

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 19th to 30th 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) Reform 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 Internet 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 21st 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

