

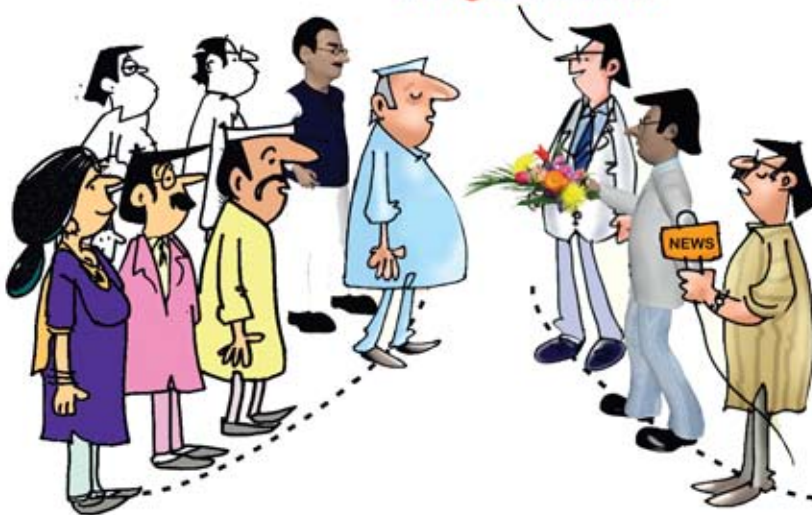
Ṣaṇṣād Rātnā Awards

The Journey of 14 Years

(The only Award presented by the Civil Society)



Congratulations



Prime Point Foundation | Chennai



**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.



सत्यमेव जयते

प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

It is indeed heartening to learn about the 13th edition of Sansad Ratna Awards being held in New Delhi. Greetings and heartiest congratulations to the distinguished Parliamentarians for winning the awards.

As the Mother of Democracy, India's socio-political systems and practices have an ancient tradition of debate, dialogue, spirit of cooperation, transparency and inclusiveness.

Our democracy, Parliament, Parliamentary systems and procedures and the participation of people's representatives have played a crucial role in furthering the nation's glorious journey.

Discussions and debates in Parliament provide a forum to the government and policymakers to fulfil the people's aspirations and take the country's development journey ahead. It is the responsibility of every Parliamentarian to enhance the quality of debates in the House, as also voice the concerns of the people, particularly the poor and marginalised sections of the society.

This year's edition of Sansad Ratna Awards recognise and honour the outstanding contributions of some of our eminent Parliamentarians. I am sure that the Awards will inspire every Member to further enrich Parliamentary proceedings through their vision and wisdom.

Best wishes to everyone associated with Sansad Ratna Awards Committee for their future endeavours.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi
फाल्गुन 05, शक संवत् 1944
24th February, 2023

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The Journey of Fourteen Years

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 especially a 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.

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

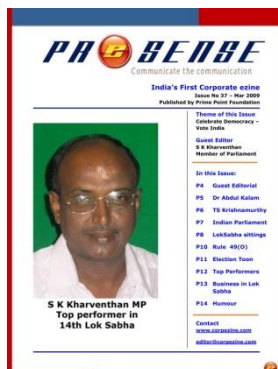
Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award

- 9 To veteran leaders who have contributed to Indian politics and to the people of India

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.

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.

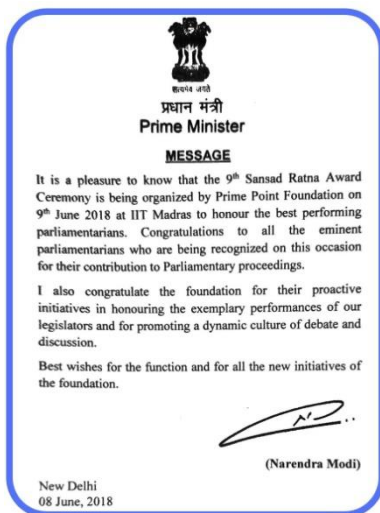
17th Lok Sabha

11th and 12th Edition of Sansad Ratna Awards function were held in March 2021 and March 2022 at Delhi. During these events, the top performing Parliamentarians of 17th Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were honoured.

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.

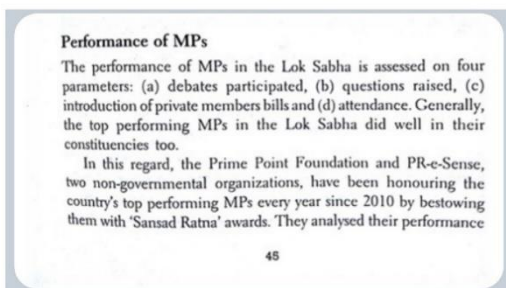
The Hon'ble Prime Minister had sent his message in 2018 (*picture*). During the 10th anniversary in 2019, greeting messages were received from the



Hon'ble Vice President and the Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha. Hon'ble Prime Minister tweeted his greetings to Sansad Ratna Awardees 2023 and also sent a message.

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. He also met the Jury Committee Members (16th Lok Sabha) Shri Hansraj G Ahir and Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal to give guidance.



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.

Recognition by India Book of Records

India Book of Records (IBR) has recognised Sansad Ratna Awards for (1) Maximum number of Awards presented to Parliamentarians by the civil society and (2) Maximum number of Award ceremonies held to honour Parliamentarians. They have also recognised as one of the top 100 Record holders.



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.



Our Publications (Free download) - 25 eBooks Published by Prime Point Foundation & PreSense till Jan 2023



They can be downloaded free of cost from the following link.

<https://www.primepointfoundation.in/p/publication.html>

Sansad Ratna Jury Committee Members

16th Lok Sabha (2014-2019)



Shri Anandarao Adsul,
Shiv Sena, Maharashtra



Shri Hansraj G Ahir,
BJP, Maharashtra



Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal,
BJP, Rajasthan

17th Lok Sabha – (2019-2024)



Chairman

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal,
MOS Parliamentary Affairs`



Co-Chairman

Shri T S Krishnamurthy
Former Chief Election Commissioner of
India



Shri N K
Premachandran,
Revolutionary
Socialist Party,
Kerala



Smt. Supriya Sule
Nationalist
Congress Party
Maharashtra



Shri Srirang Appa
Barne, Shiv Sena,
Maharashtra



Shri B Srinivasa
Prabhu,
Retd. Jt. Secretary,
Lok Sabha

Sansad Ratna Award Winners – Lok Sabha**Shri Anandrao Adsul (Shiv Sena, Maharashtra)**Jury Committee Chairman – 16th Lok Sabha.

Sansad Maharatna 2015

Sansad Ratna Awardee 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 , 2014

Shri Hansra G Ahir (BJP, Maharashtra)Jury Committee Member – 16th Lok Sabha

Sansad Maharatna 2015

Sansad Ratna 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

**Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (BJP, Rajasthan)**Jury Committee Chairman – 17th Lok SabhaJury Committee Member – 16th Lok Sabha

Sansad Maha Ratna 2015

Sansad Ratna 2012, 2013, 2014

Shri N K Premachandran, RSP, KeralaJury Committee Member – 17th Lok Sabha

Sansad Vishisht Ratna 2022

Sansad Ratna 2017, 2019

**Shri Shrirang Appa Barne, Shiv Sena, Maharashtra**Jury Committee Member – 17th Lok Sabha

Sansad Maha Ratna 2021

Sansad Vishisht Ratna 2022

Sansad Ratna 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Dr S K Kharventhan, INC, Tamilnadu
Sansad Ratna 2009



Shri S S Ramasubbu, INC, Tamil Nadu
Sansad Maha Ratna 2015
Sansad Ratna 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, BJD, Odisha
Sansad Maha Ratna 2021
Sansad Ratna 2017, 2018, 2019



Smt. Supriya Sule, NCP, Maharashtra
Jury Committee Member – 17th Lok Sabha
Sansad Vishisht Ratna 2022
Sansad Maha Ratna 2021
Sansad Ratna 2018, 2019

Smt. Rama Devi, BJP, Bihar
Sansad Ratna 2013, 2014



Shri Shivaji Adhalrao Patil, Shiv Sena, Maharashtra
Sansad Ratna Award 2014, 2016

Shri Gajanan Babar, Shiv Sena, Maharashtra
Sansad Ratna Award 2014



**Smt Botsa Jhansi Lakshmi, INC,
Andhra Pradesh**
Sansad Ratna Award 2013

**Dr Heena Vijayakumar Gavit, BJP,
Maharashtra**

Sansad Ratna Award 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019,
2021, 2022, 2023



Shri Rajeev Sankarrao Satav, INC, Maharashtra
Sansad Ratna Award 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Shri Dhananjay Mahadik, NCP, Maharashtra
Sansad Ratna Award 2017, 2018, 2019



Shri P P Chaudhary, BJP, Rajasthan
Sansad Ratna Award 2015, 2016

Shri Nishikant Dubey, BJP, Jharkhand
Sansad Ratna Award 2019



Shri Anurag Thakur, BJP, Himachal Pradesh
Sansad Ratna Award 2019

Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre, BJP, Maharashtra
Sansad Ratna Award 2021



Dr Amol Ramsing Kolhe, NCP, Maharashtra
Sansad Ratna Award 2021, 2023

Shri Ram Mohan Naidu, TDP, Andhra Pradesh
Sansad Ratna Award 2021



Shri Ajay Kumar Misra, BJP, Uttar Pradesh
Sansad Ratna Award 2021



Shri Bidyut Baran Mahato, BJP, Jharkhand
Sansad Ratna Award 2022, 2023

Shri Sudhir Gupta, BJP, Madhya Pradesh
Sansad Ratna Award 2022, 2023



**Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, INC, Andaman
Nicobar Islands**
Sansad Ratna Award 2022, 2023

Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, BJP, West Bengal
Sansad Ratna Award 2023



**Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, INC,
West Bengal**
Sansad Ratna Award 2023

Shri Gopal Chinayya Shetty, BJP, Maharashtra
Sansad Ratna Award 2023



Sansad Ratna Award Winners – Rajya Sabha

Shri P Rajeev, CPI(M), Kerala
Sansad Ratna Award 2016



Shri K N Balagopal, CPI(M), Kerala
Sansad Ratna Award 2017

Dr. T N Seema, CPI (M), Kerala
Sansad Ratna Award 2017



**Smt Rajani Patil, Indian National Congress,
Maharashtra**
Sansad Ratna Award 2019

**Shri Rapolu Anand Bhaskar, Indian National
Congress, Andhra Pradesh**
Sansad Ratna Award 2019



**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad, Samajwadi
Party, Uttar Pradesh**
Sansad Ratna Award 2021, 2023

**Smt Chhaya Verma, Indian National Congress,
Chhattisgarh**

Sansad Ratna Award 2021, 2023



Dr Amar Patnaik, BJD, Odisha

Sansad Ratna Award 2022

Dr Fauzia Khan, NCP, Maharashtra

Sansad Ratna Award 2022, 2023



Dr. John Brittas, CPIM, Kerala

Sansad Ratna Award 2023

Dr. Manoj Kumar Jha, RJD, Bihar

Sansad Ratna Award 2023



Departmentally Related Standing Committees



Committee on Finance (16th Lok Sabha)

Sansad Ratna Award 2018, 2019

Chairman: Dr M Veerappa Moily

Indian National Congress, Karnataka



Committee on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Food Processing (17th Lok Sabha)

Sansad Ratna Award 2021, 2022

Chairman: Shri P C Gaddi Goudar
BJP, Karnataka



Committee on Finance (17th Lok Sabha)

Sansad Ratna Award 2022, 2023

Chairman: Shri Jayant Sinha
BJP, Jharkhand



Committee on Labour, Textiles and Skill Development (17th Lok Sabha)

Sansad Ratna Award 2022

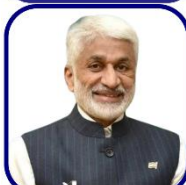
Chairman: Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab
BJD, Odisha



Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports (Rajya Sabha Committee)

Sansad Ratna Award 2022

Chairman: Dr Vinay P Sahasbuddhe
BJP, Maharashtra



Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture Committee (Rajya Sabha Committee)

Sansad Ratna Award 2023

Chairman: Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy,
YSR Congress, Andhra Pradesh

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Awards

From 2022, a new category of Award is introduced to honour the Veteran political leaders, who have contributed to Indian politics and to the people of India. The following veteran leaders have received the Awards.

2022 Awardees



Dr M Veerappa Moily (82), is a Senior Congress leader. He is the former Chief Minister of Karnataka and former Union Minister. Known for his recommendations in Tax reforms and Administrative Reforms. He has authored many books, including literary works, in English and Kannada. His literary works are translated into many

languages.



Dr H V Hande (95) is a Senior BJP leader from Tamil Nadu. He joined Quit India movement as a student. He joined Swatantra party and was trained by Rajaji. Later he joined AIADMK and he was the Health Minister in MGR cabinet. After MGR's demise, he joined BJP. He is a five time legislator. He has authored several books, including

on Indian Constitution, Dr Ambedkar, etc.

2023 Awardee



Shri T K Rangarajan (82) is a veteran Communist Leader respected by all political parties and general public. He joined United Communist Party at the age of 18. He is a well-known Trade Union Leader at National level. He has served Rajya Sabha for two terms between 2008 and 2020. He was the Leader of the CPIM Parliamentary

Board. He was in the Panel of Vice Chairmen in Rajya Sabha.

Śaṅṣānt Rātnā Awards 2010 - 2021



2010



2011



2012



2013



2014



2015



2016



2017



2018



2019



2021

12th Edition of Sansad Ratna Awards 2022 – At a Glance

12th Edition of Sansad Ratna Awards presentation ceremony was held on Saturday, 26th March 2022 at New Maharashtra Sadan, New Delhi. Shri Sushil Chandra, (Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner of India), Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, (Hon'ble MoS Parliamentary Affairs and Chairman of Jury Committee) and Shri Hansraj G Ahir (Former MoS Home and Patron of the Awards Committee) presented the Awards. 9 Members of Parliament. 4 Standing Committee and 2 Veteran Leaders received the Awards.



Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award 2022

(This category is introduced for the first time this year to honour the veteran leaders.)

Dr M Veerappa Moily, (Former Chief Minister of Karnataka and Former Union Minister) and And Dr H V Hande (95), (Former Health Minister of Tamil Nadu and six times Legislator) were the recipients. Since Dr Hande

could not be present during the event due to his age., the Award was presented to Dr Hande at his residence at Chennai by the office bearers of Sansad Ratna Committee on 26th March 2022.



Dr M Veerappa Moily



Dr H V Hande

Award Winners 2022



Sansad Vishisht Ratna 2022

(For sustained continuing super performance after getting Sansad Maha Ratna and/or after becoming Jury Member – Special Award by the Chairman of the Sansad Ratna Committee)



Shri N K Premachandran MP
RSP, Kerala



Shri Shrirang Appa Barne MP
Shiv Sena, Maharashtra

Sansad Ratna 2022 (Individual Awards)

(Individual Awards for Lok Sabha are based on Questions raised, introduction of Private Members Bills and participation in Debates (only initiated debates are considered with self-efforts). For Rajya Sabha, their performance in 2021 on the same parameters were considered. For a retired Rajya Sabha Member, his overall performance in his full term is taken into account.)



Shri Bidyut Baran
Mahato MP
BJP, Jharkhand
(Lok Sabha)



Shri Kuldeep Rai
Sharma MP
INC, Andaman &
Nicobar Islands
(Lok Sabha)



Dr Heena Vijayakumar Gavit
MP
BJP, Maharashtra
(Lok Sabha)



Shri Sudhir Gupta MP,
BJP, Madhya Pradesh
(Lok Sabha)



Dr Amar Patnaik MP,
BJD, Odisha
(Rajya Sabha)



Dr Fauzia Khan MP
NCP, Maharashtra
(Rajya Sabha)



Shri K K Ragesh
Former MP Rajya Sabha (2015-2021), CPI (M), Kerala

Sansad Ratna 2022 (Departmentally Related Standing Committees)

16 Lok Sabha Committees and 8 Rajya Sabha Committees are functioning as Departmentally Related Standing Committees (DRSCs). Each Committee has 30 Members (20 from Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha), besides the Chairman, drawn from all the parties. The Members of the committees are appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha or the Chairman of Rajya Sabha.

The Committees of the concerned Ministries consider Demands for Grants before they are discussed and voted in the Parliament. They also examine the Bills referred to them. They can also take up any topic under the jurisdiction of the concerned Ministry and discuss. They present the reports to the Parliament. From 2018, Sansad Ratna Awards are presented to the Committees based on the sittings, reports presented.



Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing (Lok Sabha)

Chairman: Shri P C Gaddigoudar,
MP
BJP, Karnataka



Finance (Lok Sabha)

Chairman: Shri Jayant Sinha MP
BJP, Jharkhand



Labour, Textiles and Skill Development (Lok Sabha)

Chairman: Shri Bhartruhari
Mahtab MP
BJD, Odisha



Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports (Rajya Sabha)

Chairman: Dr. Vinay P.
Sahasrabudhe MP
BJP, Maharashtra

Launch of eBook on Women Empowerment



(L to R: Priyadharshni Rahul, Prime Point Srinivasan, Hansraj G Ahir, Dr Heena Gavit, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Sushil Chandra, Dr M Veerappa Moily, NK Premachandran MP and Shrirang Appa Barne MP)

Panel discussions

During the post lunch session, two panel discussions were held.



Panel discussion on ‘Women Empowerment’ : L to R: Priyadharshni Rahul, Gloria F Berbena. Srinivasa Prabhu and J Rajiv Choudhry



Panel discussion was on ‘New Normal in Education System: L to R: Tarun Nangia, Prof. Dr C Rajkumar and Vikas Arora

Meeting Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker

One day prior to the event, our team met Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and briefed him the 13 years journey of Sansad Ratna Awards. He was patiently listening to us and conveyed his greetings to our initiative. In the Photo L to R: Ravi Senthil Kumar, Priyadarshni Rahul, Om Birla, Prime Point Srinivasan, Srinivasa Prabhu.



Support from Hindu College students



Music performance



NCC Cadets escorting the Chief Guest

Sansad Ratna Team 2022 – Seniors behind the youngsters



Chief Guests for the Award Ceremonies

15th Lok Sabha Awards

- 2010 Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Former President of India
Shri T S Krishnamurthy and Shri N Gopalaswamy
(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 Gopalaswamy, 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
- 2022 Shri Sushil Chandra, Chief Election Commissioner of India
- 2023 Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Governor of Haryana

Sansad Ratna Awards Committee 2023

Patrons



Shri T S Krishnamurthy
Former Chief Election
Commissioner
of India



Shri Hansraj G Ahir
(Sansad Maha Ratna
Awardee – 15th LS)
Chairman, OBC
Commission



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

Executive Team



Founder & Chairman
Mr K. Srinivasan
(Prime Point Srinivasan)
Chennai



Co-Chairman
Shri B Srinivasa Prabhu,
Former Joint Secretary,
Lok Sabha



President
Ms Priyadarshini
Rahul
Advocate, Supreme
Court of India,
Delhi



General Secretary
Mr U Sridhar Raj
Political worker
and Entrepreneur,
Chennai



Secretary
Mr Srinivas Gopal
IT Professional
Chennai



Secretary
Ms V M
Charumathy
IT expert and
Entrepreneur,
Chennai

Vice Chairmen



Shri S Mohan
Chartered Accountant &
Company Director



Dr. R. Nurullah
Senior Journalist and
Author



Prof. Sudarshan
Padmanabhan
IIT Madras

Mentors



Sri Dr M Murugan
Social Worker (Chennai)



Dr Ashok Pandey
Educationist
(Delhi)



Sri S Narayanan
IT Professional
(USA)



Sri N Varadarajan
Senior Official
Mumbai



Sri Rahul Bhandari
AOR in Supreme Court.
Delhi



Sri PTT Rajan
Publisher
Chennai



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 23 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 February 2023, the Foundation has published 192 editions. This is a digital-



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 has published a Digest of select articles published upto 175 editions in eight volumes.

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 2022, the Foundation has conducted 12 editions and presented 86 Awards. IIT Madras was the supporting Partner upto the 9th Edition. 10th Edition was held at Raj Bhavan, Tamil Nadu. 11th and 12th Editions were held at 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.





**Dr APJ Abdul Kalam
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candidates**

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.

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