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The Honourable the Speaker,
Lok Sabha,
New Delhi.

Sir,

I would like to place before you for your consideration two suggestions which may be brought into effect with the beginning of the new Lok Sabha.

The first is that there should be a General Purposes Committee consisting of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and Leaders of major political parties. It should be formally constituted and ~~we~~ should meet periodically to consider matters of broad concern which cannot be adequately dealt with by the Committees which deal with specific matters.

My second proposal is that the present Consultative Committees, attached to various Ministries, which have proved to be too big, flabby and ineffective should be replaced by small and compact Parliamentary Committees for each Ministry on the lines that the Labour Government has instituted in the U.K. These Parliamentary Committees should function under the overall control of the Speaker.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly consider these suggestions and give effect to them in such manner as you may consider feasible.

Yours truly,


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