

## New nominations to Rajya Sabha



On July 6, 2022, four new nominations were made to the Rajya Sabha.

### Who have been nominated?

The four nominations include:

1. **Ilaiyaraaja**, who is the Music maestro from Tamil Nadu.
2. **P T Usha**, who is a sports icon from Kerala.
3. **V Vijayendra Prasad**, who is an acclaimed screenwriter from Karnataka.
4. **Veerendra Heggade**, who is the philanthropist and spiritual leader.

These nominated members have received multiple national and global recognition. They have an illustrious career. Furthermore, it sends political message as well. All the nominations were made from south India, indicating that, southern states are main focus of government for next phase of growth.

### Why new nominations were made?

New nominations were made, after the resignation of RCP Singh of JD(U) and Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi of BJP from Union Cabinet. The terms of both are scheduled to end from Rajya Sabha on July 8.

### About Ilaiyaraaja

Career of Ilaiyaraaja traversed for over five decades. He has composed songs in many Indian languages and has won numerous awards. He has won “national award” for five times. He received Padma Bhushan in 2010 and Padma Vibhushan in 2018.

### About P T Usha

P T Usha is popular as “Payyoli Express”. She has won 11 medals in Asian Games. In Seoul Games of 1986, she won four gold. She opened “Usha School of Athletics”, following her retirement. She has been training over 100 national and international-level athletes.

### About V Vijayendra Prasad

He is a famous screenwriter from Telugu Cinema. Popular filmmaker SS Rajamouli is his son. The screenwriter has worked in Tamil, Kannada and Hindi films. He wrote “Bajrangi Bhaijaan” in Hindi and the “Baahubali Series”.

### About Veerendra Heggade

Since the age of 20, Veerendra Heggade has been positioned as “Dharmadhikari” in Dharmasthala Temple. He opened the “Rural Development and Self-Employment Training Institute”, to raise awareness among rural youth about self-employment opportunities.

### Nominated Members of Rajya Sabha

In Rajya Sabha, there are a total of 245 members. Out of them, President of India nominates 12 members, on the recommendation of the Government. Nominations are made in accordance with Article 80(3) of the Constitution. Nominated member can join a political party, within six months of taking the nominated seat.