

***FEEDBACK REPORT***

***ON***

***Training Programme on***

***PARLIAMENTARY***

***ADMINISTRATION***

***FROM***

***1.11.2010 TO 12.11.2010***

***AT***

***THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF***

***PARLIAMENTARY ADMINISTRATION (RIPA),***

***LONDON***

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The training program on 'Parliamentary Administration: Benchmarking against the UK Parliament' was organized by the 'Royal Institute of Parliamentary Administration (RIPA), located at 17-19, Rochester Row, London' for a duration of two weeks from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2010; which was attended by seventeen participants. Five of the participants were from this Secretariat including myself; ten participants were from Lok Sabha Secretariat and one participant was from the Parliament of Lesotho.

The participants were welcomed on the first day by the Course Director, Mr. Ian Church and with essential information about the existing facilities and amenities at RIPA. His Assistant Ms. Harriot showed the participants around to make them feel acclimatized to the venue

Thereafter, giving an Overview and briefing the participants about the course contents Mr. Ian Church apprised about why the Westminster is regarded by many as the foundation of parliamentary administrative practices not only across the Commonwealth, but also in the global legislative sphere; and how, after ongoing reform and significant (public) changes to the management and recording of Members' interests, Westminster now embarks on a major austerity programme to bring debt under control. He told that its executive are tasked with achieving necessary savings – while sustaining the effective working of one of the busiest parliaments in the world

