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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT



"Throughout my reign I will never rule you as a King. I will protect you as a parent, care for you as a brother and serve you as a son. I shall give you everything and keep nothing; I shall live such a life as a good human being that you may find it worthy to serve as an example for your children; I have no personal goals other than to fulfill your hopes and aspirations. I shall always serve you, day and night, in the spirit of kindness, justice and equality."

His Majesty The King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk (Coronation speech at Changlimithang, 7th November, 2008)

FOREWORD

This Annual Report aspires to appraise the physical and financial achievements in the year 2019-2020 and the objective of the Strategic Development Plan (2019-2023) of the National Assembly of Bhutan(NAB). It also highlights the effort of NAB towards fulfilling the country's overarching goal of Gross National Happiness through inclusive and vibrant democracy, effectively carrying out legislative, oversight, and representational functions.

Within this reporting year, the Assembly had 40 sitting days including 5 days of Parliamentary Joint sittings and passed 13 Bills into legislations of which 6 were amendments. The Sessions had also been enriched with Questions hours and moved Motions and submitted Petitions. Beside several informal ones, a formal Public Hearings has also been conducted. The concept paper on Resolution as one of the tools is also ready for approval by the plenary. These are important Parliamentary oversight tools. And as the body that represents people that maintains check and balance, it is important that these tools are qualitatively used.

The Parliamentary Committees had 146 meetings and consultations. The Economic and Finance Committee conducted the first formal Public Hearing on Mines and Minerals Bill. These are effective ways to exercise Oversight functions. Parliamentary committees are the backbone of the Session that offer excellent settings for quality debates. In fact, a significant part of the Parliamentary work is conducted in Committee.

The Honorable Members of Parliament (MPs) frequently visited their Constituencies before the detection of COVID-19 to listen and garner people's participation in decision making. MPs also made numerous visits to various International Parliamentary Conferences to strengthen ties in international affairs.

NAB has also been closely observing the situation of Covid 19. The Third Session itself was cut short and its conclusion postponed till summer due to Covid. The MPs were the first to contribute to Covid fund and set up a Joint Parliamentary Committee on Covid-19 preparedness and response, to support the Government's effort in combating the pandemic. The NAB would like to pay our gratitude to His Majesty the King

for his relentless leadership and the blessings of the guardian deities in fencing the country from the heavy onslaught of pandemic.

Finally, I take the opportunity to thank the Honourable Speaker for his guidance and the Secretariat staff for their dedicated support. I also would like to thank the Secretariat and National Council of Bhutan, for their collaboration. Our sincere appreciation also to the people of Bhutan for their trust in NAB.

Tashi Delek!

(Karma Weezir)

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1. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Article 10(1) of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan, all legislative powers are vested to Parliament and it consists of the Druk Gyalpo, the National Council and the National Assembly. Parliament is entrusted with an important mandate under Article 10(2) of the Constitution to ensure that the Government safeguards the interests of the nation and fulfils the aspirations of the people through public review of policies and issues, Bills and other legislations, and scrutiny of State functions.

Parliament is a body of representatives of the people where policies and the welfare and development issues of the people and the nation are discussed. We have a bicameral Parliament with the National Assembly as the body representing different political opinions in the country and the apolitical National Council as the House of review.

In this spirit, this Report captures the details of legislations passed, major activities and achievements, plans and programmes and challenges of the National Assembly of Bhutan (NAB). The report highlights the efforts of the NAB in fulfilling its mandates and responsibilities to the public in general. Additionally, it features the initiatives undertaken by the Parliamentarians and staff of the Secretariat in show of solidarity and support to the Government and the people towards combating the pandemic. This report is published as It is vital for the NAB to inform the public on the functioning of NAB and its activities of the year, being the body of people's representatives.



2. THE SECRETARIAT

The National Assembly Secretariat is an independent and non-partisan institution headed by the Secretary General. The Secretariat's directorate and heads of the four divisions support the Secretary General in providing its services to the NAB.

The Secretariat provides professional, technical, and support services to the NAB and strives to fulfill its vision "to achieve the Kingdom of Bhutan's overarching goal of Gross National Happiness enshrined in the Constitution through an inclusive and a vibrant democracy" and its mission "to effectively carry out legislative, scrutiny, oversight and representational functions to fulfill the aspirations of the Bhutanese people".

The Secretariat's support to the Speaker and the Members of the NAB enables them to carry out their mandates successfully. In undertaking its functions, the Secretariat is responsible to the Parliament and all the Members, maintaining complete impartiality in serving equally to the Members from both the political parties. The Secretariat always strives to live by what His Majesty the King commanded on the 106th National Day, 17th December 2013 wherein His Majesty the King said "Whether it is the King or the government, as time passes, there will be constant change. At the end, a compact, efficient and strong civil service is the key to ensure the nation's present and future welfare, security and people's wellbeing. I urge all our civil servants to work harder than ever in the service of our nation."

2.1 Human Resource

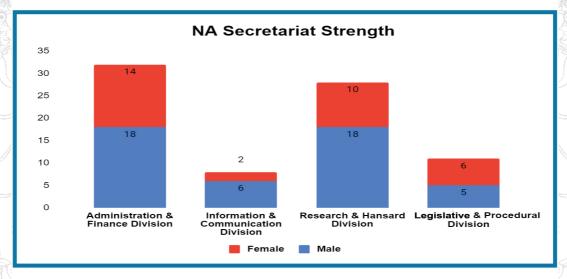
The Secretariat believes that the key to achieving its goals and objectives successfully is the proficient and competent human resource. The success rate of those goals and objectives depend on the knowledge, skills, and abilities of its employees. His Majesty the King during the Royal address to the 11th Convocation of the Royal University of Bhutan on 7th June 2017 said that "we will never go wrong if we invest in human resources and building intelligent institutions. We have to empower the people to achieve their full potential. What we lack in numbers, we must make up in talent."

The Secretariat has a total of 79 staff from which 48% are regular staff and the rest 52% are recruited on contract basis. In the financial year 2019-2020, a total of 10



new staff including the new Secretary General joined the office while 6 staff resigned/ transferred, 3 went for further studies and 2 were on Extra Ordinary Leave. 35 staff are female and the rest 44 are male making it a 40:60 ratio respectively.

The distribution of staff by division is shown in the diagram below.



All staff of the secretariat are civil servants and are governed by the Royal Civil Service Rules. Likewise, recruitment and placement of additional staff is done by RCSC who has the mandate to maintain a small and compact civil service system. Aligning with the Strategic Development plan 2019-2023, the NAS projected the need for an ICT Officer, Protocol Officer, Research Officers, Photographer, Account Assistant and a HR Assistant in the financial year 2018-2019 which still needs to be fulfilled for better performance and services to the Members.

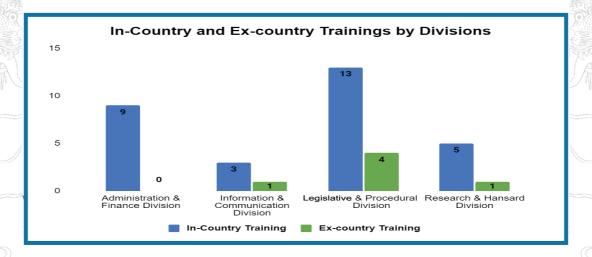
2.2 Human Resource Development

The effects of a versatile, skilled and committed labor force results in a very productive organization, which in turn gives the employees' job security and enhances better services to the public. During the FY 2019-20, 22 staff underwent professional training within the country while 7 staff travelled outside the country for training and conferences. Some of the staff availed as high as 7 training/conferences in a year. The training and conferences were mostly organized either by the parent agencies or other related agencies. Plans for further training and conferences to enhance the capability of the Secretariat Staff and exposure, were hampered by the pandemic. It either had to be called off or postponed.



The figure below shows the details on the frequency of ex-country and in-country training and conferences attended by the staff under their respective Divisions.

The details of in-country training and conferences attended by the staff is also provided in the **Annexure I.**



The trainings included e-GP Training, Certificate Course in Social Policy, Parliamentary Internship Program Under ITEC program, Gender and Climate Change, as a member of Local Government (Amendment) Bill Task Force, Consultative workshop on the draft National Action Plan for Gender Equality, Refreshers course for Member Secretary on the conduct of moderation exercise 2018-2019, Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT), Training on Dzongkha Correspondence and Unicode, Sensitization on Government Payroll System, Electronic Government Procurement System e-GP user Training System Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement, ToT workshop on National Integrity and Anti-Corruption (NIAC: 2019-2023), Workshop on Dissemination of study on Accounting for unpaid Care work in Bhutan, the Foundational Orientation Course and Training on Legislative drafting. These workshops and training were organized and achieved in collaboration with other Government agencies.

To increase productivity, the Secretariat focused on motivating employees through effective training programs, reward and care, and creating an environment that supports the staff. Every year, the Secretariat awards a certificate of merit to the staff who earns the outstanding employee title. This is expected to help motivate and enhance the personal development of the staff as well as the performance of the Secretariat.



2.3 Legislative Officer awarded Outstanding Employee

Every year, an employee(s) is awarded with the certificate of outstanding employee of the year through moderation exercise conducted in line with the requirements of RCSC. The outstanding rank is given to an employee(s) in recognition for his or her excellent service and outstanding performance towards fulfilling the goals of the agency. The number of awardee is determined by the overall ranking of the agency.

Sonam Delek, legislative Officer with the Secretariat has been awarded the outstanding employee for three consecutive years and he shares that "being born in Bhutan, as



a Bhutanese, under the visionary leadership of our Druk Gyalpos, I had the brightest of opportunities to avail free education and complete my studies. I always draw immense inspirations from the vision of my Kings which gives me the strength to shoulder every responsibility with sincerity". Furthermore, Sonam Delek states that "The support system I have at work and home, allows me to complete the tasks assigned and gives me the energy to take further initiatives to deliver beyond what is assigned. I shall thrive to be an exemplary colleague and team player to motivate my team to prune their behavior and develop healthy work ethics and aptitude for learning. Lastly, I have been able to grow myself professionally and

personally, with immense support, mentorship and guidance from the management and my team, for which I shall always humbly remain grateful."

2.4 New Secretary General

As important as the human resource is for the better performance of the Secretariat, leadership is an essential and crucial component of effective management which helps to maximize efficiency and achieve organizational goals.



Following the appointment of former Secretary General of the Secretariat, Mr. Sangay Duba as the Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Karma Weezir, the then Director General of the Department of Culture, under the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs was appointed as the new Secretary General of NAB on 6th May, 2020. Karma Weezir officially joined the NAB as the 7th Secretary General on 14th May, 2020. He also served as Dzongdag in Gasa, Haa, and Samtse Dzongkhags.



Dhar ceremony of the new Secretary General

3. PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

In keeping with the provisions of the Act, the Secretariat assists and ensures that all Parliamentary proceedings are conducted in national language Dzongkha. Likewise, in an effort to promote and strengthen the usage of Dzongkha, it has been made mandatory for all official correspondences and documents to be in the national language.

As recommended by the Environment and Climate Change Committee and as the saying goes "charity begins at home", the Secretariat implemented the recommendation by doing away with the usage of plastics in the NAB in all forms. The usual plastic



mineral water bottle has been replaced with hot water thermo flasks and mugs in the Grand Assembly Hall and Committee rooms. Similarly, the Secretariat has done away with the usage of plastic folders and covers for any kind of documentation.

One major achievement has been the establishment of an efficient heating and cooling system inside the Grand Assembly Hall and Plenary Hall and in the main offices. The Secretariat is positive that such initiative will create a conducive environment due for the Members to concentrate more on the proceedings of the Session and committee meetings with comfort and ensure better output.

In advancing e-Parliament, the NAB continues using the Virtual Zomdu for meeting with the constituents and the stakeholders. The official social media sites and the official website engages in two-way dialogue with the public and stakeholders enabling active social media presence on multiple platforms.

Furthermore, in keeping with the national initiative to go paperless and to pave a way towards e-Parliament, the Secretariat in support from the Royal Government of Bhutan and donor funding agencies, have acquired electronic devices(Ipad) for the Members and Committee staff. This initiative will enable online sharing of Parliamentary documents related to its proceedings in the Grand Assembly Hall vis-a-vis in the Parliamentary Committees. This will enable adequate resource facilitation for quality debates and better decisions while achieving the target to reduce the use of paper in the Parliamentary and Committee proceedings. The Secretariat is set to implement the initiative from the Fourth Session of Third Parliament. It will eventually save cost on resources.

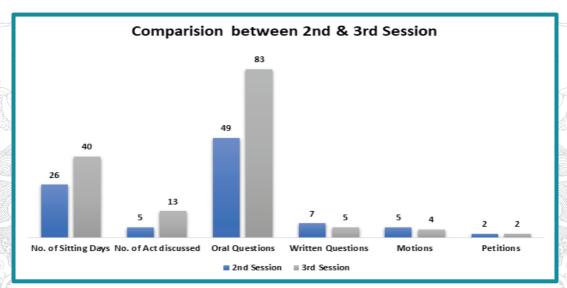
The Secretariat had purchased two vehicles - a hilux and a hiace bus to facilitate comfortable transportation of the Committee members during their oversight field visit. It is crucial that the Member of Parliament make extensive visits for public consultation.



4. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS

The Third Session of the Third Parliament was complemented with 88 questions on various issues from which 5 were Written and 83 were Oral questions. The House also discussed 2 petitions regarding; Farm Shop and Small Development Projects (SDP) and Common Minimum Infrastructure (CMI) flagship programme budgets under the Local Governments' Annual Budget. Further, there were four Motions moved during the Session.

The figure below shows a brief comparison between the Second and the Third Session of the Third Parliament regarding the number of sitting days, number of Legislations, Questions, Motions, and Petitions.



A new tool called Resolution is also ready for presentation and seeking approval from the plenary. While in earlier times, motion and resolution are taken the same or similar and resolution tools have not been used. Now that the distinction has been drawn, the parliamentary tool has been enriched.

5. LEGISLATIVE ROLE AND LEGISLATIONS PASSED

Parliament is the highest decision making body in the country and one of its core mandates is to enact legislation. Only one Session was conducted in the FY 2019-2020 by the NAB due to the emergence of Covid-19 in the country. The Third Session was held from 15th Jan, 2020 to 6th March, 2020 for almost 34 working days. Due to



detection of the first case of Covid-19 on 6th March, 2020, the Closing Ceremony of the Third Session of the Third Parliament scheduled on the day had to be deferred. The Third Session of the Third Parliament resumed from 1st–17th June, 2020 after having received the Royal Kasho to discuss the National Budget Report for FY 2019-2020, Budget Appropriation Bill for the FY 2020-2021, Supplementary Budget Appropriation Bill for the FY 2019-2020, and Annual Financial Statements of the previous fiscal year. The total sitting days for the Third Session of the Third Parliament was 40 days including 5 Joint Sittings.

The Negotiable Instrument (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2020, Mines and Mineral Bill of Bhutan 2020, BIMSTEC Convention on Cooperation in International Terrorism, Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Drug Trafficking and Charter of the SAARC Development Fund (SDF) Amendment 2020 has been referred to the National Council of Bhutan. Whereas the other Bills like Goods and Services Act of Bhutan 2020, Income Tax (Amendment) Act of Bhutan 2020, Tax (Amendment) Act of Bhutan 2020, Fiscal Incentive (Amendment) Act of Bhutan 2020, Pay Revision (Amendment) Act 2020, Tourism Levy Act of Bhutan 2020, Property Ownership Transfer Tax Bill of Bhutan 2020, Supplementary Budget Appropriation Act for the Financial Year 2019-20, Budget Appropriation Act for the Financial year 2020-21 have been granted Assent by His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo. The Minister and Minister Equivalent Post Holder's Entitlement Bill 2019 and the Impeachment Procedure Bill of Bhutan 2019 were withdrawn from the House as the majority did not support the deliberation in the House.

6. OVERSIGHT ROLE AND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

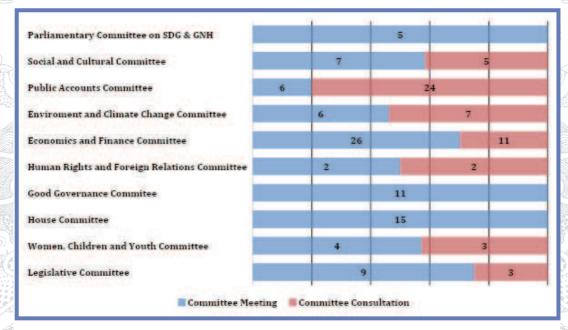
Parliamentary Committees are established to study and deal with various matters that cannot be directly handled by the legislature due to their volume and complexity and internationally they are often known as 'Mini Parliaments'. Article 10(11) of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan mandates each House of Parliament to establish Committees through Rules of Procedure in order to carry out the business of Parliament.

The NAB has 9 Standing Committees. These committees are: Public Accounts Committee (Joint Parliamentary Committee), Legislative Committee; Human Rights



and Foreign Relations Committee; Social and Cultural Committee; Good Governance Committee; Environment and Climate Change Committee; Women, Children, and Youth Committee; Economic and Finance Committee; and House Committee.

These Committees are made up of Members both from ruling as well as opposition parties. Apart from debates on Bills and issues discussed and debated on the floor of the House, more detailed and in-depth discussions take place on issues as well as legislation in the Parliamentary Standing Committees. The Committees are also responsible for overseeing that the Government achieves the sustainable development goals in line with the 12th Five Year Plan. The Committee members are supported by the Committee Secretaries under the Legislative and Procedural Division of the Secretariat.



Total Number of Committee meetings and Public consultation held by Committees in the year:

The Parliamentary Committees had 146 meetings and consultations. The Economic and Finance Committee met for 37 times on various issues while the rest of the Committees met at least four times on an average.



7. REPRESENTATIONAL ROLE AND CONSTITUENCY VISITS

The Rules of Procedure of the NAB mandates the Members to visit their constituencies at least twice a year to meet their constituents. Constituency visits are aimed at enhancing the two-way communication between the constituents and their representative. The Members are the bridge between people and the Government and a representative to mirror the expectations of the people and help achieve them. These visits allow the Members to get hands-on experiences of their people and know the reality of the hardship faced by the constituents. It also enables the Members to inform people about the activities and the plans of the Parliament for their benefit.

During the FY 2019-2020, almost all the Members visited their constituency at least once with the duration varying from 7 to 91 days. The highest frequency of the constituency visit was as high as 4 times. Few of the Members couldn't complete their constituency visit for the second time due to the detection of the COVID-19 positive cases in the country.

8. PARLIAMENT AND COVID-19

During the Third Session, the motion moved by the Minister for Health to brief the House on the gravity of Covid 19 was granted. On 6th March when the first case of Covid-19 was detected, the Prime Minister briefed the MPs of both the Houses. The closing ceremony was postponed. The MPs of both the Houses swing into action.

8.1 Parliamentary Joint Committee for Covid 19

With an approach in show of national solidarity and support to the Government and the people, the Parliamentary Committee on COVID-19 Preparedness and Response was established on 13th March, 2020. The Committee was established with the objective to review the preparedness and response of the Government on COVID-19, provide legislative support to the Government, review the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 and provide necessary recommendations, and advice to the Government during the time of pandemic. Most of the Committee meetings were graced by the presiding officers of both the Houses of Parliament.





Parliamentary Committee on COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

The Committee was mandated to meet whenever necessary based on the arising situation. Further striving to enhance the Parliamentary support to the Government on the response to COVID-19, the Parliamentary Committee for COVID-19 Preparedness and Response held consultation meetings with Minister for Health and the technical Advisory Group for COVID-19, team from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Officials from Greener way, Minister for Economic Affairs and team, team from Ministry of Finance, Minister for Labour and Human Resources, Hotel and Restaurant Association of Bhutan (HRAB) and Royal Monetary Authority.

The Committee provided the Government with twenty written recommendations on fighting against the COVID-19.

8.2 Contribution to COVID-19 Fund

As an immediate practical response, the MPs of both the Housesof Parliament including the Cabinet Ministers and equivalent post holders unanimously volunteered to contribute one month's net salary to support the Government in the hour of need to fight against the COVID-19.



8.3 Into De-suung Duties



Hon Norbu Yangzom(2^{nd} from left) and Hon Yeshay Dem(4^{th} from left) into the lockdown duty.

De-suung the "Guardians of Peace" is the brainchild of His Majesty the King to promote the spirit of volunteerism, the positive influence of ethics, and the values of community service, integrity and civic responsibility in society. It was launched in February 2011. Realizing its importance, the majority of the MPs got themselves trained in De-sung within the first year of their tenure. They volunteered in various frontline stands. Even the non-De-suup MPs got themselves engaged in various activities.

9. COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTION

It is important that Parliament go beyond the primary task of debating and passing laws and get engaged in inter parliamentary diplomacy and exchange partnership and broaden its horizon. Moreover, as all ratifications of agreements and treaties with other countries and external agencies need parliamentary endorsement, there is all the more reason for the parliament to engage in and have influence in international affairs.



9.1 Delegation to International Parliamentary Union (IPU) and other International Conferences

The Members of the NAB attended several international conferences and training. The exposure is mainly aimed to enhance and strengthen the capabilities and experiences of the Members. One among many International Conferences is the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). The National Assembly of Bhutan is a member of the IPU and attends its annual meeting.

The 141st Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), attended by four Members of the NAB took place at Sava Centre, Belgrade, Serbia, from 13 to 17 October, 2019. The 141st IPU focused on Strengthening international law: Parliamentary roles and mechanisms, and the contribution of regional cooperation.



The IPU stated its firm belief that this is the bedrock for peace and security in the world today as it was established at the end of the Second World War and was based on a comprehensive framework of legally-binding global commitments. It was mentioned that the violations of this legal order might breed conflict, insecurity and human suffering.

Members of Parliament during their Turkey visit



9.2 Ex-country meeting and conferences

In the reporting FY, around 68% of the Members of National Assembly of Bhutan attended several ex-country trainings, conferences and exposures as a member of delegations such as Prospectors and Developers Association of canada (PDAC) conference in Torronto, INTERPARES Gender Strategy Workshop and Inter-Regional Roundtable on intersections between Gender and Political Finance, IPU-UN Regional Conference on Countering Terrorism and Extremism, Second SEA Regional Forum to Accelerate NCDs prevention and control in the context of SDGs and several other conferences.

9.3 Foreign delegations received by the National Assembly of Bhutan

The National Assembly of Bhutan for the last one year, received a total of 15 delegations from various international organizations. These visits are a sign of new Parliamentary cooperation and institutional ties while strengthening the already existing ones.

The details of the foreign delegates received by the National Assembly of Bhutan in the FY 2019-20 is provided in **Annexure II**.



Mrs. Brigittee Oppinger-Walchshofer, Ambassador of Austria to Bhutan





Mr. Fadel Haider Soud Alhasan, Charge dAffaires a.i of Ambassay of Kuwait in Bhutan calls on to Hon'ble Speaker



Japanese Delegation led by Mr. Hiroshi Moriyama, a member of the Liberal Democratic Party and House of Representatives in the Diet



EU delegation led by Ms. Paola Pampaloni



10. FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The approved National Budget for the FY 2019-2020 for the National Assembly of Bhutan was Nu. 178.606m with current budget of Nu. 123.221m and capital budget of Nu.55.385m. The budget was revised to Nu.186.139m with the capital of Nu. 57.473m and current budget of Nu. 128.666m. The overall budget expenditure achievement was 98%. Nu. 3.411m was surrendered to the Government, since Parliament could not host the Annual General Meeting of Asian Regional Association of Public Accounts Committees (ARAPAC) in the wake of Covid 19. And also as a result of resource conservation initiative, the travels within and outside the country in the later half of the financial year has been drastically reduced. The detail of the financial achievement is provided in **Annexure III**.

11. CONCLUSION

The year 2019-2020 being the second financial year of the Third Parliament saw fruitful completion of its planned activities even after the effects of pandemic in the country. The Secretariat has served the Members of the Third Parliament with full dedication and commitment and aspires to serve with integrity and humility for the years to come. This report highlights the legislative roles taken by the Members and the activities undertaken to fulfil the sacred mandates of the Parliament. It also highlights the roles carried by the Members in carrying out Committee Meetings/Consultations, Questions asked, Petitions raised and Motions debated.

The Secretariat would like to thank all the development partners for their assistance and contribution for the successful outcome of the activities. The Secretariat remains confident that the Members will continue to work hand in hand and support in fulfilling its mandates towards the Tsa-wa-sum.



12. ANNEXURES

Annexure I: Details of In-country Training by Staff

Sl. no	Date	Training Attended	Staff Name	Organized by, Funded by
1	21 st - 23 rd October	e-GP Training	Tashi Wangdi	iBEST, Funded by DNP
2	15 th - 25 th July	Certificate Course in Social Policy	Sonam Delek	Office
3	29 th August	Gender and Climate Change	Kanjur Wangmo	NCWC
4	6 th - 8 th September	Local Government Act Amendment Task Force Workshop	Sonam Delek	DLG
5	16 th -17 th September	Consultative workshop on the draft National Action Plan for Gender Equality	Ms. Kanjur Wangmo as Gender Focal Person(former)	NCWC
6	13 th September		Dechen pema	RCSC
7	16 th - 17 th September	Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT)	Kuenzang Dema & Sonam Yangki	UNDP
8	14 th - 18 th October	Training on Dzongkha Correspondence and unicode	Sonam Lhamo, Yeshey Xangmo, Kuenzang Wangmo, Tshering Yangzom, Sonam Yangki, Dechen Pema, Tashi Wangdi	NAS, RGOB



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Sl.	Date	Training Attended	Staff Name	Organized
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9	14 th - 18 th	Washahan to some out the	Talagrapa a Maglay	ed by
9	_	Workshop to carry out the	Isnewang Norbu	GNHC
	October	insigh-mining excercise of Royal Addresses frm 2006- 2019 using design thinking		
		tools.		
10	16^{th} - 17^{th}	Sensitization on Govern-	Kuenzang Dema	DPA
3	October	ment Payroll System		
11	21st - 23rd	Electronic Government	Duba, Sonam Lhamo,	DNP
	October	Procurement System e-GP	Ngawang Norbu,	
		user Training	Lotey Gyeltshen,	
			Sonam Delek,	
			Yeshey Xangmo,	
			Sampa Dhendup,	
			Tenzin Namgay,	
			Kanjur Wangmo,	
			Dorji,	
12	23 rd - 24 th	System Tracking of	Tashi Wangdi	
12	October	Exchanges in Procurement	Karma Drupchu, Tshering Yangzom,	
	October	Exchanges in 1 focusement	Pem Zam,	
			Tashi Rabten,	
			Kunzang Dema	
13	6^{th}	ToT workshop on National	Tshewang Norbu,	ACC
	November	Integrity and Anti-	Dechen Pema	
		Corruption (NIAC: 2019-		
)		2023)		
14	2 nd -6 th	Review policies, legislation	Tshewang Norbu	GNHC
	December	and long term strategies		
		of sectors using design		
		thinking tool		
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15	30 th December	Workshop on Dissemination of study on Accounting for unpaid Care work in Bhutan	Ms. Kanjur Wangmo as Gender Focal Person(former)	NCWC
16	20 th Jan - 7 th Feb	The Induction Course	Tshering Wangchuk	OAG
17	6 th - 22 nd Janaury	the Foundational Orientation Course	Dechen pema	RCSC
18	2 nd - 4 th September	Review of Rules of Procedure of the National Assembly	Ms. Kanjur Wangmo, LPD as Delegation Secretary	
19	6 th - 7 th February	Development of National Prevention Strategy for Trafficking in Persons	Sonam Choki	DLO
20	18 th - 23 th June	Familiarization of ZESt	Tashi Zangmo, Thinley Dem	RCSC



Annexure II: Foreign Delegations called on to the Hon Speaker

Sl.	Date	Foreign Delegations
1	9 th August	A twelve-member Parliamentary Delegation from Japan, led by Mr. Hiroshi Moriyama, a member of the Liberal Democratic Party and House of Representatives in the Diet
2	12 th August	The new UNICEF Representative, Mr. Will Parks
= 3	19 th August	Her Excellency Mrs. Brigittee Oppinger-Walchshofer, Ambassador of Austria was accompanied by Dr. Johannes Binder, Resident Coordinator, Austrian Development Agency.
4	6 th September	Dr. Gyorgy Such, Director General of the Hungarian National Assembly
5	17 th October	Ambassador-Designate of Denmark, His Excellency Freddy Svane
6	18th October	The Ambassador of Egypt to Bhutan, H. E. Dr. Heba Salaheldin Elmarassi
7	18th October	The Ambassador-designate of EU, H. E. Mr. Ugo Astuto
8	18th October	The Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal to Bhutan, H. E. Nilamber Acharya
9	21st October	The delegation from the Danish Institute of Parties and Democracy (DIPD)
10	4 th November	A Five-Member European Union (EU) Delegation led by Ms. Paola Pampaloni called on to the Hon'ble Speaker
11	29 th November	Madam Christine Jantcher and Ms. Claudia Lisa, founder and Members of the Friends of Bhutan in Vienna, Austria
12	24 th December	Her Excellency Ms. Arunrung Phothong Humphreys, Ambassador of Thailand to Bhutan



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Sl. no.	Date	Foreign Delegations
13	4 th February	Mr. Hisham Alghanim, Chairman and CEO of the International Film Distribution Company IFD, Deputy Chief the Kuwait National Cinema Company accompanied by His Excellency Mr. Fadel Alhasan Charge' D'affaires .a.i, the Kuwait Ambassador to Bhutan.
14	2 nd June	Bhutan's Ambassador Designate to the Republic of Bangladesh, Ambassador Rinchen Kuentsyel and Mr. Kencho Thinley, Trade Attache
15	29 th June	Appointment with IMTRAT Commandant Maj General Jagdish Choudhari, SM, VSM



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ACT	SACT	FIC	OBC	TITLE	BUD- GET	EXPEN- DITURE	BAL- ANCE	%
				NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SERVICES				
•				NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT &				
基 分				SUPPLEMENTARY SER- VICES				
001				SECRETARIAT SERVICES				
	01			PAY AND ALLOWANCES				
		0001		RGOB Financing				
			01.01	Pay and Allowances	16.859	16.856	0.003	0.0
			02.01	Other Personnel Emoluments	0.652	0.648	0.004	0.6
			24.03	Contributions - Provident Fund	2.010	1.830	0.180	8.9
			54.01	Furniture	0.096	0.096	0.000	0.2
			54.03	Computers & Peripherals	0.387	0.383	0.004	1.0
0)_				TOTAL OF FIC 0001	20.004	19.812	0.192	
				TOTAL OF SAct 01	20.004	19.812	0.192	
	02			ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT SERVICES				
		0001		RGOB Financing				
			11.01	Travel - Incountry	1.847	1.846	0.001	0.0
			12.01	Utilities -Telephones, Telex, Fax, E-mail, Internet	0.568	0.567	0.001	0.2
182			12.02	Utilities -Telegram, Wireless Transmission, Postage	0.045	0.045	0.000	-0.2
			14.01	S & M - Office Supplies, Printing, Publications	0.250	0.250	0.000	0.0
			14.07	S & M - Text Books, Library Books, Stationeries & Sports Item	0.043	0.042	0.001	1.4
			15.02	Maintenance of Property - Vehicles	0.996	0.996		
~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~			15.05	Maintenance of Property - Equipment	0.070	0.070	0.000	-0.5
_4			17.01	Op. Exp Advertising	0.186	0.186	0.000	0.1
3			17.02	Op. Exp Taxes, Duties, Royalties, Fees, Handling	0.044	0.028	0.016	37.
				Charges, Bank Charges				
			18.01	Hospitality & Entertainment	0.235	0.231	0.004	1.8
			52.08	Plant & Equipt General Tools, Instruments	0.493	0.492	0.001	0.2

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ACT	SACT	FIC	OBC	TITLE	BUD- GET	EXPEN- DITURE	BAL- ANCE	%
			54.01	Furniture	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.15
			54.02	Office Equipment	0.140	0.140	0.000	0.17
				TOTAL OF FIC 0001	4.977	4.951	0.026	
				TOTAL OF SAct 02	4.977	4.951	0.026	
	04			PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE MP SERVICES				
		0001		RGOB Financing				
			01.01	Pay and Allowances	55.434	55.272	0.162	0.29
			02.01	Other Personnel Emoluments	0.520	0.469	0.051	9.75
			11.01	Travel - Incountry	5.423	4.491	0.932	17.18
			12.01	Utilities -Telephones, Telex, Fax, E-mail, Internet	0.797	0.796	0.001	0.10
			12.02	Utilities -Telegram, Wireless Transmission, Postage	0.039	0.028	0.011	28.53
			12.03	Utilities - Electricity, Water, Sewerage	0.251	0.259	-0.008	-2.99
			13.01	Rental of Properties - Buildings	1.438	1.437	0.001	0.04
			14.01	S & M - Office Supplies, Printing, Publications	0.278	0.278	0.000	0.00
			14.07	S & M - Text Books, Library Books, Stationeries & Sports	0.013	0.013	0.001	3.85
				Item				
			15.02	Maintenance of Property - Vehicles	0.945	0.944	0.001	0.12
			21.01	Current Grants - Individuals/ Non-profit Orgs.	6.067	6.064	0.003	0.05
			24.03	Contributions - Provident Fund	5.116	5.115	0.001	0.01
				TOTAL OF FIC 0001	76.321	75.166	1.155	
				TOTAL OF SAct 04	76.321	75.166	1.155	
	05			HON'BLE SPEAKER'S OFFICIAL TRAVEL AND CONSTITUENCY VISIT				
		0001		RGOB Financing				
			11.01	Travel - Incountry	0.380	0.155	0.225	59.12
			17.08	Op. Exp Incountry Meetings and Celebrations	1.000	1.013	-0.013	-1.31
			54.03	Computers & Peripherals	0.120	0.118	0.002	1.25
				TOTAL OF FIC 0001	1.500	1.287	0.213	
				TOTAL OF SAct 05	1.500	1.287	0.213	
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PRG	SPRG	ACT	SACT	FIC	OBC	TITLE	BUD- GET	EXPEN- DITURE	BAL- ANCE	%
			06			HON'BLE OPPOSITION LEADER'S OFFICIAL TRAVEL AND CONSTITUENCY VISIT				
				0001		RGOB Financing				
4					11.01	Travel - Incountry	0.373	0.279	0.094	25.16
					17.08	Op. Exp Incountry Meetings and Celebrations	0.880	0.762	0.118	13.36
					54.03	Computers & Peripherals	0.120	0.118	0.002	1.25
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001	1.373	1.160	0.213	
						TOTAL OF SAct 06	1.373	1.160	0.213	
			07			RESEARCH PROGRAM SERVICES				
				0001		RGOB Financing				
					01.01	Pay and Allowances	10.561	10.561	0.000	0.00
					11.01	Travel - Incountry	3.368	3.368	0.000	0.00
					25.01	Retirement Benefits	0.228	0.228	0.000	0.02
?						TOTAL OF FIC 0001	14.157	14.157	0.000	
						TOTAL OF SAct 07	14.157	14.157	0.000	
3			08			INSTALLATION OF HEATING AND COOLING				
2						SYSTEM				
				0001		RGOB Financing				
					51.08	Exp. on Structure - Others	44.751	44.749	0.002	0.00
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001	44.751	44.749	0.002	
¥						TOTAL OF SAct 08	44.751	44.749	0.002	
			09			E PARLIAMENT INITIATIVE				)
				0001		RGOB Financing				
<b>4</b>					54.03	Computers & Peripherals	2.822	2.822	0.000	0.00
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001	2.822	2.822	0.000	
						TOTAL OF SAct 09	2.822	2.822	0.000	
~ ~ ~			10			DZONGKHA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME				
<b>4</b>				0001		RGOB Financing				
J					45.02	Training - Others	0.150	0.124	0.026	17.51
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001	0.150	0.124	0.026	ļ
						TOTAL OF SAct 10	0.150	0.124	0.026	



PRG	SPRG	ACT	SACT	FIC	OBC	TITLE	BUD- GET	EXPEN- DITURE	BAL- ANCE	%
			12			UNDP SUPPORT FOR ADVOCACY FOR VIRTUAL ZOMDU				
				3001		Parliamentary Development				
					17.08	Op. Exp Incountry Meetings and Celebrations	0.730	0.566	0.164	22.
						TOTAL OF FIC 3001	0.730	0.566	0.164	
						TOTAL OF SAct 12	0.730	0.566	0.164	
			13			UNDP SUPPORT FOR CONDUCTING PUBLIC				
						HEARING				
				3001		Parliamentary Development				
					17.08	Op. Exp Incountry Meetings and Celebrations				
					45.02	Training - Others	0.245	0.245	0.000	0.0
						TOTAL OF FIC 3001	0.245	0.245	0.000	
						TOTAL OF SAct 13	0.245	0.245	0.000	
			15			INSTALLATION OF CENSOR DOOR AND FIXING OF				
						RAIN GUTTERS AT GYELONG TSHOKHANG				
				0003		Adjustment of Previous Year's Advances				
					51.08	Exp. on Structure - Others	0.007	0.007		
						TOTAL OF FIC 0003	0.007	0.007		
						TOTAL OF SAct 15	0.007	0.007		



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PRG	SPRG	ACT	SACT	FIC	OBC	TITLE	BUD- GET	EXPEN- DITURE	BAL- ANCE	%
			19			UNICEF SUPPORT TO STRENGTHEN PARLIAMENTARIAN CAPACITY ON GOVERNANCE AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT				
				2647		UN Support for Parlia- mentary Democracy in Bhutan to NAB & NCB				
					45.01	Training - Human Resource Development	1.095		1.095	100.00
						TOTAL OF FIC 2647	1.095		1.095	
1						TOTAL OF SAct 19	1.095		1.095	
			20			ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF HEATING SYSTEM AND AIR CONDITIONERS				
				0001		RGOB Financing				
					15.05	Maintenance of Property - Equipment				
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001				
						TOTAL OF SAct 20				
		002				ASSEMBLY SESSION SERVICES				
			01			GENERAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES				
				0001		RGOB Financing				
					12.01	Utilities -Telephones, Telex, Fax, E-mail, Internet	0.017	0.017	0.000	-0.22
					12.02	Utilities -Telegram, Wireless Transmission, Postage				
					14.01	S & M - Office Supplies, Printing, Publications	1.153	1.096	0.057	4.91
					17.01	Op. Exp Advertising	0.090	0.085	0.005	5.18
					17.08	Op. Exp Incountry Meetings and Celebrations	4.140	4.122	0.018	0.44
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001	5.400	5.320	0.080	
						TOTAL OF SAct 01	5.400	5.320	0.080	
			02			INSTALLATION OF LIVE STREAMING DEVICES				



PRG	SPRG	ACT	SACT	FIC	OBC	TITLE	BUD-	EXPEN-	BAL-	%
				0001		RGOB Financing	GET	DITURE	ANCE	
				0001	54.02	Office Equipment	0.280	0.280	0.000	0.
					31.02	TOTAL OF FIC 0001	0.280	0.280	0.000	0.
						TOTAL OF SAct 02	0.280	0.280	0.000	
			03			PROCUREMENT OF POOL VEHICLE	0.200	0.200	0.000	
<b>9</b>				0001		RGOB Financing				
					53.01	Purchase of Vehicles	3.535	3.535		
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001	3.535	3.535		
						TOTAL OF SAct 03	3.535	3.535		
						TOTAL OF Act 002	9.215	9.135	0.080	
		003				COMMITTEE SER- VICES				
			01			GENERAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES				
				0001		RGOB Financing				
2					11.01	Travel - Incountry	0.400	0.393	0.007	1.
					14.01	S & M - Office Supplies, Printing, Publications	0.016	0.016	0.000	0.
					17.08	Op. Exp Incountry Meetings and Celebrations	1.193	1.189	0.004	0.
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001	1.609	1.598	0.011	
						TOTAL OF SAct 01	1.609	1.598	0.011	
			03			HOSTING ARAPAC 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL				
						MEETING IN BHUTAN				
				0001		RGOB Financing				
					17.08	Op. Exp Incountry Meetings and Celebrations				
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001				
						TOTAL OF SAct 03				
						TOTAL OF Act 003	1.609	1.598	0.011	
-5		005				BUILDING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY				
			01			MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY & FIRE SERVICES IN				



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PRG	SPRG	ACT	SACT	FIC	OBC	TITLE	BUD- GET	EXPEN- DITURE	BAL- ANCE	%
				0001		RGOB Financing				
					15.05	Maintenance of Property - Equipment	0.320	0.201	0.119	37.19
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001	0.320	0.201	0.119	
						TOTAL OF SAct 01	0.320	0.201	0.119	
			02			MANDATORY MEETINGS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM				
				0001		RGOB Financing				
					11.02	Travel - Outside Bhutan	2.425	2.424	0.001	0.02
					18.01	Hospitality & Entertainment	0.693	0.622	0.071	10.30
					55.01	Professional Services	0.170	0.170		
						TOTAL OF FIC 0001	3.288	3.216	0.072	
				0003		Adjustment of Previous Year's Advances				
					11.02	Travel - Outside Bhutan	0.137	0.144	-0.007	-5.39
					18.01	Hospitality & Entertainment	0.050		0.050	100.00
						TOTAL OF FIC 0003	0.187	0.144	0.043	
						TOTAL OF SAct 02	3.475	3.360	0.115	
						TOTAL OF Act 005	3.795	3.561	0.234	
		009				COVID 19				
			01			COVID 19 PREPARED- NESS AND RESPONSE MEASURES				
				3001		Parliamentary Development				
					12.01	Utilities -Telephones, Telex, Fax, E-mail, Internet	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.18
					14.01	S & M - Office Supplies, Printing, Publications	0.055	0.055		
), 					17.08	Op. Exp Incountry Meetings and Celebrations	0.280	0.280		
					54.02	Office Equipment	0.122	0.122		
						TOTAL OF FIC 3001	0.508	0.508	0.000	
						TOTAL OF SAct 01	0.508	0.508	0.000	
						TOTAL OF Act 009	0.508	0.508	0.000	
						TOTAL OF SPrg 005	186.139	182.728	3.411	
						TOTAL OF FO 00	186.139	182.728	3.411	
						TOTAL OF Dept 01	186.139	182.728	3.411	
						TOTAL OF AU 103.01	186.139	182.728	3.411	
57						GRAND TOTAL	186.139	182.728	3.411	



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