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Vote India

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## PR-e-FACE: From the desk of Editor-in-Chief Celebrate hard earned democracy

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We can feel proud that India is the largest democracy in the world and our General Elections is going to be the biggest elections on the earth. 714 million voters are eligible to vote. Out of this, around 15% to 18% are new voters. More than 45% of the voters are under the age group of 35.

Over a period of 60 years, we have been improving our democracy in every General Elections. Even when USA is having paper ballot papers, India is the only country which has introduced successfully 'Electronic Voting Machines' even in rural segments. Every Indian should feel proud of our democracy and we are fortunate to be a voter in this great Nation. We have the best judicial system, which gives course corrections periodically. Recently, President Obama has praised Indian Education system and he wanted US Children to compete with Indians. Our RTI Act is a great tool in the hands of all the citizens. Still we have to go a long way.

India did not get freedom overnight. More than 200 years of freedom struggle by our ancestors has brought freedom to India. Many of our freedom fighters suffered heavily in the prisons and many of them died even without seeing the free India. They never had any selfish motive. Their only aim was to make India a democratic country and to get us the freedom to elect our own Government.

Very sadly in the past sixty years, more than 60 percent of the middle class and educated people have shown 'indifference' to the democracy. Many of them did not even participate in the voting process. Readily, they would justify their indifference with many reasons like criminalisation of politics, corruption, violence, etc. There is another view that only because of the indifference by the educated middle class, political system is becoming bad. Whatever be the reason, every Indian citizen has to take interest in developing the democracy, which was the result of the struggle of great fore-fathers. By participating in the democratic process we will be giving respect to the sacrifices made by freedom fighters.

In this issue, we are bringing out the important functions of Lok Sabha, to create awareness amongst the people. Let us all join together to 'Celebrate Democracy – Vote India' campaign launched by India Vision Group. Really, we should feel proud to celebrate our hard earned democracy. It is in our hands to strengthen the democracy. Nobody else can do this.

We are fortunate to have Mr S K Kharventhan, the sitting MP, who is the top-most performer of the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. We are also fortunate to have an exclusive interview from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam as our lead story.

*K. Srinivasan*





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**Jai Hind**  
**Be a proud Indian**  
**Celebrate Democracy – Vote India**

**Guest Editor**



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An advocate by profession, he was elected to 11<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha and again for the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha as a member of Indian National Congress. He is the top-most performer of the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha under various categories like participation in debates, asking questions, raising issues under rule 377, etc. He was also the Chairman of Indian Bar Council in 1999. He can be reached at [skkharventhan@yahoo.co.in](mailto:skkharventhan@yahoo.co.in)



## PR-e-FACE: From the desk of Guest Editor

### Media analysis of performance motivates MPs

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It is a great honour for me to be the Guest Editor of March 09 issue of PR-e-Sense, which carries the exclusive lead story of Dr A P J Abdul Kalam and many eminent personalities. After India's Independence, the Constitution of India came into force from 26th Jan 1950. The first General Election for the First Lok Sabha was held between October 1951 and April 1952. In a few weeks, India will be electing her 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. In the past 60 years, the people are debating the role of Members of Parliament, whether it is a decorative position or an opportunity to serve the people.

Now, media has started analysing the performance of the Members of 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha on various parameters. It is a very good precedence and highly a welcome change. People should direct every Member of Parliament who represents nearly 15 lakh people, as to what he has to perform.

For the first time, in the Parliament history, Hon'ble Speaker Mr Somnath Chatterjee introduced 'live TV relay' of the proceedings of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. This has enabled the public to watch the performance of their representatives, whether they attend the sessions, whether they raise the problems of the constituency and State, etc. If the people utilise this facility fully, MPs will understand their role better with the fear that the voters may reject them for non-performance.

Both ruling party members and opposition members have greater role to play in the Parliament. The opposition members

should point out the inactions and failures of various welfare projects initiated by the ruling party and also the unnecessary actions, which are not required to be done. The ruling party members can sharpen the actions of the Government, by raising questions and participating in debates, pointing out the delays in project implementations. This will drive the Government to speed up the welfare projects and reduce the delays and corruption. Indirectly, they will drive the Government to get a good name from the people.

The new members of 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, who will be elected shortly, should collect various information and happenings through media and television and collate them to present in the Lok Sabha. They should consider this as their fundamental duty. They should also learn the Parliament procedures within six months.

Now, because of the initiative taken by friends like Srinivasan, awareness has come amongst the Members of Parliament. Many of them have started feeling guilty that they have missed out asking questions, attending sessions, etc. The great job done by media by analyzing the performance of the Members of 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha will work as 'warning' for the new members and will also motivate them to do better performance. Definitely, this will generate competition amongst the new Members to show higher performance.

I take this opportunity to greet the to-be-elected Members of 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, who will guide the Government to take the Nation forward.





Exclusive message from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, Former President of India  
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### Message to the citizens of my country

Dear friends, as you are aware, India, the largest democracy in the World is going to elect the members of her 15th Lok Sabha and members of Legislative Assembly in certain states. Dear friends, it is a great opportunity provided to us to elect the members who will be guiding the destiny of the nation for the next five years. The right to vote is a sacred right and an onerous responsibility that we owe to the motherland.

The dawn of beautiful India is in our mind and then in our deeds. The deed for the day of the election for us is to cast our vote and be a proud contributor to the success of the spirit of democracy of the largest and dynamic democracy of all democracies. Dear friends, let us all go ahead and exercise our fundamental right to vote and elect the righteous candidate.

**APJ Abdul Kalam**



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**Five points Mission for the elected candidates**

- § Assess the present per capita income of the constituency with an aim to increase the per capita income three times in five years.
- § The present literacy percentage of the constituency has to be increased at least by 20% in five years.
- § Take the statistics of number of water bodies in the constituency and their status. Work for the de-silting and interconnection of all the water bodies within the five years.
- § Create programmes which will provide value added employment for every member of the constituency, consistent with her or his qualification.
- § Infant mortality rate of the constituency has to come down to less than 10 per thousand in five years.

**APJ Abdul Kalam**

**Youth have additional responsibility to protect democracy**

**Exclusive message from  
Former Chief Election Commissioner of India Mr T S Krishnamurthy**

Democracy is not mere voting. Democracy starts with voting as a first but crucial step. The right to vote is a precious right because through this you have a choice to exercise your voice in determining your future, your Nation's future and your posterity's future. You have no moral right to complain against anyone in public authority if you have not exercised your vote.

While all eligible should vote there is additional responsibility on youth to vote as their stakes in the future of this country and their own future are for longer duration.

Democracy is the best of the alternatives in the various forms of governance as democracy is essentially based on Rule of Law and Equality before law. If people are not vigilant and alert in exercising their vote, Democracy tends to become Rule by the few for the benefit of the few. The full fruits of democracy can be reaped only if all people participate in elections & public life. The benefits of voting and voting for the right candidate who is not tainted by corruptions or criminality is indeed the responsibility of every responsible citizen in an effective democracy.



# Indian Parliament



PRESIDENT OF INDIA



RAJYA SABHA  
(Council of States)



LOK SABHA  
(House of the People)



Parliament is the supreme legislative body of a country. Indian Parliament comprises of the President and the two Houses-Lok Sabha (House of the People) and Rajya Sabha (Council of States). The President has the power to summon and prorogue either House of Parliament or to dissolve Lok Sabha.

The Constitution of India came into force on January 26, 1950. The first general elections under the new Constitution were held during the year 1951-52 and the first elected Parliament came into being in

April, 1952, the Second Lok Sabha in April, 1957, the Third Lok Sabha in April, 1962, the Fourth Lok Sabha in March, 1967, the Fifth Lok Sabha in March, 1971, the Sixth Lok Sabha in March, 1977, the Seventh Lok Sabha in January, 1980, the Eighth Lok Sabha in December, 1984, the Ninth Lok Sabha in December, 1989, the Tenth Lok Sabha in June, 1991, the Eleventh Lok Sabha in May, 1996, the Twelfth Lok Sabha in March, 1998 Thirteenth Lok Sabha in October, 1999 and the Fourteenth Lok Sabha in 2004.

## Qualifications to become a Member of Parliament

- § a citizen of India;
- § not less than 30 years of age in the case of the Rajya Sabha and not less than 25 years in the case of the Lok Sabha; and
- § a voter for any parliamentary constituency in India, but in the case of the Rajya Sabha a candidate must be registered as an elector in the State or Union Territory from where he is to be chosen.

(Subject to disqualifications provided in the Constitution)



## PARLIAMENT HOUSE



(Lok Sabha Chamber)

Its circumference is one-third of a mile and it covers an area of nearly six acres (24281.16 square metres). The open verandah on the first floor is fringed with a colonnade of 144 creamy sandstone columns, each 27 feet (8.23 metres) high.

The Chamber of the Lok Sabha is semi-circular in shape with a floor area of about 4800 square feet (446 square metres). The Chair of the Speaker is placed conspicuously at the centre of the diameter connecting the two ends of the semi-circle. In the pit of the Chamber just below the Speaker's Chair is the table of the Secretary-General of the House. The Chamber has seating accommodation for 550 members. In the wood work around the Lok Sabha Chamber, there are 35 gilded designs representing the various Provinces of Undivided India, the Dominions and certain other British Settlements.

The Parliament House is one of the most magnificent buildings in New Delhi which has one of the brightest clusters of architectural gems possessed by any country in the world. The building was designed by two famous architects – Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker – who were responsible for the planning and construction of New Delhi. Parliament House is a massive circular edifice, 560 feet (170.69 metres) in diameter.

### Total sittings from 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha

1st	1952-57	677	8th	1985-89	485
2nd	1957-62	567	9th	1989-91	109
3rd	1962-67	578	10th	1991-96	423
4th	1967-70	469	11th	1996-97	125
5th	1971-77	613	12th	1998-99	88
6th	1977-79	267	13th	1999-2004	356
7th	1980-84	464	14th	2004-09	332



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**PLEASE VOTE**

Triambak Sharma

“  
It is my humble request..  
Listen Everybody..  
During the Elections..  
But please also Listen  
to your consciousness  
and VOTE..for the sake of  
DEMOCRACY..”



## How to Register but refrain from voting for any Candidate, if you do not like any candidate

Rule 49 (O) of the Conduct of Election Rules 1961 reads as follows;

"49(O)/ Elector deciding not to vote- If an elector, after his electoral roll number has been duly entered in the register of voters in Form - 17A and has put his signature or thumb impression thereon as required under sub-rule (1) of the rule 49L, decided not to record his vote, a remark to this effect shall be made against the said entry in form 17A by the presiding officer and the signature or thumb impression of the elector shall be obtained against such remark.

If voters feel, that none of the candidates is good enough to merit their vote still they should go to the polling station and there decide not to vote as per Rule 49 (O). If they do this they will not only prevent somebody else voting in their name but will also send a very strong message to all political parties.

All voters – particularly the young educated voters -attached to a Polling Booth who want to use Rule 49(O) can assemble at a fixed place, at a fixed time, agreed mutually through sending SMS, proceed to the Polling Station together, stand in the queue and cite Rule 49(O) when their turn comes. What they may hesitate to do alone, they can do jointly. If 40 – 50 voters do this in each booth it will send a tremendous message to the Political Parties.

- By Mr A K Venkatasubramanian IAS (Retd), Catalyst Trust



Mr Era Chezian, Veteran Parliamentarian reviews 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha - Mr Era. Chezian, has served 22 years both in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha from 3<sup>rd</sup> Parliament. In an exclusive interview to *PR-e-Sense* and *PodUniversal* he says that in 1960s and 70s, the Lok Sabha had 120 sittings every year with six and half hour duration each. In 1980s and 90s, it got reduced to 90 sittings per year with 6 hours duration of each sitting.

In 2000, it further reduced to 70 sittings per year. In 2008, Lok Saha had only 46 sittings. 24% of the time was lost due to interruptions in 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. Please listen to his full interview clicking the following link:

<http://www.poduniversal.com/2009/03/14th-lok-sabha-review-by-well-known.html>



# Elections Toons BY - TRIAMBAK SHARMA

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Actually my MP Ticket was confirmed.. but  
I did not Qualify in ' **CASTE** ' round..



I came in to this profession ..because it do not need any  
Educational Qualification..and there is no **RETIREMENT** age..



## Top performers of 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha



Mr S K Kharventhan, (Indian National Congress), Member of Parliament from Palani (Tamilnadu) Constituency tops in the overall performance in the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. The total tally for raising issues under Rule 377, asking questions, private resolutions, bills, participation in debates is 1442. He ranks No 1 in raising issues under rule 377. Please listen to his exclusive interview at

<http://www.poduniversal.com/2009/03/s-k-kharventhan-top-performer-in-14th.html>

Mr Shailendra Kumar (Samajwadi Party), Member of Parliament from Chail (SC), UP ranks No 1 in participation of debates. His total tally for raising issues, participation in debates, asking questions, etc. is 762. He has served UP Assembly for two terms and the Lok Sabha for two terms, including the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. Please listen to his exclusive interview for our ezine at



<http://www.poduniversal.com/2009/03/shailendra-kumar-uttar-pradesh-top.html>



Mr Anandrao Vithoba Adsul (Shiva Sena), Member of Parliament from Buldhana (SC), Maharashtra ranks No 1 in asking Questions. He has asked 1338 questions in the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. His total tally for debates, questions, issues raised, private bills, etc. is 1382. He has served Lok Sabha for three terms, including the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. During NDA regime, he was also the Minister of State for Banking and Finance. Please listen to his exclusive interview at

<http://www.poduniversal.com/2009/03/v-adsul-maharashtra-top-performer-in.html>

To see the performance of all the MPs of 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, click here  
<http://www.prpoint.com/loksabha/14thloksabha-performance.xls>



## Business done in Lok Sabha

**QUESTIONS** : the first hour of every sitting answering of questions.

**HALF-AN-HOUR DISCUSSIONS** - Discussion on matter arising out of answer to question.

**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS** - motion for an adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance.

**LEGISLATION** - Bills originating in the House, introduction and Publications of bills.

**BILLS SEEKING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION** - Each clause or schedule or clause, or schedule as amended, as the case may be, of a Bill seeking to amend the Constitution shall be put to the vote of the House separately.

**PETITIONS** - any matter of general public interest and on the bills published or introduced or any matter pending before the House.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS RESOLUTION** - A member other than a Minister can move a resolution.

**MOTIONS** - Discussions on matter of public interest .

**SHORT DURATION DISCUSSIONS** - discussion on a matter of urgent public importance.

**CALLING ATTENTION** - Speaker, calls the attention of a Minister to any matter of urgent public importance .

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS** - Budget.

**PRIVILEGES** - raise a question involving a breach of privilege either of a member or of the House or of a Committee.

**SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION** - a regulation, rule, sub-rule, bye-law etc. framed in pursuance of the Constitution or of the legislative functions delegated by Parliament to a subordinate authority is laid before the House.

**RULE NO 377** - to bring to the notice of the House a matter which is not a point of order.

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (MPLADS)** under the scheme, each MP has the choice to suggest to the District Collector for, works to the tune of Rs.2 Crores per annum to be taken up in his/her constituency.



## PRetty – HUMOUR IN LOK SABHA

### Global Warming in Lok Sabha

While participating in the Short Duration Discussion on Global Warming on 8.5.2007, a Hon'ble Member Dr. K.Dhanaraju was making a long speech and the Chairman (Shri Varkala Radhakrishnan) was asking him to conclude. When he went on speaking, the Chairman remarked that Global Warming is applicable to the House also and that there should be limit on the time taken by Members. In response to that, the Hon'ble Member in a quick repartee said, Sir, we should warm up for a war against Global Warming and the House burst into laughter.

### Assurance on Earthquake

During the Question Hour on 9.3.2007, a Hon'ble Member Shri Ananth Kumar was referring to Koyna Dam and its location in the seismic zone and in the course of putting a supplementary, he wanted a solemn assurance from the Hon'ble Minister of Earth Science. While replying, the Hon'ble Minister Shri Kapil Sibal said that he can solemnly assure him that he will ask God that there should be no earthquake in Karnataka, and the House enjoyed his humorous remark.

### Runway and Not Run-away

While an Hon'ble Member, Shri N. Janardhana Reddy who is representing Visakhapatnam constituency was putting a supplementary as to when the Visakhapatnam runway would be made functional, the Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Praful Patel said that having done Bhoomi Pujan, they will do the inauguration also. When Shri Reddy was insisting for a specific answer, as to when the runway would be made functional, another Hon'ble Member Mohammed Salim interrupted to say that the Hon'ble Minister is saying 'runway' and not 'run-away', and the House enjoyed the witty remark.

For more details about Lok Saha, debates, bills, profile of members visit  
[www.loksabha.nic.in](http://www.loksabha.nic.in)

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