

Dr. A Surya Prakash A Brief Profile

A Surya Prakash is an author and Columnist and a leading commentator on Indian constitutional and parliamentary issues and governance. Apart from his pioneering work on Parliament, Dr. Surya Prakash is known for his well-researched interventions on national issues.

Over the last 44 years, Dr. Prakash has held key positions in several print and electronic media organisations. He was Editor, Zee News, Executive Editor, The Pioneer; India Editor, Asia Times, a business and political daily published from Bangkok and Singapore; Political Editor, Eenadu Group of Newspapers; and Chief of Bureau, Indian Express, New Delhi.

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Surya Prakash, supported by a K.K. Birla Fellowship, took a sabbatical in the early 1990s to study the working of India's apex legislative body. The result was *What Ails Indian Parliament*, published in 1995 by Indus, an imprint of HarperCollins, which is hailed as the most definitive text on the working of India's parliament after W.H. Morris-Jones *Parliament in India*, published in 1957.

His more recent work on Parliament – *Public Money, Private Agenda – The Use and Misuse of MPLADS*, published by RUPA in 2013 has also won critical acclaim.

Surya Prakash has several more publications on the working of India's Parliament including chapters in many books. Among them are: *Need to Regulate the Working of Political Parties* in G.C. Malhotra (Ed.), *Fifty Years of Indian Parliament*, published by Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi, 2002; *Parliamentary Questions as Instruments of Accountability* in Mehra and Kueck, (Ed.), *The Indian Parliament – A Comparative Perspective*, Konark Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Delhi, 2003;

Surya Prakash was awarded the K.K. Birla Fellowship to study the working of Indian Parliament in 1992. He also secured a fellowship from the Frederick Ebert Foundation to study the working of Standing Committee of the German Bundestag in 1993. He has travelled widely and studied the working of the German and British Parliaments. He was a Member of the Lok Sabha Fellowship Committee that awarded fellowship annually to scholars studying parliamentary institutions. He is also recipient of the Karnataka Rajyaotsava Award; the Sardar Patel Fellowship from the Institute of Policy Studies; the Karnataka Patrika Academy Award; and the Bipan Chandra Pal Sanman for *Fearless Journalism*.

Surya Prakash has a Masters in Sociology from Mysore University and a D.Litt from Tumkur University.