

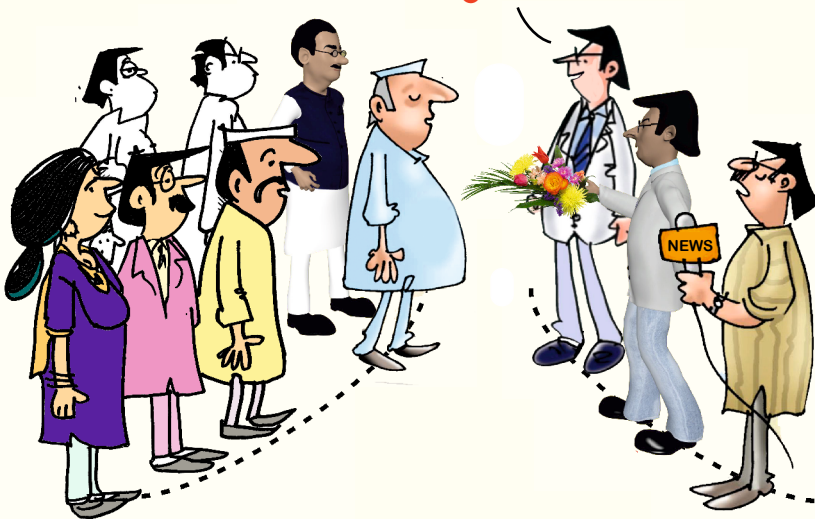
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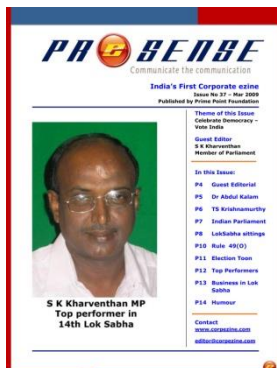
The Members of Parliament (MPs) of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are representatives of the people of India, elected / nominated to work towards efficient governance of the country. This is an especially challenging task in a country like India, which is the largest democracy in the world. These MPs come from different walks of life, with their individual spheres of expertise, to learn and understand the political system, in order to run the government. Many among them work quietly but relentlessly, with dedication and efficiency. They often go unnoticed.

The functioning of the Lok Sabha came under severe criticism especially towards the end of the 14th Lok Sabha in 2009 because of the frequent disruptions and pandemonium in the Parliament. The then Speaker, Shri Somnath Chatterjee, in his valedictory address for the 14th Lok Sabha, was expressly critical, and registered his unhappiness over the frequent disruptions in the Parliament. The public too, criticised the conduct of the Parliamentarians, through the social media. In mock Parliament sessions held in colleges and schools, students ridiculed by throwing chairs and creating a pandemonium. In the meantime, elections for the 15th Lok Sabha were announced.

It was around this time that, on the suggestion of former President of India (late) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Prime Point Foundation decided to highlight the positive aspect of Indian democracy by recognising its top performing parliamentarians, who quietly discharged their constitutional duties with exemplary commitment and performance. Prime Point Foundation instituted the Sansad Ratna Awards to recognise and honour these Parliamentarians.

Top Performers of 14th Lok Sabha

In its March 2009 edition, eMagazine PreSense (published by Prime Point Foundation) covered the theme, 'Celebrate Democracy'. An exercise was also initiated to identify top performers among the Parliamentarians of the 14th Lok Sabha, sourcing the data released by PRS Legislative Research (PRS India) for this purpose. These Parliamentarians were featured, along with their interviews, in PreSense. This was the humble beginning of recognising the top performers of Lok Sabha. Dr Abdul Kalam gave an exclusive interview on the role of Parliamentarians for this edition and appreciated the top performers. .



**Cover Page of
March 2009 Edition of
eMagazine PreSense**

15th and 16th Lok Sabha

After the formation of the 15th Lok Sabha in 2009, on the suggestion of Dr Abdul Kalam, Prime Point Foundation and the Editorial Team of PreSense decided to honour the top performing Lok Sabha Members in person at Chennai, for their excellence in (a) Questions (b) Debates and (c) Private Members Bills. Two Members of Parliament (MPs), Shri Hansraj G Ahir (Chandrapur, Maharashtra) and Shri S S Ramasubbu (Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu) were honoured in person, at Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, Chennai on 1st May 2010, in the presence of some eminent citizens of Chennai. Former Chief Election Commissioners of India, Shri T S Krishnamurthy and Shri N Gopalaswamy felicitated them. Dr Abdul Kalam addressed live on phone from New Delhi, and launched the first Awards event. The event was covered nationwide by the media.

Thereafter, every year, the top performing Parliamentarians were selected by a team of eminent juries, based on the performance data provided by the Lok Sabha Secretariat and PRS India. Indian Institute of Technology,

Madras was the partner, and the events were held every year at IIT Madras. Eminent sitting / retired constitutional authorities presented the awards.

While Sansad Ratna Awards are presented every year under various categories, **Sansad Maha Ratna Awards** are presented once in five years, for the overall performance for the full five-year term in the Lok Sabha. From 2016 onwards, Rajya Sabha Members were included in the Awards category. In 2018, a new category of Award was introduced for 'Standing Committee' for their outstanding contribution.

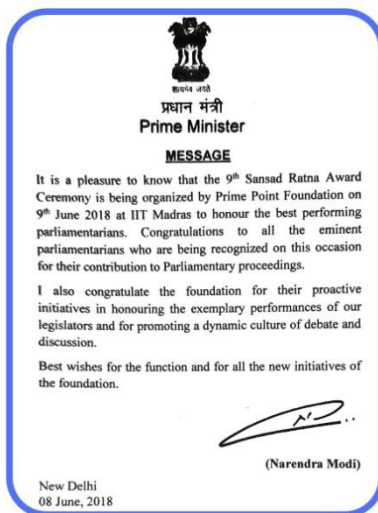
The awards for the 16th Lok Sabha were presented on the 10th anniversary held on 19th January 2019, in the Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Chennai by Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, in a ceremonial event. This event was telecast live nationwide by Doordarshan.

17th Lok Sabha

The Jury Committee has nominated the Parliamentarians for the Sansad Ratna Awards 2020, for their performance during the year 2019-20 of the 17th Lok Sabha. Sansad Ratna Awards were conferred on 20th March 2021 in a glittering function held at The Constitution Club of India, New Delhi.

Appreciation from National Leaders

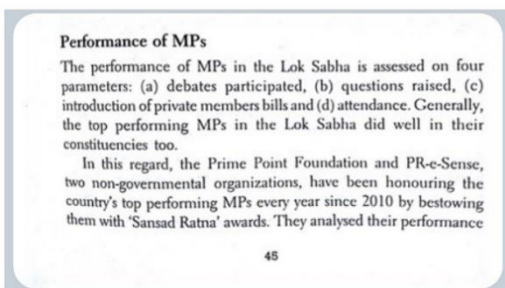
Prime Point Foundation and PreSense have been receiving greetings and appreciation messages for every Awards event from various national leaders, including the Vice President of India, the Speaker of Lok Sabha, State Governors, and Chief Ministers of various states.



The Hon'ble Prime Minister had sent his message in 2018 (*picture*). During the 10th anniversary in 2019, greeting messages were received from the Hon'ble Vice President and the Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha.

Appreciation by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Former President of India, (late) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam had guided the Sansad Ratna Team in conceptualising the theme. He devoted a full chapter on the Sansad Ratna Awards in his book, 'A Manifesto for Change' and carried the interviews with



Sansad Maha Ratna Awardees of the 15th Lok Sabha (*picture*). Dr Abdul Kalam used to discuss often and offer guidance to sustain the Scheme.



Dr AP J Abdul Kalam in discussion with Prime Point Srinivasan and Jury Committee Members

The Only Award by the Civil Society, 'We the People of India'

This is the only Award presented by the citizens and the Indian civil society, to honour the performing Parliamentarians. Many eminent citizens, including retired bureaucrats, professionals, social workers and academicians of Chennai are associated with the Awards Committee. Shri T S Krishnamurthy, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India is the 'Patron' of the Awards Committee.

Sansad Ratna Awards are conferred on those who receive the awards in person at the award ceremony.

Next Gen Political Leaders (NGPL)

As an off-shoot of Sansad Ratna Awards, Prime Point Foundation formed the initiative, 'Next Gen Political Leaders' (NGPL). The objective of this initiative is to develop leadership skills and democratic values in young political aspirants from across all political parties. NGPL is a registered Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO). Outstanding Parliamentarians and Sansad Ratna Awardees have consented to be Advisors to guide the young aspirants, in this initiative.



NGPL has been conducting workshops and interactive sessions. In May 2020, it conducted an online 10-day (20 hours) Certificate Course for young political aspirants across the country. Prominent Parliamentarians, Legislators and Professors interacted with the participants.

14th Lok Sabha (2004-2009)

Outstanding Performers Featured in PreSense – March 2009



Shri S K Kharventhan,
Indian National
Congress (INC)
Tamil Nadu



Shri Anandrao Adsul,
Shiv Sena,
Maharashtra



Shri Shailendra Kumar,
Samajwadi Party,
Uttar Pradesh

15th Lok Sabha – Sansad Maha Ratna Awardees (2009-2014)

Shri Anandaram Adul,
Shiv Sena,
Maharashtra



Shri Hansraj
G Ahir, BJP,
Maharashtra



Shri Arjun Ram
Meghwal, BJP,
Rajasthan

15th Lok Sabha – Sansad Ratna Awardees (2009-2014)

Shri S S Ramasubbu,
INC, Tamil Nadu
(5 Times Awardee)



Smt Ramadevi,
BJP, Bihar



Shri Shivaji Adhalrao
Patil, Shiv Sena,
Maharashtra



Shri Gajanan Babar, Shiv Sena,
Maharashtra



Smt Botsa Jhansi Lakshmi, INC,
Andhra Pradesh

16th Lok Sabha – Jury Committee Members (2014-2019)



Shri Anandarao Adsul,
Shiv Sena,
Maharashtra



Shri Hansraj
G Ahir, BJP,
Maharashtra



Shri Arjun Ram
Meghwal, BJP,
Rajasthan

16th Lok Sabha – Sansad Maha Ratna Awardees (2014-2019)



Shri Bhartruhari
Mahtab, BJD,
Odisha



Smt Supriya Sule,
NCP,
Maharashtra



Shri Shrirang Appa
Barne, Shiv Sena,
Maharashtra

16th Lok Sabha – Sansad Ratna Awardees (2014-2019)



Shri N K
Premachandran
Revolutionary
Socialist Party,
Kerala



Dr Heena Gavit,
BJP, Maharashtra



Shri Rajeev
Sankarrao
Satav, INC,
Maharashtra



Shri Dhananjay
Mahadik, NCP,
Maharashtra



Shri P P
Chaudhary, BJP,
Rajasthan



Shri Shivaji
Adhalrao Patil,
Shiv Sena,
Maharashtra



Shri Nishikant
Dubey, BJP,
Jharkhand



Shri Anurag
Thakur, BJP,
Himachal
Pradesh

Rajya Sabha – Sansad Ratna Awardees (2016-2019)



Shri P Rajeev,
CPI(M),
Kerala



Shri K N Balagopal,
CPI(M),
Kerala



Dr T N Seema,
CPI(M),
Kerala



Smt Rajani Patil,
Indian National Congress
Maharashtra



Shri Rapolu Anand Bhaskar,
Indian National Congress
Andhra Pradesh

Departmentally Related Standing Committee (2018 and 2019)



Dr M Veerappa Moily,
Chairman,
Departmentally Related Standing
Committee on Finance

17th Lok Sabha – Sansad Ratna Jury Committee Members (2019-2024)



Shri Arjun Ram
Meghwal, MOS
Parliamentary Affairs



Shri N K
Premachandran,
Revolutionary Socialist
Party, Kerala



Shri Srirang Appa
Barne, Shiv Sena,
Maharashtra

17th Lok Sabha – Sansad Ratna Awardees 2020 (Based on the performance in 2019-20)



Dr. Subhash Ramrao
Bhamre, BJP,
Maharashtra



Dr Heena Gavitt, BJP,
Maharashtra



Dr Amol Ramsing
Kolhe, NCP,
Maharashtra



Shri Ram Mohan Naidu, TDP,
Andhra Pradesh



Shri Ajay Kumar Misra, BJP,
Uttar Pradesh

**Rajya Sabha –Sansad Ratna Awardees 2020
(Based on the performance in 2019-20)**



Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad,
Samajwadi Party,
Uttar Pradesh



Smt Chhaya Verma,
Indian National Congress,
Chhattisgarh

**Departmentally Related Standing Committee –
Nominated for Sansad Ratna Award 2020 (2019-20)**



Shri P C Gaddigoudar, Chairman,
Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Agriculture

Sansad Ratna Awards 2010 - 2021



2010



2011



2012



2013



2014



2015



2016



2017



2018



2019



2021

Chief Guests during the Award Presentation Ceremonies

15th Lok Sabha Awards

- 2010 Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Former President of India
Shri T S Krishnamurthy and Shri N Gopalswamy
(both former Chief Election Commissioners of India)
- 2011 Shri Era Chezian, Veteran Parliamentarian
Shri N Vittal, Former Chief Vigilance Commissioner of India
- 2012 Shri Gopalakrishna Gandhi, Former Governor of West Bengal
- 2013 Dr K Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu
- 2014 Shri N Gopalswamy, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

16th Lok Sabha Awards

- 2015 Dr Justice AR Lakshmanan, Retired Judge, Supreme Court of India
- 2016 Dr C Rangarajan,
(Former Governor, RBI, and Former Governor of Andhra Pradesh)
- 2017 Justice P Sathasivam, Governor of Kerala, and
Former Chief Justice of India
- 2018 Shri M K Narayanan, Former Governor of West Bengal
- 2019 Shri Bhanwarilal Purohit, Governor of Tamil Nadu

17th Lok Sabha Awards

- 2021 Shri Sunil Arora, Chief Election Commissioner of India and
Justice Shri A K Patnaik, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India

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Sansad Ratna Awards for 17th Lok Sabha – Annual Awards - Categories

- 1 **Excellence Award for Overall Performance:** (a) General Category (b) Women Category (c) First Time MP category | Total Overall Tally of Initiated Debates + Questions + Private Members Bills.
- 2 **Excellence Award for Debates:** Individual efforts (under Initiated Debates)
- 3 **Excellence Awards for Questions:** Starred and Unstarred Questions.
- 4 **Excellence Awards for Private Members Bills:** Introduction of Private Members Bills.
- 5 **Jury Committee Special Awards:** The Jury Committee will decide on the number of awards and awardees (for the quality of debates, intervention and individual efforts, etc.)
6. **Excellence Award for Rajya Sabha Members:** Total Overall Tally of Initiated Debates + Questions + Private Members Bills for the current year, coinciding with Lok Sabha.
- 7 **Departmentally Related Standing Committees – Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha:** Based on the total reports presented to the Parliament and the number of sittings held. (bills excluded).

Sansad Maha Ratna Awards for 17th Lok Sabha – Once in 5 years

- 8 Jury Committee will select the Awardees based on the performance of Members during the five years of 17th Lok Sabha. This Award is given once in five years at the end of the 17th Lok Sabha.

Note: All awards are subject to other conditions – more details in www.sansadratna.in. | Data source: Lok Sabha Secretariat, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, and PRS India. | Jury Committee's decision is final.

Sansad Ratna Awards Committee 2021-22**Mentors :****Patron**

Shri T S
Krishnamurthy
Former Chief Election
Commissioner
of India

**Patron**

Shri Hansraj G Ahir
(Sansad Maha Ratna
Awardee – 15th LS)
BJP, Maharashtra

**Patron**

Shri S S Ramasubbu
(5 times Sansad Ratna
Awardee – 15th LS)
Indian National
Congress, Tamil Nadu

Office bearers:**Founder & Chairman**

Prime Point Srinivasan
Chairman,
Prime Point Foundation

**Ex – Officio**

Smt. Susan Koshy
Editor in Chief
PreSense
(Former General Manager of
IDBI Bank)



Vice Chairman

Shri
Bhawanesh
Deora
Social Worker
&
Entrepreneur



Vice Chairman

Shri S Mohan
Chartered
Accountant &
Company
Director



Vice Chairman

Shri B Srinivasa
Prabhu,
Former
Joint Secretary,
Lok Sabha



Vice Chairman

Prof.
Sudarshan
Padmanabhan
IIT Madras

Functionaries :



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Smt.
Priyadharshni
Rahul
Advocate,
Supreme
Court of
India



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President**

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Senthil Kumar
Social worker
and
Entrepreneur



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Shri
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Entrepreneur

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Prime Point Foundation, a Non-Profit Trust and NGO was founded in December 1999 by Shri K Srinivasan (popularly known as Prime Point Srinivasan), a former Senior Banker and a Digital Journalist and Communication Professional, to promote leadership and communication skills among the youth. Very eminent persons are associated with the Foundation.

In the past 21 years, the Foundation has organised several seminars, workshops, training and interactive sessions, both offline and online, on various subjects of national interest. The Foundation manages various online discussion groups and podcasts on communication, and digital journalism.

The Foundation has formed 5 initiatives to create awareness in various domains. All these initiatives are managed independently by passionate experts. These initiatives are non-commercial, and focussed on youth.

PreSense: The eMagazine PreSense was started in March 2006 on the suggestion of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam to promote positive journalism. Till August 2021, the Foundation has published 174 editions. This is a digital-

PR SENSE only magazine. Digests, containing select articles upto 150 editions of the eMagazine, have so far been published. Dr Abdul Kalam has written the foreword for the Digest of articles upto 100 editions. PreSense publishes the cartoon character Prince, which was launched by Dr Abdul Kalam in 2008. PreSense will be publishing a Digest of select articles published upto 175 editions in the month of September 2021.

Sansad Ratna Awards: This is a flagship initiative started in 2010 to honour top performing Parliamentarians every year, based on various performance parameters, and selected by a Jury Committee of eminent



Parliamentarians. Dr Abdul Kalam himself inaugurated the first edition of the Awards event in May 2010. Till 2021, the Foundation has conducted 11 editions and presented 75 Awards. IIT Madras was the supporting Partner upto the 9th Edition. 10th Edition was held at Raj Bhavan, Tamil Nadu. 11th Edition was held at Constitution Club of India, New Delhi.

Next Gen Political Leaders (NGPL) is an off-shoot of Sansad Ratna Awards. This is a registered NGO operating since 2018. NGPL has organised several workshops online and offline, for young political leaders and aspirants. Ministers, parliamentarians, legislators and retired constitutional authorities have participated and shared their views. NGPL will shortly be instituting Awards for young promising politicians.



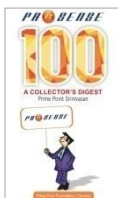
Education Loan Task Force (ELTF) was started in 2010 to create awareness about education loans, among students and parents. More than 30,000 queries have been responded to, through email, and more than 5000 serious complaints have been taken up with the top management of the banks concerned, for redressal. Many policy issues have been taken up by Sansad Ratna Awardee MPs, in the Parliament for solution. ELTF does not facilitate loans.



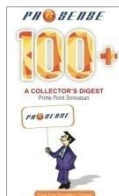
Digital Journalists Association of India (DiJAI): DiJAI is an independent NGO founded in 2017 to create awareness about digital journalism and its implications, among the public and particularly among the journalists. DiJAI conducts several online and offline workshops and seminars, with panels of domain experts.



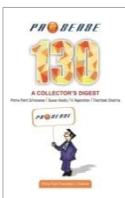
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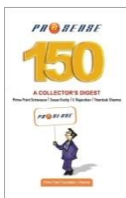
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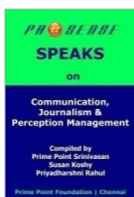
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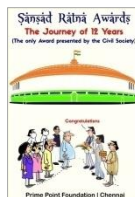
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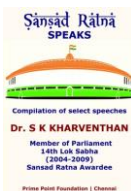
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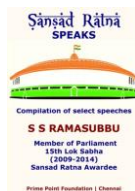
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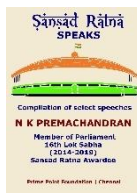
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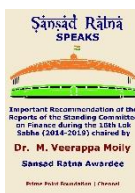
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Important Recommendations of the Finance Committee (16th Lok Sabha) Chaired by Dr M Veerappa Moily
<https://tinyurl.com/drmoil16>



**Dr APJ Abdul Kalam
prescribes Five points
Mission for the elected
representatives**

1. Assess the present per capita income of the constituency with an aim to increase the per capita income three times in five years.
2. The present literacy percentage of the constituency has to be increased at least by 20% in five years.
3. 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.
4. Create programmes which will provide value added employment for every member of the constituency, consistent with her or his qualification.
5. Infant mortality rate of the constituency has to come down to less than 10 per thousand in five years.

APJ Abdul Kalam

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**Shri M Venkaiah Naidu,
Hon'ble Vice President
of India | 3rd Jan 2019**

The Sansad Ratna Awards envisioned by Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was instituted by Prime Point Foundation and eMagazine PreSense in 2010, to recognise and honour the performance of our eminent Parliamentarians. Such Awards and honours inspire our legislators to be more active in public service by focussing on important policies related to the welfare of the people.



**Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
of India | 8th Jun 2018**

Congratulations to all the Parliamentarians who are being recognised for their contribution to Parliamentary proceedings. I also congratulate Prime Point Foundation for their proactive initiatives in honouring the exemplary performance of our legislators and for promoting a dynamic culture of debate and discussion.



**Smt. Sumitra Mahajan
Hon'ble Speaker
16th Lok Sabha
12 Jan 2019**

The Award is a recognition for the excellent work and exemplary performance by Members in Parliament. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all eminent Parliamentarians who are being awarded on the occasion for their outstanding contribution.

Parliamentarians hold very important position in any democracy. They perform the role of law makers, ensure accountability of executive and also play critical role and responsibilities in developmental process and try to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the people. They act as a bridge between the Executive and Public whom they represent. Another role of the Parliamentarian is to disseminate the information about the welfare schemes to Media and Public.

I also congratulate Prime Point Foundation for their initiatives in recognising the exemplary contributions of our Parliamentarians and in this way, they are strengthening the democracy.