

**NOMINATED MEMBERS OF THE
RAJYA SABHA**



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PREFACE

This booklet is part of the Rajya Sabha Practice and Procedure Series. The booklet seeks to highlight, in brief, the role and importance of the nominated Members of Rajya Sabha. A list containing names and tenure of the nominated Members beginning from 1952 till date has also been appended to this booklet. This booklet is intended to serve as a handy guide for ready reference and only basic information is contained in it.

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Secretary-General

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Under article 80 of the Constitution, the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) is composed of not more than 250 members, of whom 12 are nominated by the President of India from amongst persons who have special knowledge or practical experience in respect of such matters as literature, science, art and social service. By adopting the principle of nomination in Rajya Sabha, the Constitution has ensured that the nation must also receive services of the most distinguished persons of the country who have earned distinction in their field of activity, many of whom may not like to face the rough and tumble of the election. By nominating them to Rajya Sabha, the state not only recognises their merit and confers honour on them, but also enables them to enrich the debates by their expertise and knowledge that they have in different areas. The first batch of 12 nominated members represented a galaxy of talented persons of proven merit. They were: scholar and educationist Dr. Zakir Husain, renowned historians Dr. Kalidas Nag and Dr. Radha Kumud Mookerji, national poet Shri Maithilisharan Gupta, well-known Gandhian author Kakasaheb Kalelkar, eminent scientist Professor Satyendranath Bose, social worker Shri N.R. Malkani, renowned exponent of classical dance forms Shrimati Rukmini Devi Arundale, Gandhian scholar and

teacher, Dr. J.M. Kumarappa, legal luminary Dr. Alladi Krishnaswami, famous stage actor and cine star Shri Prithviraj Kapoor and eminent medical scientist Major-General S.S. Sokhey.

Speaking about the nominated members, Jawaharlal Nehru said in the House of the People on 13 May, 1953:

...The President has nominated some members of the Council of States who, if I may say so, are among the most distinguished, taking everybody in Parliament altogether—it is true, distinguished in arts, science, etc.—and our Constitution in its wisdom gave that. They do not represent political parties or anything, but they represent really the high watermark of literature or art or culture or whatever it may be.

Since the Rajya Sabha was constituted in 1952, in all, one hundred and five members have so far been nominated to the House. A list of nominated members is annexed at the end of this booklet. Among these nominated members we find scholars, jurists, educationists, historians, scientists, poets and litterateurs, engineers, economists, administrators, artistes and social workers of proven ability and outstanding merit.

Nominated members enjoy all powers, privileges and immunities available to an elected member of Parliament. They take part in the proceedings of the

House as any other member. They, however, are not entitled to vote in the election of the President of India. But in the election of the Vice-President of India, they have a right to vote. So far, none from them has been inducted into the Council of Ministers.

A nominated member is allowed six months, should he decide to join a political party after he has taken his seat in the House in terms of article 99 of the Constitution. A nominated member has also been exempted from filing his assets and liabilities under Section 75A of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1951 which requires the elected member to do so within 90 days of his making or subscribing oath/affirmation.

The nominated members have, undoubtedly, raised the standard of debates in the House by participating in the discussions on subjects of their interests and taking part in the debates on matters of national importance. This House has always heard them with rapt attention and has, unfailingly, benefited from their balanced views and thoughtful suggestions.

Shri N. Gopalswami Ayyangar, underlining their role, said in the Constituent Assembly on 28 July, 1947:

...we also give an opportunity, perhaps, to seasoned people who may not be in the thickest of the political fray, but who might be willing to participate in the debate with an amount of learning and importance

which we do not ordinarily associate with the House of the People.

The nominated members, who possess outstanding merit and distinction, in fact, add to the importance and dignity of Rajya Sabha and make it truly a House bestowing calm consideration on measures of national importance which come up before it.

List of nominated members:

1. Dr. Zakir Husain (Educationist)—1952-57
2. Shri Alladi Krishnaswami (Legal Luminary)—1952-53
3. Prof. Satyendranath Bose (Scientist)—1952-59
4. Shrimati Rukmini Devi Arundale (Artist)—1952-62
5. Prof. N.R. Malkani (Social Worker)—1952-62
6. Dr. Kalidas Nag (Historian)—1952-54
7. Dr. J.M. Kumarappa (Scholar and Teacher)—1952-54
8. Kakasaheb Kalelkar (Scholar)—1952-64
9. Shri Maithilisharan Gupta (Poet)—1952-64
10. Dr. Radha Kumud Mookerji (Historian)—1952-58
11. Major-General Sahib Singh Sokhey (Medical Scientist)—1952-56

12. Shri Prithviraj Kapoor (Artiste)—1952-60
13. Dr. P.V. Kane (Indologist)—1953-59
14. Prof. A.R. Wadia (Educationist)—1954-66
15. Shri M. Satyanarayana (Social Worker)—1954-66
16. Shri B.V. (Mama) Warekar (Litterateur)—1956-64
17. Dr. Tara Chand (Historian)—1957-68
18. Dr. A.N. Khosla (Engineer)—1958-59
19. Sardar K.M. Panikkar (Historian)—1959-61
20. Shri Jairamdas Daulatram (Social Worker)—
1959-76
21. Shri Mohan Lal Saxena (Social Worker)—1959-64
22. Shri Tarashankar Banerjee (Litterateur)—1960-66
23. Shri V.T. Krishnamachari (Administrator)—1961-64
24. Shri R.R. Diwakar (Social Worker)—1962-68
25. Dr. Gopal Singh (Author)—1962-68
26. Shri G. Ramachandran (Social Worker)—1964-70
27. Shrimati Shakuntala Paranjpye (Social Worker)—
1964-70
28. Prof. Satyavrata Siddhantalankar (Educationist)—
1964-68

29. Dr. B.N. Prasad (Educationist)—1964-66
30. Shri M. Ajmal Khan (Scholar)—1964-69
31. Shri M.C. Setalvad (Legal Luminary)—1966-72
32. Shri M.N. Kaul (Authority on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure)—1966-72
33. Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan (Poet)—1966-72
34. Prof. D.R. Gadgil (Economist)—1966-67
35. Shri Joachim Alva (Journalist)—1968-74
36. Prof. S. Nurul Hasan (Educationist)—1968-71
37. Dr. K. Ramiah (Scientist)—1968-74
38. Shri Ganga Sharan Sinha (Social Worker)—1968-74
39. Shri G. Sankara Kurup (Litterateur)—1968-72
40. Shrimati Maragatham Chandrasekhar (Social Worker)—1970-84
41. Shri Uma Shankar Joshi (Litterateur)—1970-76
42. Prof. Rasheeduddin Khan (Educationist)—1970-82
43. Dr. V.P. Dutt (Educationist)—1971-80
44. Shri C.K. Daphtary (Legal Luminary)—1972-78
45. Shri Abu Abraham (Cartoonist)—1972-78

46. Shri Habib Tanvir (Artist)—1972-78
47. Shri Promotho Nath Bisi (Educationist)—1972-78
48. Shri Krishna Kripalani (Author)—1974-80
49. Dr. Lokesh Chandra (Author)—1974-86
50. Shri Scato Swu (Social Worker)—1974-86
51. Shri B.N. Banerjee (Authority on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure)—1976-82
52. Shri Bishambhar Nath Pande (Author)—1976-82, 1988-94
53. Shrimati Fathema Ismail (Social Worker)—1978-84
54. Dr. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah (Economist)—1978-84
55. Shri Bhagwati Charan Varma (Litterateur)—1978-81
56. Shri Pandurang Dharmaji Jadhav (Social Worker)—1978-84
57. Shrimati Nargis Dutt (Artiste)—1980-81
58. Shri Khuswant Singh (Journalist)—1980-86
59. Prof. (Mrs.) Asima Chatterjee (Scientist)—1982-90
60. Shri V.C. Ganesan (Artiste)—1982-86

61. Shri Hayat Ulla Ansari (Author)—1982-88
62. Shri Madan Bhatia (Legal Expert)—1982-94
63. Shri V.N. Tiwari (Educationist)—1982-84
64. Shri H.L. Kapur (Administrator)—1985
65. Shri Thindivanam K. Ramamurthy (Social Worker)—
1984-90
66. Shri Ghulam Rasool Kar (Social Worker)—1984-87
67. Shri Purushottam Kakodkar (Social Worker)—
1985-91
68. Shri Salim Ali (Ornithologist)—1985-87
69. Shrimati Amrita Pritam (Litterateur)—1986-92
70. Shrimati Ela Ramesh Bhatt (Social Worker)—
1986-88
71. Shri M.F. Hussain (Artist)—1986-92
72. Shri R.K. Narayan (Litterateur)—1986-92
73. Pt. Ravi Shankar (Artist)—1986-92
74. Shri Sat Paul Mittal (Social Worker)—1988-92
75. *Shrimati Syeda Anwara Taimur (Administrator)—
1988-90

* Currently elected Memeber of Rajya Sabha

76. Shri Mohammad Yunus (Administrator)—1989-95
77. Shri Jagmohan (Administrator)—1990-96
78. Shri Prakash Yashwant Ambedkar (Social Worker)—1990-96
79. Shri Bhupinder Singh Mann (Agriculturist)—1990-96
80. Shri R.K. Karanjia (Journalist)—1991-97
81. Dr. M. Aram (Educationist)—1993-97
82. Dr. B.B. Dutta (Educationist)—1993
83. Shrimati Vyjayantimala Bali (Artiste)—1993
84. Maulana Habibur Rahman Nomani (Social Worker)—1993-99
85. *Shri Mahendra Prasad (Social Worker)—1993-94
86. Dr. Raja Ramanna (Scientist)—1997-2003
87. Shri Mrinal Sen (Film Maker)—1997-2003
88. Shrimati Shabana Azmi (Artiste)—1997-2003
89. Dr. C. Narayana Reddy (Poet)—1997-2003
90. Shri Kuldip Nayyar (Journalist)—1997-2003
91. Shri Kartar Singh Duggal (Writer)—1997-2003
92. Dr. (Ms.) P. Selvie Das (Educationist)—1997-2003

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93. Kumari Nirmala Deshpande (Social Worker)—1997-1999 and 2004—
94. Chaudhary Harmohan Singh Yadav (Social Worker)—1997-2003
95. Shri Nana Deshmukh (Social Worker)—1999
96. Ms. Lata Mangeshkar (Artiste)—1999
97. Shri Fali S. Nariman (Senior Advocate)—1999—
98. Shri Cho S. Ramaswamy (Journalist)—1999—
99. Shri Bimal Jalan (Economist)—2003—
100. Shri Dara Singh (Sportsperson and Artiste)—2003—
101. Shrimati Hema Malini (Artiste)—2003—
102. Dr. Chandan Mitra (Journalist)—2003—
103. Dr. K. Kasturirangan (Scientist)—2003—
104. **Shri Vidya Nivas Misra (Educationist)—2003-2005
105. Dr. Narayan Singh Manaklao (Social Worker)—2003—

**Passed away on 14 February 2005