

**‘INDIAN CONSTITUTION IS A SOCIAL DOCUMENT TO TRANSFORM INDIA’,
SAYS SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD**

New Delhi, 24 November 2016: As part of the workshop for Members of Parliament being organized by the Speaker’s Research Initiative (SRI) of Lok Sabha Secretariat in Parliament Library Building, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology addressed the distinguished gathering on the theme ‘Fundamental Duties and Rights’. On this occasion, Shri Prasad observed that the Indian Constitution is a social document to transform India. Shri Prasad said that the fundamental rights have gone a long way in strengthening democracy in our country. Stressing upon the importance of fundamental rights, Shri Prasad stated that these rights also provide for providing equality, justice and empowerment of women.

In his address on ‘Unitary and Federal Structure of polity under Indian Constitution’, Retired Justice of Supreme Court and Chairman, Law Commission, Dr. B.S. Chauhan observed that the Indian Constitution provides for a pragmatic federal structure in the country wherein states are created for administrative purposes and there is a strong unitary tilt. Dr. Chauhan apprised the Members of the various articles of the Constitution providing for division of powers between the Union and the states and delved into the relevant recommendations of the reports of different Commissions in this regard. He reiterated that the supremacy of the Constitution and independence of the Judiciary has played a vital role in maintaining this federal structure.