

## Rajya Sabha Codebook 1.30

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## 1. Introduction

The Rajya Sabha Dataset (TCPD-RSD) is a corpus of data concerning all members of the Rajya Sabha of India from **March 1952 to 20 July 2022**. The data comes from the official website of Rajya Sabha (<https://rajyasabha.nic.in/>). This official website contains information about members' political history, positions held, sociological information, etc. We first extracted this information, and then cleaned and structured it to fit into a tabular format.

Each individual member of Rajya Sabha has been assigned a unique identification number (ID) to help track their political history.

This codebook provides information about the variables included in the Rajya Sabha dataset. The codebook will be updated as and when new information is added to the dataset.

This is version 1.30. The information in this dataset has been taken from the official Rajya Sabha website as of 20 July, 2022, as well as the Rajya Sabha Who's Who. The Who's Who is a periodic publication released by the Upper House detailing information on its constituent members. The information on the Members that was not given by the official Rajya Sabha website has been filled in using the Who's Who. Additionally, the IDs in this dataset do not correspond to those in LokDhaba as in the previous versions. They are in development after being discovered to be inconsistent.

We hope that you will find this dataset useful and request that you cite the data as indicated in the codebook, whenever you use the data in a publication or public presentation.

With thanks,

TCPD Team

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**3. Table 1: Variable names, type, and description**

No.	Variable Name	Variable Type	Variable Description
1.	ID	string	A unique identification number assigned to each individual member to help track their political career in the Rajya Sabha
2.	Member_Name	string	The name of the individual member  [As of March 1952 - 20 July 2022, there are 2412 unique individuals in Rajya Sabha.]
3.	Gender	string	The sex of the individual as per the official website of Rajya Sabha  If not available, it has been left blank.
4.	Gender_TCPD	string	The sex of the individual as assigned by TCPD.
5.	Father_Name	string	The name of the individual's father, if available
6.	Mother_Name	string	The name of the individual's mother, if available
7.	Date_of_Birth	date(dd-mm-yyyy) Or string	The day, month, and year the individual was born  Please note that for individuals born before 1900, or for whom sources do not give day, month, and year; this variable has been left as is in the original data source and not formatted. This has been done to prevent loss of data due to formatting considerations.
8.	Year_of_Birth	numeric	The year the individual was born

9.	Place_of_Birth	string	The details of where the individual was born as per the official website of Rajya Sabha or Who's Who
10.	Marital_Status	string	Describes if the individual is/ was single, unmarried, married, or divorced, as per the official website of Rajya Sabha or Who's Who data  If available, also mentions the date, and/or month, and/or year when the individual was married.
11.	Spouse_Name	string	The name of the individual's spouse, if available
12.	Children	string	The name and gender of all the individual's offspring  For sons and daughters, the abbreviations s. and d. have been used respectively
13.	Educational_Qualification	string	Describes in detail what degrees the individual has attained and from which educational institutions
14.	Educational_Qualification_Buckets	string	The educational qualifications of RS members have been sorted into buckets to make analysis easier
15.	Profession	string	Describes the occupational experience of the individual
16.	Permanent_Address	string	The individual's permanent address as per the official website of Rajya Sabha
17.	Present_Address	string	The individual's present address as per the official website of Rajya Sabha

18.	E-mail	string	The individual's official Rajya Sabha email ID, and other IDs, if available
19.	Positions_Held	string	Describes all the positions the individual has held within the Indian Legislature, the Executive, or the Judiciary, along with the years in which the said positions were held
20.	Freedom_Fighter	string	A binary variable that conveys if the individual had been a Freedom Fighter(Yes) or not (No), as given in the official website of Rajya Sabha
21.	Books_Published	string	Names of books the individual has published, as per the official website of Rajya Sabha
22.	Other_Information	string	Supplementary information on the individual as given in their profile on the official website of Rajya Sabha
23.	Start_Date	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year from which the individual started the particular tenure in the Rajya Sabha
24.	Start_Date_Year	date(yyyy)	The year when the individual was appointed to the Rajya Sabha for a particular tenure
25.	End_Date_Term	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year on which the individual's particular tenure formally ends  (Please note that this may or may not be the date when the individual actually leaves the Rajya Sabha for a particular tenure.)
26.	End_Date_Actual	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year

			<p>on which the individual's particular tenure actually ends.</p> <p>This date may or may not be the same as End_Date_Term. If the individual has been serving in the Rajya Sabha as on 20th July 2022, this field has been left blank, as is the case for 237 individuals.</p> <p>For details on the reason for leaving a particular tenure, please see the variable Reason_of_Vacation.</p>
27.	End_Date_Actual_Year	date (yyyy)	The year when the individual actually left the Rajya Sabha for a particular tenure
28.	Reason_of_Vacation	string	<p>Gives the reason as to why the individual left the Rajya Sabha for this particular tenure</p> <p>The following reasons have been declared on the official website of Rajya Sabha:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Death</li> <li>2. Disqualification</li> <li>3. Elected to Lok Sabha</li> <li>4. Reorganisation of the State</li> <li>5. Resignation</li> <li>6. Retirement</li> <li>7. Seat Declared Vacant</li> </ol>
29.	Party	string	The party which the individual represents in the Rajya Sabha for the particular tenure
30.	State	string	The state which the individual represents in the Rajya Sabha for the particular tenure

			If the individual was nominated, this variable will instead say <i>Nominated</i> .
31.	Nominated	logical	Describes if the individual was Nominated (TRUE) or represents a State (FALSE) in the Rajya Sabha for the particular tenure
32.	Term_No	numeric	Gives the <i>n</i> th term for this individual
33.	Total_Terms	numeric	Gives the total number of terms the individual has served in the Rajya Sabha
34.	Type	string	Describes if the individual is currently a member of the Rajya Sabha (Current) or not (Former)
35.	General	string	General information of the individual given in the Rajya Sabha Who's Who
36.	Source	string	Describes if the individual's data was taken from the Official Website, the Who's Who, or both.



#### **4. Documentation Process**

All the information for this dataset was taken from the official website of the Rajya Sabha (<https://rajyasabha.nic.in/>). The data was first extracted by scraping using Python. It was then cleaned and formatted to fit into a tabular format.

Afterwards, the Rajya Sabha Who's Who was used to fill in the gaps in data.

#### **5. Exceptions**

The following are the manual changes made by the team at TCPD due to missing data on the official website :

1. Member : Shri Manohar Kant Dhyani
  - a. Added state "Uttarakhand" for the tenure 09/11/2000 - 25/11/2002
  - b. Source : [https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Manohar\\_Kant\\_Dhyani](https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Manohar_Kant_Dhyani)

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