

FOREWORD

Biographies of statesmen and nation builders have always inspired the younger generations. People are inquisitive to know about their leaders. The publication of Rajya Sabha Members-Biographical Sketches in the year 1991 which contained the biographical sketches of Rajya Sabha Members from 1952 to 1990 fulfilled a long felt need of bringing out a compendium containing brief biographical sketches of Rajya Sabha Members right from its inception in 1952.

Like the unending stream of a perennial river, Rajya Sabha continues, as it is not subject to dissolution. As the Upper House of Indian Parliament, Rajya Sabha has played a meaningful role in the body politic. The people who lent credence to this institution have been those who came from different walks of life. They have been farmers, agriculturists, industrialists, scientists, engineers, lawyers, teachers, educationists, doctors, social workers, political workers and, in fact, they represented a wide cross section of society.

I am happy to note that in this revised second edition brief biographical details of Members of Rajya Sabha from 1952 to 2003 have been included. I need hardly say that this compendium has a great reference value.

I am sure that this publication would be of interest to all those who are concerned about the affairs of the nation and want to know more about those who have been closely associated with the running of the Rajya Sabha. ya Sabha and his team of officers who have painstakingly brought out this revised edition of Rajya Sabha Members-Biographical Sketches.

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