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**Dr. K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu  
launches special edition of ezine**

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National Seminar on 'Politics, Democracy  
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Award



Department of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Indian Institute of Technology Madras

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Date: 20th April 2013

Venue: IC & SR Auditorium, IIT Madras

### Special Editorial

#### From the Desk of Editor in Chief

20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 is the red-letter day in the history of your ezine PreSense. Dr K. Rosaiah, His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu launched the Special Edition (73<sup>rd</sup> Edition) of the ezine to commemorate the National Seminar on Politics, Democracy and Governance at IIT Madras in the presence of a galaxy of eminent people and Sansad Ratna Award winning Members of Parliament. The special edition released by Governor of Tamil Nadu is now in your hands with more additions.



Prime Point Foundation and your ezine, PreSense honour the top performing MPs since 2009. In March 2009, we featured the top performing MPs of the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha in the ezine PreSense and carried their exclusive interviews. From 2010 onwards, we honour top performing Lok Sabha MPs in a function at Chennai in the presence of eminent people personally with 'Sansad Ratna Award'. They are selected based on their participation in debates, raising questions, introduction of private members bills and attendance. The data is provided by PRS Legislative Research, Delhi.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sansad Ratna Award function was held at IIT Madras on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 to present the Awards to six top performing MPs. A National Seminar on Politics, Democracy and Governance was also held. Dr K Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Seminar by launching the special edition of our ezine, PreSense.

With the launching of special edition of ezine by the Governor of Tamil Nadu, our ezine gets more credibility with added responsibility.. Our team will continue to maintain the highest standards of social media journalism. Since this edition is a mile-stone edition in our history, we are now dealing with Parliament and its functions. We will continue our regular format from the next edition onwards.

We are confident that you will enjoy reading this ezine. Please send us the feedback at [editor@corpezine.com](mailto:editor@corpezine.com). All the past editions may be downloaded from [www.corpezine.com](http://www.corpezine.com).

*KSrinivasan*

## Message received from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Former President of India – Mail dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Dear Shri Prime Point Srinivasan

I received your mail regarding the Sansad Ratna 2013 awards to top performing Lok Sabha MPs and the National Seminar being organised on Politics, Democracy and Governance. My greetings to the Sansad Ratna 2013 award winners and the panelists and participants of the National Seminar.



Apart from contributing to the debates and discussions in the Parliament using their core competence in enacting the laws for societal change and transformations, and empowering the Indians to be competitive not only in India but also in the Global world, Hon'ble MPs need to focus on Education, Literacy and Skill Development missions which are the basic foundation of building knowledge society.

They also may contribute their best to bring better water management by desilting the tanks and water bodies and to work for creating Smart Water ways in their states and transform the villages into carbon neutral villages.

They should effectively use the available time for discussion to bring landmark legislation's for the benefit of fellow citizens with the aim of making the nation a developed nation before the year 2020 through the developmental politics approach.

I wish all the award winners and the participants and panelists for the purposeful discussions during the National Seminar.

Greetings and best wishes

Kalam

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# Indian Parliament



PRESIDENT OF INDIA



RAJYA SABHA  
(Council of States)



LOK SABHA  
(House of the People)



The Parliament is the supreme legislative body of a country. The 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 was 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.

The current Lok Sabha since 2009 is the fifteenth Lok Sabha.

## 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)

The Parliament House is one of the most magnificent buildings in New Delhi and 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. The Parliament House is a massive circular edifice, 560 feet (170.69 metres) in diameter.

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 metre). 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 a 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.

### 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

15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha (XIII Sessions) 307 sittings up to 26 Apr 2013

## 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 matters 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 Crore per annum to be taken up in his/her constituency.

## HUMOUR IN LOK SABHA

### Global Warming in Lok Sabha

While participating in the Short Duration Discussion on Global Warming on 8.5.2007, the Hon'ble Member Dr. K.Dhanaraju was making a long speech and the Chairman (Shri Varkala Radhakrishnan) asked him to conclude. When he continued speaking, the Chairman remarked that Global Warming was applicable to the House too 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, the Hon'ble Member, Shri Ananth Kumar was referring to the 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 the Hon'ble Member, Shri N. Janardhana Reddy who represented 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 too. When Shri Reddy insisted on 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 said '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)

PreSense thanks PRS Legislative Research, an independent body on  
Parliament functions, for providing information. Please visit them at  
[www.prsindia.org](http://www.prsindia.org)

## 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha – Performance at a glance Bills planned, introduced and passed

Session	Bills introduced		Bills Passed	
	Plan	Performance	Plan	Performance
Budget 2009	29	12	13	3
Winter 2009	62	19	26	14
Budget 2010	64	28	27	6
Monsoon 2010	35	23	33	21
Winter 2010	32	9	31	0
Budget 2011	34	9	33	3
Monsoon 2011	34	13	37	10
Winter 2011	24	28	32	15
Budget 2012	30	17	39	12
Monsoon 2012	16	6	30	4
Winter 2012	10	8	25	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>98</b>

Note: Financial and Appropriation Bills are not included

## 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha – Performance at a glance Time wasted during disruptions

Session	Planned	Actual sitting	Percentage	
			(Hours Lost)	(Productive)
Budget 2009	156	162.1	-4%	104%
Winter 2009	138	105.5	24%	76%
Budget 2010	210	138.0	34%	66%
Monsoon 2010	144	136.1	5%	95%
Winter 2010	144	7.6	95%	5%
Budget 2011	138	116.6	15%	85%
Monsoon 2011	156	103.8	33%	67%
Winter 2011	126	85.0	33%	67%
Budget 2012	210	187.0	11%	89%
Monsoon 2012	120	24.4	80%	20%
Winter 2012	120	63.9	47%	53%
Budget 2013 (first half)	126	90.8	28%	72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1788</b>	<b>1220.8</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>68%</b>

Source: PRS Legislative Research



## Top performing Members of 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha

The current 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha commenced its business on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Till 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013, the Parliament has conducted 13 sessions, including the first Part of the Budget Session, with 303 sittings. PreSense congratulates the top performing Members of Lok Sabha.

Name	Debates	Private Members bills	Questions	Total	Attendance %
<b>Category A : Overall top performance (out of 508 eligible MPs – excluding Ministers)</b>					
Anandrao Adsul, (SS) Maharashtra	33	3	1055*	1091*	76%
S.S. Ramasubbu (Congress) Tamilnadu	147	2	889	1038	97%
Arjun Ram Meghwal (BJP) Rajasthan	386*	20	596	1002	99%
Gajanan Dharmshi Babar (SS) Maharashtra	20	0	977	997	71%
Hansraj Gangaram Ahir (BJP) Maharashtra	102	31*	863	996	73%

### Category B – Toppers among Women MPs (out of 55 women MPs – excluding Ministers)

Supriya Sule (NC) Maharashtra	33	5	676*	714*	85%
Ratna Singh (Congress) UP	30	0	571	601	85%
Rama Devi (BJP) Bihar	61	0	518	579	88%
Jhansi Botcha Lakshmi (Cong) AP	131*	2	345	478	90%

### Category C – Toppers among young MPs of age less than 35 (out of 10 MPs – excluding Ministers)

Dharmendra Yadav (SP) UP	19	0	770*	789*	74%
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- - indicates that particular Member has topped as No. 1 in that category

## Sansad Ratna Awards 2013 and National Seminar on politics, democracy and governance



Chakshu Roy

Prime Point Foundation and your ezine PreSense honours top performing Lok Sabha Members, based on their participation in debates, introduction of private members bills, raising questions and attendance, since 2010. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sansad Ratna Award for 2013 was held at IIT Madras on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013. A National Seminar on politics, democracy and governance was also held jointly with Department of Humanities and Social Sciences of IIT Madras.

The day started with a presentation by Mr Chakshu Roy of PRS Legislative Research, Delhi on the Parliamentary functions and tracking of the performance of legislators.

Chakshu Roy explained the various functions of the Parliamentary functions with complete data on the performance on various parameters.

In the next session, Dr K Rosaiah, His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest and he launched the special edition of our ezine PreSense, to mark the inauguration of the National Seminar.

Mr T S Krishna Murthy, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India presented the Sansad Ratna Awards 2013 in the presence of Governor of Tamil Nadu and a galaxy of eminent persons of Tamil Nadu.



Dr Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu launching the special April 2013 edition of ezine PreSense. Prof. K. Ramamurthy, Director in Charge, IIT Madras & Dean Academic Courses (right) looks on

Anandrao Adsul (Shiv Sena MP from Maharashtra), S S Ramasubbu (Congress MP from Tamil Nadu), Arjun Ram Meghwal (BJP MP from Rajasthan), Hansraj G Ahir (BJP MP from Maharashtra), Rama Devi (BJP MP from Bihar) and Dr Jhansi Botcha Lakshmi (Cong MP from Andhra) received the Sansad Ratna Awards 2013.



Award winning MPs with Governor of Tamil Nadu and T S Krishna Murthy

In his speech, Dr K Rosaiah expressed concern over the disruption of Parliament. He said that such disruptions may create cynicism in the minds of the people, leading to loss of faith in the democratic system. He wanted all the political parties to sit together and find a solution to reach 'zero disruption'. He also wanted the MPs to plan visionary projects for their constituencies, which can help the neighbouring districts also for overall development.



**Award winning MPs handover a sapling to plant in IIT Madras campus**

After the Award Ceremony, the Award winning six MPs shared their success stories with the audience in an interaction session.

The Award winning MPs handed over a sapling to Mr Abdul Gani, Convenor of Green Kalam initiative. This sapling was later planted in the IIT Madras Campus in honour of Sansad Ratna Award 2013 winners.

Another panel discussion was held with leading Tamil Nadu political leaders, social workers, media persons, students as panellists on the same theme.

Prime Point Foundation is the only organisation in India to honour the top performing MPs of India. Ms Susan Koshy, one of our Editorial Team members anchored the main function and the panel discussion with Award winning MPs. Mr Rajendran, another Editorial Team Member of our ezine translated the Hindi speeches into English.

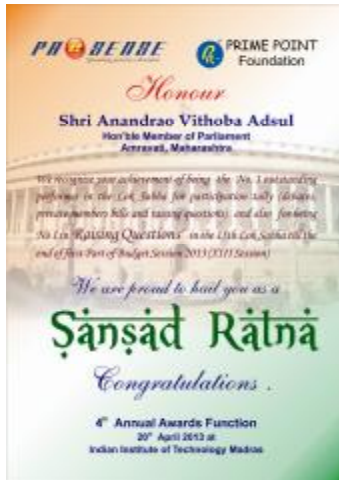
In the second panel discussion, Thol Thirumavalavan MP (VCK), Ms Vijayadarani MLA (Congress), CH Sekar MLA (DMDK), H Raja (BJP), U Vasuki (CPIM), Prem Shankar (Puthiya Thalaimurai TV), Ms Josephine (Academician and social worker), P K Saravanan (student) along with V Ponraj (Advisor to Dr Abdul Kalam) brought out the various aspects of politics, democracy and governance. Ms Bhanu Gomes, Editor, of New Gen Thamizhan, another Tamil Ezine published by Prime Point Foundation anchored the second Panel discussion with Tamil Nadu leaders.



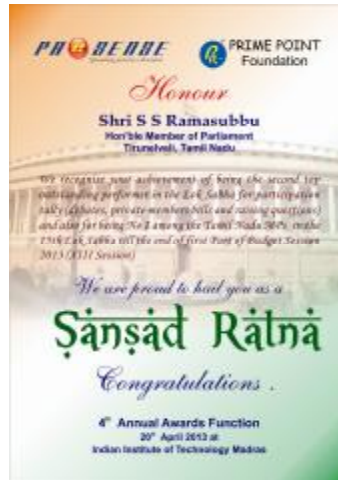
**Panel discussion II on politics, democracy and governance**

Prime Point Foundation and ezine PreSense organised this event jointly with the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences of IIT Madras. Dr Sudarshan Padmanabhan and Mr Sasi coordinated the event. It was amazing to see the excellent professional coordination of various functionaries of IIT Madras right from the security staff to the senior level professors to make this event a grand show. All the MPs, MLAs and other dignitaries who participated carried with them a pleasant memory of the event.

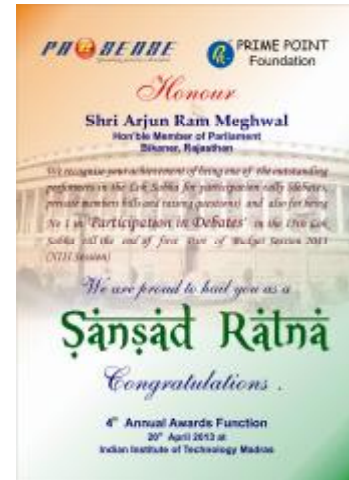
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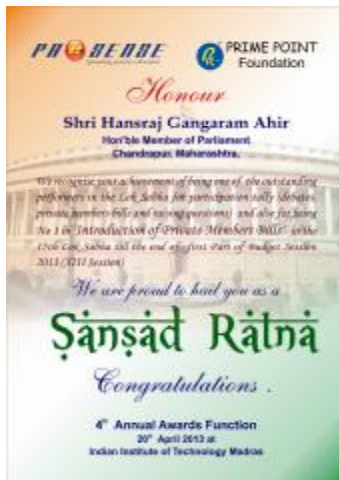
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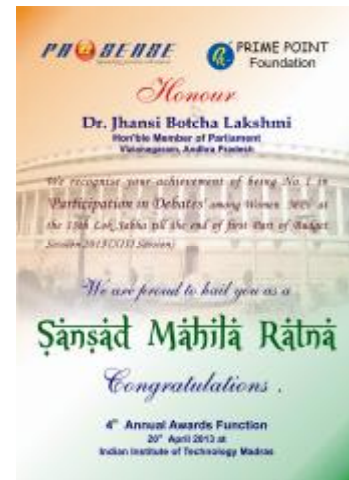
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