

## **FEED BACK ON RIPA TRAINING PROGRAMME FROM 19<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2009.**

I was nominated alongwith eleven other Officers from the Rajya Sabha Secretariat to a Training Programme on Parliamentary Democracy organized by Royal Institute of Parliamentary Administration (RIPA) in London from 19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2009. The basic purpose of the training was to broaden the horizons of the trainees who have Parliamentary Democracy and understanding democratic governments in the British Parliament. Training Programme included lectures on the various topics and visit to House of Commons & Headquarters of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. During the course of training the following topics and visits were covered:-

- i) Parliament and Politics – a review of the Westminster scene
- ii) The British Constitution; the evolution of parliament functions; scrutiny and influence; representation and expression; legislation; deliberation; her majesty's Opposition; party discipline and the power of the Executive; reform; the party system; a tour d' horizon from Wilson to Brown.
- iii) Reforms of parliament and the Public Sector
- iv) Human resource management in the House of Lords
- v) Information services in the House of Commons
- vi) Select Committees in the House of Commons
- vii) Financial control and accountability at the Westminster Parliament
- viii) The Office of the Chief Executive and the work of Internal Audit
- ix) Parliament, politicians and the media
- x) Guided tour of both House of Parliament
- xi) Reporting the proceedings-the Official Report [Hansard] in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

- xii) The Government's interface with parliament – the role of a Government department's parliamentary clerk
- xiii) Computing service for Members of the House of Lords and the Parliament – wide structure of support
- xiv) The House of Lords, its work and its changing constitutional position
- xv) The work of the Table Office in the House of Commons
- xvi) Visit to the headquarters of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
- xvii) Attendance in the Chamber of the House of Commons to see the House is session-Director of Studies
- xviii) Printing and distributing the House's papers – the work of Vote Office.

The contents of the training course were valuable and useful to all the participants. The training programmes were conducted by eminent faculty members and experts in the different fields. I am very grateful to the respected Secretary General and Training Unit for nominating me for this Training Programme.

  
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