entry of visitors in Parliament House

Members are informed that only visitors having valid passes are allowed entry into the Parliament House through Gate No.12. In order to facilitate entry into the Parliament House of their guests and visitors other than for viewing the proceedings of the Council, Members are requested to give a written requisition for the purpose, either to the Reception Office, Rajya Sabha, Parliament House or the Notice Office, Room No. 26, Parliament House. It is also requested that Members may not ask the staff in Notice Office to call their guests/visitors on telephone.

No.59252

Entry to Rajya Sabha Notice Office

Members are informed that the Rajya Sabha Notice Office (Room No. 26, Parliament House) receives all notices and communications from Members and renders general assistance to Members in regard to their Parliamentary work.
2. It has been observed that Members sometimes bring their guests/friends/relatives inside the Notice Office. In many cases the guests/friends/relatives, stay for long periods and use office phones which are meant only for Members. This causes avoidable congestion in the room and inconvenience to other Members who may be in the Notice Office at that time. Sitting facility for guests waiting for appointment with the Members, is available outside the Notice Office.

3. Members are, therefore, requested not to bring their guests/friends/relatives inside the Notice Office, unless it is very essential. In case such guests/friends/relatives are brought, they should not stay longer than absolutely necessary and not use office telephones.

4. Kind co-operation of Members is solicited.

No.59253

Notice Office

Baggage, etc., of Members left in the Rajya Sabha Chamber or Lobbies

Members are informed that if inadvertently any of their baggage i.e., Handbags/Briefcase, etc., remains in the Rajya Sabha Chamber or Lobbies after the House has adjourned for the day, the same will be kept in the custody of the Parliament Security Office. Members may collect their baggage, etc., either personally or through a person so authorised on their behalf from the Parliament Security Office.

No.59254

Notice Office

Stenographic and typing services to Members in regard to the Business of the House

The services of English and Hindi Stenographers and Typists are available to assist Members in typing out their notices of amendments, questions, resolutions, motions, etc. in Room No. 34-A in the Outer Lobby behind the Post Office in the Parliament House.

2. Members may avail the facility.
No.59255

Lobby Office

Attendance of Members in the House

Article 101(4) of the Constitution provides that, if for a period of sixty days a Member of either House of Parliament is, without permission of the House, absent from all meetings thereof, the House may declare the seat of the Member vacant. In view of the specific provision that has been made in the Constitution, it is necessary to maintain an accurate Register of Attendance of Members.

2. Section 3 of the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954 (as amended by Act. No. 17 of 2018) relating to “Salary and daily allowances” provides as follows:

“3. Salaries and Daily Allowances. – (1) A member shall be entitled to receive a salary, at the rate of one lakh rupees per mensem during the whole of his term of office and subject to any rules made under this Act an allowance at the rate of two thousand rupees for each day during any period of residence on duty:

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Provided that no member shall be entitled to the aforesaid allowance unless he signs the register, maintained for this purpose by the Secretariat of the House of People or, as the case may be, Council of States, on all the days (except intervening holidays for which no such signing is required) of the session of the House for which the allowance is claimed”.

3. For the convenience of Members, the Attendance Register split into four parts, is placed on separate rostrums in the Inner Lobby for signature of Members.

4. In view of the provisions of section 3 of the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, quoted in para 2 above, Members are requested to sign in ink, in the space provided against their names in the Attendance Register and as per the specimen signature furnished to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.
Keeping of Parliamentary Papers in the Inner Lobby for reference

Members are requested kindly to bring the Parliamentary Papers supplied to them at their residences, when they come to Parliament House to attend the Session.

2. To economize the use of papers only ten copies of Parliamentary Papers viz., List of Business, List of Questions, etc., are kept in the Rajya Sabha Inner Lobby for Members perusal.

Operation of Division Bells

Whenever a division is called in the Rajya Sabha, the Secretary-General will operate a switch at his table, which will cause the Division Bells of the House to ring at several points in various parts of Parliament House, Parliament House Annexe and Parliamentary Library Building in order to summon the Members to the House.

2. The Division Bells of the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha are painted in red and green colour, respectively.

3. The distinction in the sound of these two kinds of Division Bells is that when division is called in Rajya Sabha the bell will ring intermittently while in the case of Lok Sabha it will ring continuously.

4. The Division Bells for both the Chambers of Parliament have been installed on all the floors of the Parliament House, Parliament House Annexe and Parliamentary Library Building but more particularly in or near the following places:­

“Committee Rooms, Library Rooms, Ministers’ Rooms, Notice Office, Post Office, Refreshment Rooms and Waiting Halls.”

5. The provision of Division Bells has been made through Public Address System in the Parliament Library Building.

Operation of Automatic Vote Recording System

An integrated system on Microphone Management, Simultaneous Interpretation and Automatic Vote Recording is installed in the Rajya Sabha Chamber for recording votes during the time of Division in the House.

2. A voting console for operating the Automatic Vote Recording System has been installed at the Secretary-General’s table in the Chamber. On the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary-General initiates the voting process.

3. The procedure for recording votes by operating the Automatic Vote Recording Equipment has been described in detail in paragraph 1.10.1.3 of the Handbook for Members (pages 10–11, 2010 edition) copies of which have already been made available to Members. Members are requested to familiarise themselves with the procedure so that they may have no difficulty in recording their votes correctly at the time of Division.

4. Each Member is assigned a fixed seat/Division number. Each seat is provided with an integrated microphone and voting console in front of the seat. At the top there are four differently coloured buttons also marked ‘P’ for Present, 'A' for Ayes, 'O' for ABSTAIN and 'N' for NOES. There is also a separately situated Vote Activation Button provided on the Language Selector console in front of the seat, along the side panel (Language selector panel).

5. To record his/her vote, a Member has to press the Vote Activation Button with one hand and one of the voting buttons of his/her choice (Ayes/Noes/Abstention) simultaneously, with the other hand. Each voting button has an assigned LED indicating the correct and valid voting function as long as a button is pressed together with the Vote Activation Button.

6. The voting process starts with a musical sound on Large Screen Display Board in the two corners of the Chamber. A red light also comes on the vote indicators near the Chair and on the two red LED result display panels at the back of the Chamber. Each Member has to keep the voting button as well as Vote Activation Button pressed simultaneously at the time of closing of voting in order to register a valid vote. For facility, LED counters show the countdown from 10 seconds to 0 second. A vote is registered only if both the buttons are kept simultaneously pressed at the moment that the counter shows ‘0’ second.

7. The individual Result Display Panels are located on either side of the Presiding Officer’s seat arranged in a geographical layout similar to the sitting arrangement of the Chamber. For each Member, the corresponding division number is indicated on the panel along with LED display array which shows:
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-- a green 'A' for "AYES"

-- a red 'N' for "NOES"

-- a yellow 'O' for "ABSTAIN"

-- an amber 'P' for "PRESENT"

8. Since the vote is recorded on the basis of seat/division number, Members have to occupy the seats allotted to them for operating the voting buttons.

No.59259

Lobby Office

**Corrections in Votes recorded by Members by operating the Automatic Vote Recording System**

A Member who is not able to record his/her vote even after pressing the buttons or due to any reason considered sufficient, may, with the permission of the Chair, have his/her vote recorded before the result of the Division is announced.

2. If a Member finds that he/she has recorded his/her vote incorrectly by pressing the wrong button or voted from a wrong seat, he/she may be allowed to correct his/her vote, provided he/she brings it to the notice of the Chair before the result of the Division is announced.

3. Immediately after votes have been recorded by the machine and flashed on the Field Indicator Board, a Member who has voted from a wrong seat, or whose vote has not been recorded by the machine, or who has recorded his/her vote incorrectly as flashed on the Field Indicator Boards, and desires correction in the results should rise in his/her seat whereupon a Division Clerk will hand over to him/her the Division slip, and the Member may correct his/her vote.

4. The Member concerned should make sure as to whether the mistake in recording the vote of his/her choice has actually occurred by referring to the Field Indicator Board. In case of doubt, the Member should consult the Officer at the Table.

5. The Member desiring a correction to be made to his/her vote should fill in the requisite Division slip precisely and completely in all respects and then hand it over without any delay to the Division Clerk. While filling in the Division slip the portions of the Division slip which are not applicable should be struck off clearly.
6. Members are requested to familiarise themselves to the above cited procedure for correcting their vote.

No.59260

Prohibition of smoking in the Parliament House Complex

With the enactment of “The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003” and the rules framed thereunder, smoking stands banned in public places. The provisions of the Act are also applicable to Parliament House Complex including Central Hall, Lobbies and Corridors of Rajya Sabha and the Refreshment Room.

2. Kind cooperation of Members is solicited for observance of the provisions of the said Act and rules made thereunder.

No.59261

Prohibition of Distribution of Pamphlets, etc. in the inner and outer precincts of the Parliament House

In accordance with well established Parliamentary convention, no literature, questionnaires, pamphlets, etc. should be distributed within the inner and outer precincts of the Parliament House without the prior written permission of the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

2. Members are requested kindly to see that this convention is observed.

No.59262

Availability of Digital Video Discs (DVDs) containing Rajya Sabha Proceedings

Members are informed that the Committee on Provision of Computer Equipment to Members in its meeting held on the 28th of April, 2010 decided that the copies of Digital Video Discs (DVDs) containing Rajya Sabha Proceedings may be made available to Members on payment of ₹ 75/- per DVD and to general public and media at a cost of ₹ 100/- per DVD.

2. Each DVD contains about 180 minutes of the video proceedings, with sub-titles of names, subject, etc. These DVDs can be played on the computers (using either Active Movie Player or Media Player Software already loaded) as well as on DVD players.
3. Members who desire to have copies of DVD may send their request (along with cheque for the amount payable to the Deputy Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat), indicating the date(s), subject(s) and time of participation in the proceedings for which the DVD is required, to the Under Secretary, Lobby Office, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Parliament House, Phone No.23034729 and 23035343.

No.59263

Lobby Office

Lockers for use of Members

For the convenience of Members, lockers have been provided in the Outer Lobby of Rajya Sabha, where Members may keep their parliamentary papers, etc. Members interested in these lockers may apply for them to the Lobby Office which will be allotted on first-come-first served basis, subject to availability.

No.59264

Lobby Office

Indication of names, time taken by Members and Parties on the Display Board

A provision has been made in the House for electronic display board on both sides of the Chamber. It currently inter alia displays name and time taken (in reverse mode) by the Members during the Zero Hour (Matters raised with Permission).

2. This electronic board will also show the names of the Members participating in the debate and discussion on Bills, etc., their party affiliation, Division numbers and also the time taken by them. The display board will, in appropriate cases, indicate the total time allotted to different parties (including Members coming under ‘Nominated’, ‘United Group’ and ‘Others’ categories) and time already taken by different speakers whose names have been sponsored by their parties or who are participating in that debate. Independent Members will be clubbed with the Members coming under the category of ‘others’.

3. The display board will indicate the time taken by Members individually as also by their political parties in case of Short Duration Discussion and discussion on Bills. As regards Calling Attention, discussion on Private Members’ Bills/Resolutions, etc., the time taken by the participating Members would be indicated individually on the display board.

Members may kindly note for their convenience.
Maiden Speech by a Member

As per established parliamentary convention, a Member delivering a maiden speech in the House is not interrupted by other Members and is also given reasonable time by the Chair for his/her speech.

2. It has, however, been observed that sometimes a Member making his or her maiden speech goes beyond the normally expected time and at times beyond the scope of the matter under discussion.

3. Hon’ble Chairman has directed that a Member making his/her maiden speech should do so in a manner that does not impinge on time management for the scheduled business of the day and should not exceed 15 minutes.

Availability of two Laptops in the Inner Lobby of Rajya Sabha Chamber

Members are informed that two Laptops have been made available in the Inner Lobby of Rajya Sabha Chamber for the use of Members on demand during the Session period.

2. Members may avail the facility.

Mobile Charging Station in the Inner Lobby

Members are informed that a Mobile Charging Station consisting of 13 mobile chargers of different models, along with facility for charging Laptop, has been installed in the Telephone Booth inside the Inner Lobby of the Rajya Sabha Chamber.

2. Members may avail the facility.
Celebration of 250th Session of Rajya Sabha

Members are informed that the ensuing Session of Rajya Sabha will be its 250th Session and accordingly some special events have been planned to celebrate this Session. The first event will be a special discussion in the House “On the role of Rajya Sabha in Indian polity and need for reforms” to be held on the first working day of the 250th Session of the Rajya Sabha. The other activities planned on this occasion are (i) Release of a Commemorative Volume and other Publications; and (ii) Release of Commemorative Coin and a Commemorative postal Stamp. Further, details of these activities will be intimated in due course.

2. Members are requested to kindly note and participate.

No.59269 Committee Section (S&T)

Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change

Shri Jairam Ramesh, Chairman, Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change presented the 325th Report of the Committee on “An Expanded Role for the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) in cancer treatment in India through an enlarged network of the Tata Memorial Centre (TMC)” to the Hon’ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 11th November, 2019. A copy of the said Report has also been forwarded to the Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha for information.

The Hon’ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha has ordered printing, publication or circulation of the Report.
Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

On the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, a function to pay floral tribute to him will be held on Thursday, the 14th November, 2019 at 10.30 A.M. in the Central Hall, Parliament House. Dignitaries, Members of Parliament and invitees will pay floral tributes on the occasion.

Members are cordially invited to join.

Results of Ballots of Notices of Questions

Ballots in respect of notices of Starred and Unstarred Questions received upto 3.00 p.m. on 11th November, 2019 for the sittings of Rajya Sabha on 27th and 28th November, 2019 were held on 11th November, 2019, in the presence of Secretary.

The results of ballots for the Starred Questions have been placed on the Notice Board in Notice Office & Outer Lobby and also published at website of Rajya Sabha for the information of Members.