

Rajya Sabha Codebook 1.20

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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 (PID) to help track their political history. We have made the greatest of efforts to keep this PID common across the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha datasets. This means that if an individual contested any seat in the national-level General Elections (GE), state-level Assembly Elections (AE), and/or Rajya Sabha Elections, they will ideally have the same PID across all TCPD datasets. However, please let us know if we might have missed out on a few individuals.

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 1.20. The information in this dataset has been taken from the official Rajya Sabha website as of July 20, 2022.

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.	pid	string	A unique identification number assigned to each individual member to help track their political career across national-level General Elections, state-level Assembly Elections, and Rajya Sabha Elections
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.	Father_Name	string	The name of the individual's father, if available
5.	Mother_Name	string	The name of the individual's mother, if available
6.	Date_of_Birth	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year the individual was born
7.	Place_of_Birth	string	The details of where the individual was born as per the official website of Rajya Sabha
8.	Marital_Status	string	Describes if the individual is/ was single, unmarried, married, or divorced, as per the official website of Rajya Sabha If available, also mentions the date, and/or month, and/or year when the individual was married.
9.	Spouse_Name	string	The name of the individual's spouse, if available

10.	Children	string	The name and gender of all the individual's offspring
11.	Educational_Qualification	string	Describes in detail what degrees the individual has attained and from which educational institutions
12.	Profession	string	Describes the occupational experience of the individual
13.	Permanent_Address	string	The individual's permanent address as per the official website of Rajya Sabha
14.	Present_Address	string	The individual's present address as per the official website of Rajya Sabha
15.	E-mail	string	The individual's official Rajya Sabha email ID, and other IDs, if available
16.	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
17.	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
18.	Books_Published	string	Names of books the individual has published
19.	Other_Information	string	Supplementary information on the individual as given in their profile on the official website of Rajya Sabha
20.	Start_Date	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year from which the individual started the particular

			tenure in the Rajya Sabha
21.	Start_Date_Year	date(yyyy)	The year when the individual was appointed to the Rajya Sabha for a particular tenure
22.	End_Date_Term	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	<p>The day, month, and year on which the individual's particular tenure formally ends</p> <p>(Please note that this may or may not be the date when the individual actually leaves the Rajya Sabha for a particular tenure.)</p>
23.	End_Date_Actual	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	<p>The day, month, and year 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 the particular tenure, please see the variable Reason_of_Vacation.</p>
24.	End_Date_Actual_Year	date(yyyy)	The year when the Individual actually left the Rajya Sabha for a particular tenure
25.	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>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Death 2. Disqualification 3. Elected to Lok Sabha 4. Reorganisation of the State 5. Resignation 6. Retirement 7. Seat Declared Vacant
26.	Party	string	The party which the individual represents in the Rajya Sabha for the particular tenure
27.	State	string	<p>The state which the individual represents in the Rajya Sabha for the particular tenure</p> <p>If the individual was nominated, this variable will instead say <i>Nominated</i>.</p>
28.	Nominated	logical	Describes if the individual was Nominated (TRUE) or represents a State (FALSE) in the Rajya Sabha for the particular tenure
29.	Term_No	numeric	Gives the <i>nth</i> term for this Individual
30.	Total_Terms	numeric	Gives the total number of terms the individual has served in the Rajya Sabha
31.	Type	string	Describes if the individual is currently a member of the Rajya Sabha (Current) or not (Former)

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 PID was assigned by the Centre's open-source software called SURF to track an Individual's political career through national-level General Elections, state-level Assembly Elections, and Rajya Sabha Elections. For more details on SURF, please visit our page here: <https://tcpd.ashoka.edu.in/surf/>.

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

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