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PRESS RELEASE

A function to release the third edition of the publication titled 'Rajya Sabha at Work' was organized in the Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. The book was released by Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice-President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha.

While releasing the book Hon'ble Chairman said the Framers of the Constitution decided to give us a legislative structure where they have consciously and purposefully provided a second chamber. It was certainly not meant to delay, nor to obstruct, but to give space to take a second look at legislation. A second look is always useful. He shared his experience as the Chairman that a second look has added to the quality not subtracted. Moreover the Select Committees through detailed deliberations are doing excellent and commendable work. Every piece of work done by these Committees have added quality to legislation.

The Chairman also stated that the updated information and developments given in the present edition would be a valuable guide for all Members and the Presiding Officers of the House to discharge their responsibilities.

Prof. P.J. Kurien, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha welcomed the gathering which included Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Ananth Kumar, Members of Parliament, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha, Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, Officers of the Secretariat and various media persons. He

said that during the span of more than six decades of its functioning, the Rajya Sabha has stood the test of time and played a significant role as a legislative, deliberative and oversight body in our democratic polity and the Chairmen who presided over this august House since its inception have played very significant roles in guiding the deliberations and conducting its proceedings with utmost fairness, impartiality and wisdom.

Secretary General, Rajya Sabha made a presentation of the book highlighting the importance of the publication in the day today functioning of the Rajya Sabha. He outlined the significant procedural development during the last 10 years, that have been incorporated in the Book.

Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat proposed vote of thanks to all those present including Shri B.G. Gujar, one of the original authors of the Book.