Search Tips for Searching Digital Library of Parliament of India

Parliament Digital Library has been developed using open source software "DSpace". It has deployed SOLR search engine through which one can browse, perform simple search and advance search with filter facility.

1. EXPLORE

Allows you to go through a list of items in some specified order. One can explore by Type, Members, Lok Sabha Number, Ministry etc.

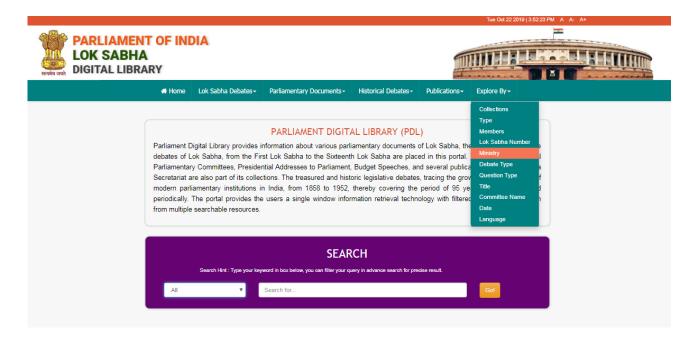


Fig 1: Explore Menu

For example: following is the screen shot of exploring through "Ministry"

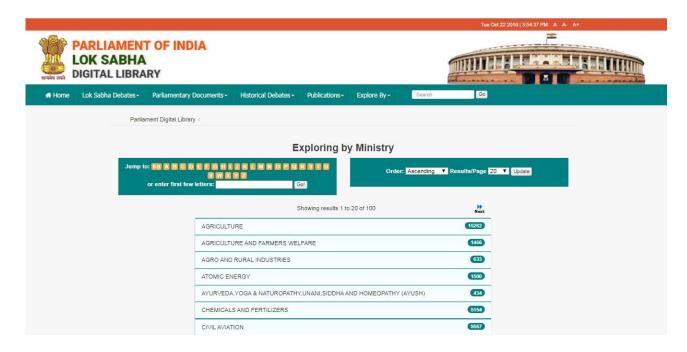


Fig 2: Explore by Ministry

2. SIMPLE SEARCH

One can type any single word or group of words or phrases which are searched as free text word(s) in metadata as well in full text documents. It may locate those documents wherever these words or phrases may occur in the metadata and full text documents. As a default, SOLR search engine uses 'AND' Boolean operator, that is, search results contain all of the terms. For Example:

2.1. Case 1: Search on free text words as keywords

Example 1 : Uniform Civil Code as keywords

It shows documents containing Uniform AND Civil AND Code as search term.

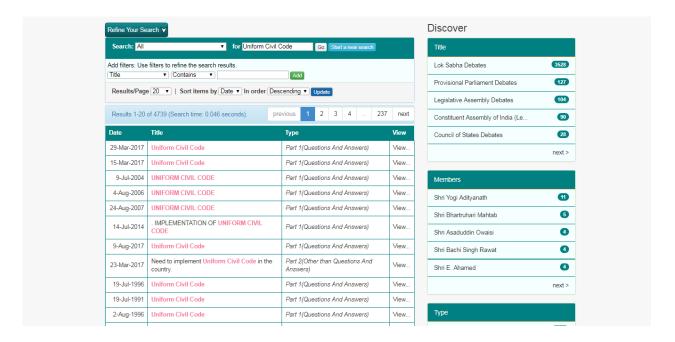


Fig 3: Search on **Uniform Civil Code** as keywords

Example 2: Loan Waiver as keywords

It shows documents containing Loan AND Waiver as search term.

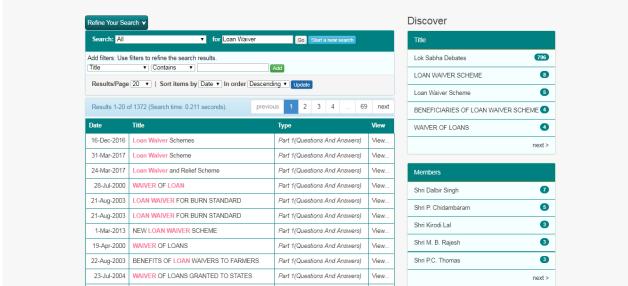


Fig 4: Search on Loan Waiver as keywords

However, one can further refine the search by using Boolean operators.

3. BROADEN THE SEARCH USING "OR" OPERATOR

3.1. One can broaden the search results using OR operator.

For Example: Railways OR Accidents

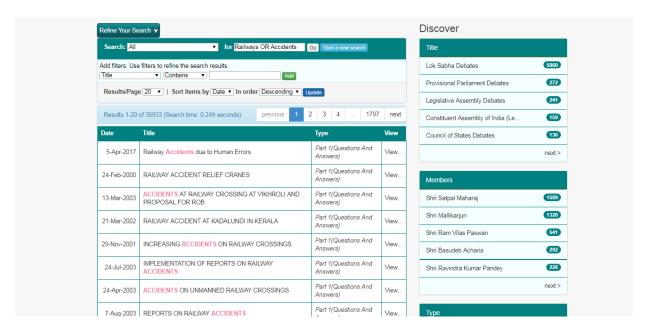


Fig 5: Search on Railways OR Accidents as search terms

This will search documents that have keywords either Railways or Accidents anywhere in the documents.

4. NARROW DOWN SEARCH USING "AND" OPERATOR

4.1. One can narrow down the search by using AND operator.

For Example: Railways AND Accidents

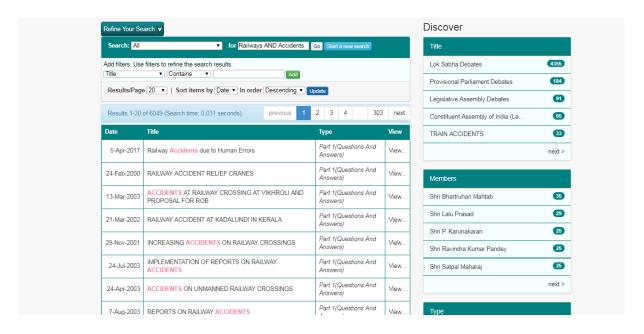


Fig 6: Search on Railways AND Accidents

This will Search documents that have both the keywords "Railways AND Accidents" anywhere in the documents.

5. NEGATION OF SEARCH TERMS USING "NOT" OPERATOR

5.1. In this case, user does not want to have certain terms in the search results. It can be achieved by using "NOT" operator.

For Example: To search Citizenship NOT India

Step 1: Simple search on Citizenship

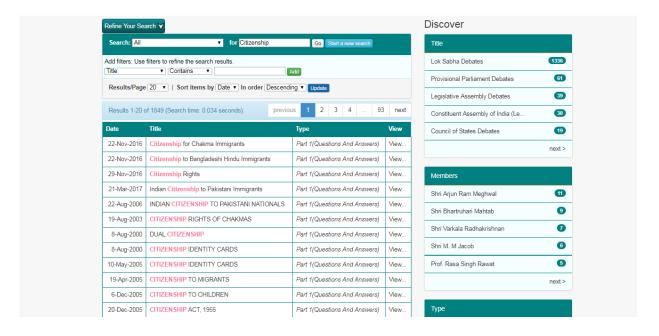


Fig 7: Search on Citizenship

Step 2: Search on Citizenship NOT India

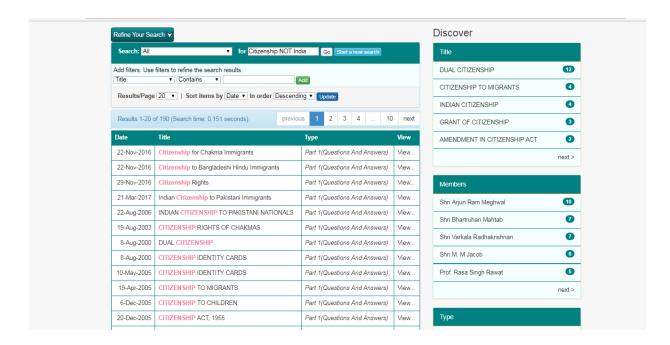


Fig 8: Search on Citizenship NOT India

This will search those documents that have "Citizenship" but not containing "India" in them.

SEARCH USING COMBINATION OF OPERATORS

6. "AND" and "OR" combination

For Example: Amendment OR Bill AND Citizenship

In this, search is performed by combining AND/OR operators.

Step 1: Simple search on Bill

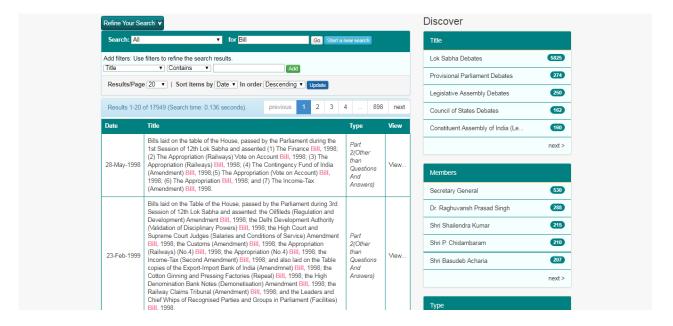


Fig 9: Search on Bill

Step 2: Search on Bill OR Amendment

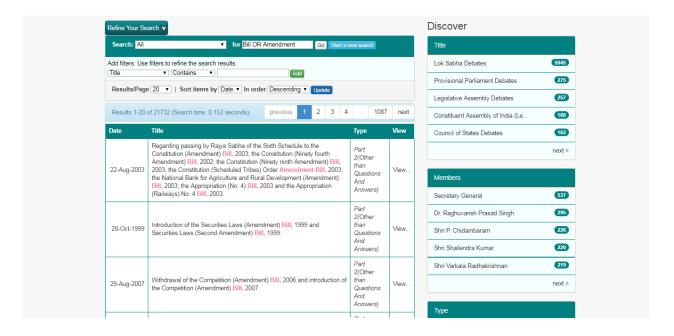


Fig 10: Search on Bill OR Amendment

Step 3: Search on Bill OR Amendment AND Citizenship

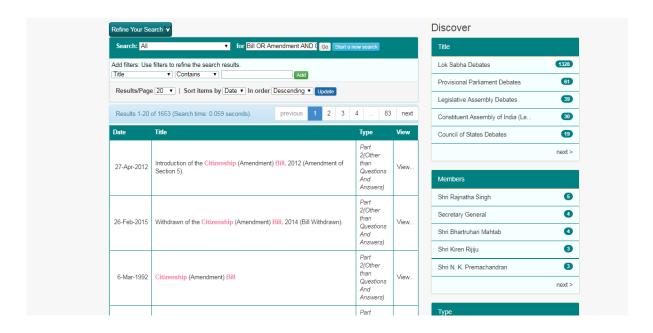


Fig 11: Search on Bill OR Amendment AND Citizenship

This will show those documents that have any of Amendment OR Bill terms AND Citizenship in them.

7. "AND" and "NOT" COMBINATION

For Example: (Citizenship AND Bill) NOT India

In this, search is performed by combination of AND/NOT operators.

Step1: Simple search on Citizenship

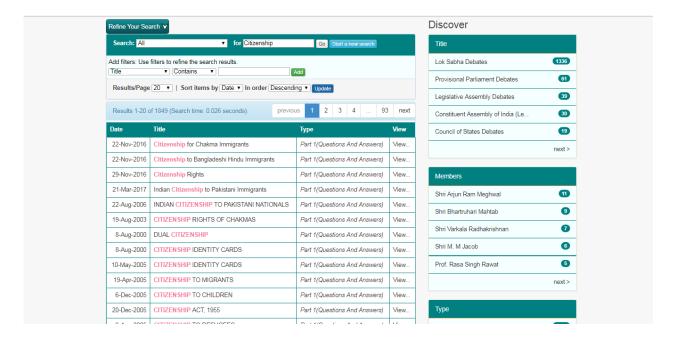


Fig 12: Search on Citizenship

Step2: Search on Citizenship AND Bill

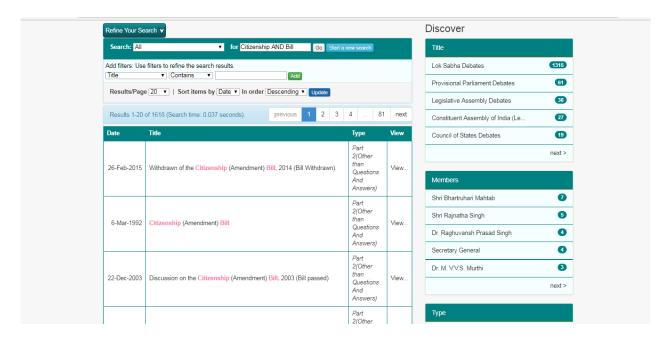


Fig 13: Search on Citizenship AND Bill

Step3: Search on Citizenship AND Bill NOT India

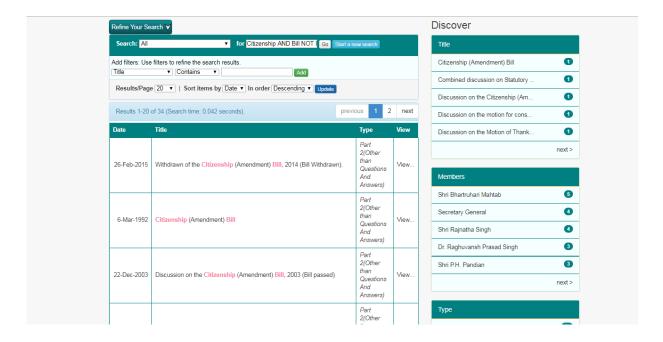


Fig 14: Search on Citizenship AND Bill NOT India

This will show those documents that have Citizenship AND Bill but NOT India

8. "OR" AND "NOT" COMBINATION

For Example: "Flood Situation" OR dams NOT Narmada

In this, search is performed by combination of OR/NOT operators.

Step1: Simple search on "Flood Situation"

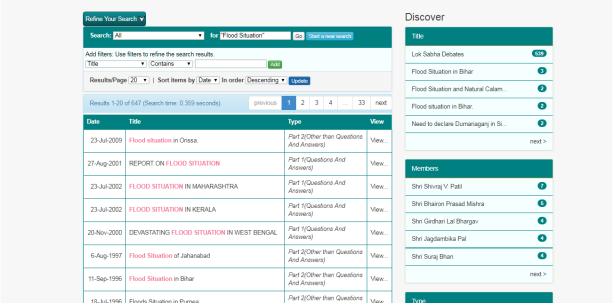


Fig 15: Search on "Flood Situation"

Step2: Search on "Flood Situation" OR Dams

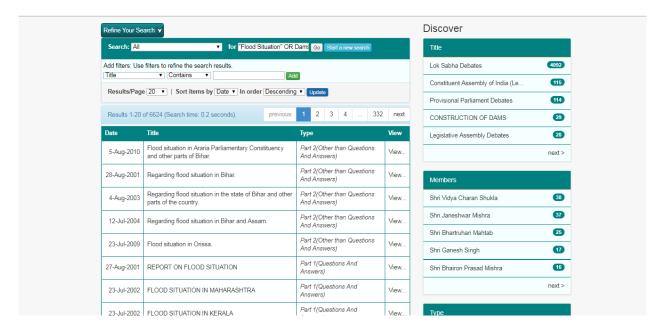


Fig 16: Search on "Flood Situation" OR Dams

Step3: Search on "Flood Situation" OR Dams NOT Narmada

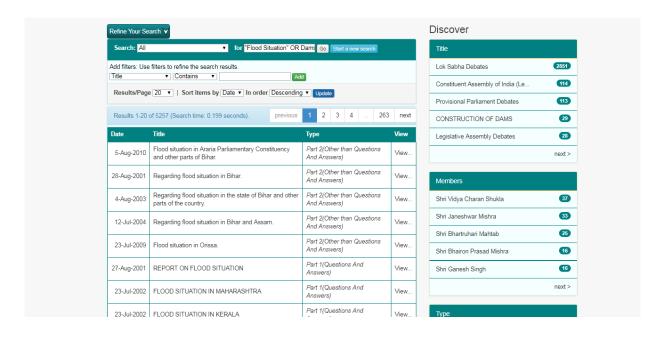


Fig 17: Search on "Flood Situation" OR Dams NOT Narmada

This will show those documents that have any of "Flood Situation" OR Dams but NOT Narmada in them.

9. SEARCH WITH FILTERS

SOLR search engine provides facility to apply search filters to limit the search results to specific fielded search criteria.

Filter search has three components such as **Field Name**, **Filter Operators and Field Value**.

Field Name: It is the metadata fields such as Title, Collection Type, Members, Subject etc. which can be selected from combo box.

Filter Operators: It provides various search filter operators such as "Contains" "Not Contains" "Fquals" "Not Equals" which can be selected from combo box.

Field Value: Users has to type value for the field name. It also provides auto completion facility.

For Example:

9.1. Search on **Railways** has been performed as a free text search.

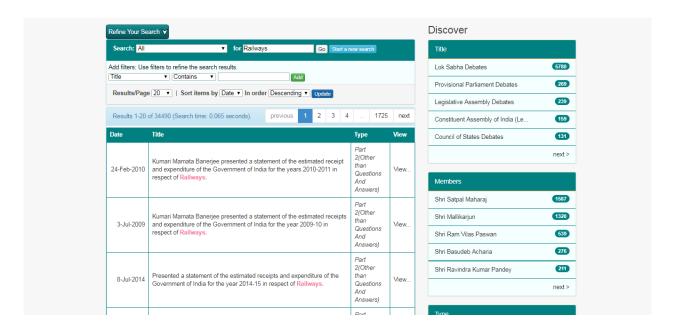


Fig 18: Filter Simple search on Railways

Search can be refined using search filters. Here search term "Railways" will be searched with Search field "Title" with Search Filter as "contains" for containing "Account" word. Screen shot of search is shown in fig.

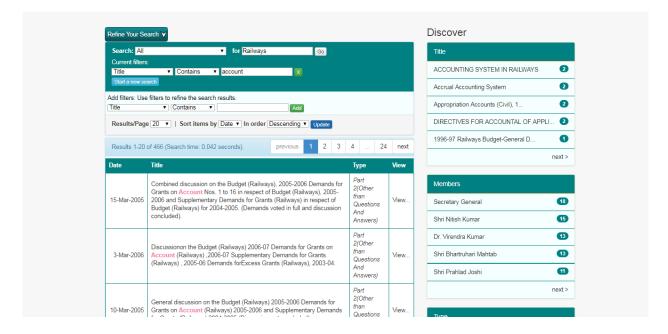


Fig 19: Filter search on term **Railways** with Search field as **Title** and with Search Filter as **contains**

9.2. Search can further refine using "date" as search filter. Screen shot of search is shown in fig.

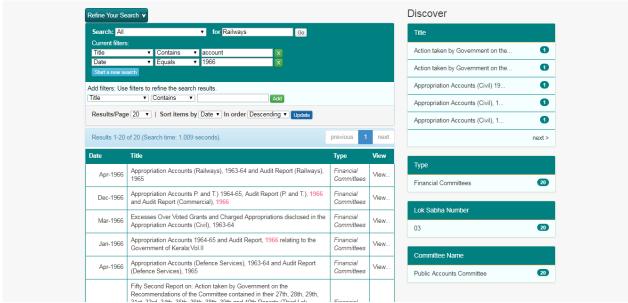


Fig 20: Filter search on 1996 in date field.

10.SOME MORE EXAMPLES USING VARIOUS SEARCH FIELD OPERATORS

10.1. Contains Search Operator

It searches word or phrase present anywhere in the field.

For Example: If you have to search "Flood Situation" documents containing Bihar in title

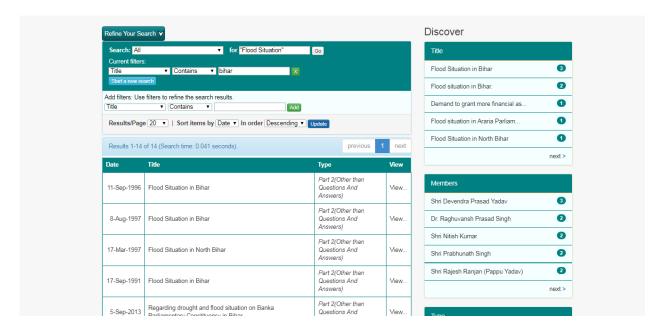


Fig 21: Search results using "CONTAIN" as field operator

10.2. Not Contains Search Operator

It searches word or phrase does not exist anywhere in the field.

For Example: If you have to search "Employment schemes" documents not containing year 2014

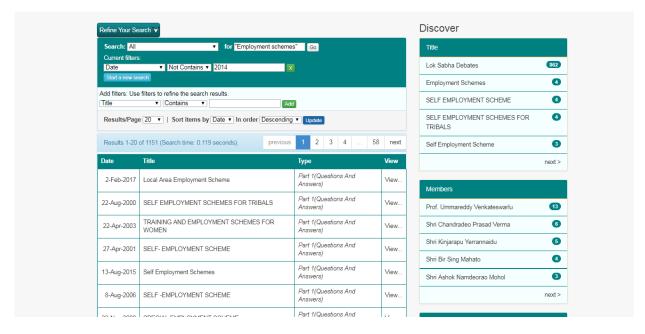


Fig 22: Search results using "NOT CONTAIN" as field operator

10.3. Equals Search Operator

It searches exact match of word or phrase in the field. For Example: If you have to

search documents of "Child Labour" of year 1997

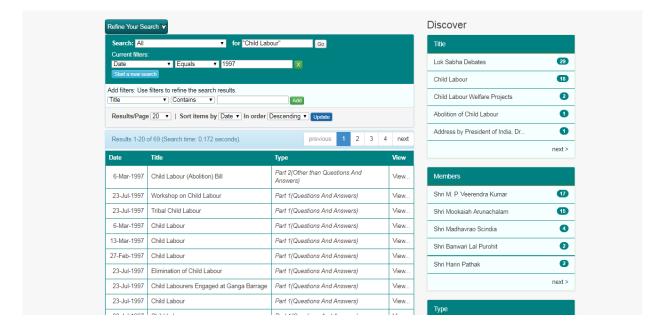


Fig 23: Search results using "EQUAL" as field operator.

10.4. Not Equals Search Operator

It searches for documents with other than where there is a exact match of word or phrase in the field. For Example: If you have to search documents of "Child Labour" of year other than 1997

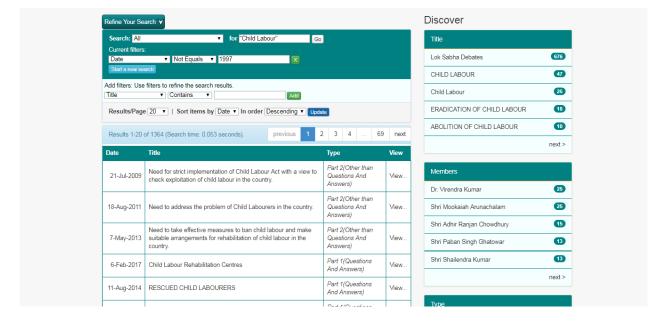


Fig 24: Search results using "NOT EQUAL" as field operator.

One can filter and customize search results by using the option "Add Filter" on the advance search page. Many search filters can be added by clicking "Add" button.

NOTE:

For specific search use simple search and then use filters to further refine search results and get specific information.

11. WILD CARD SEARCHES

One can also search multiple character as wildcard search by using asterisk "*" symbol.

For Example: to search for "India", "Indians" One can use the search as **Indi***

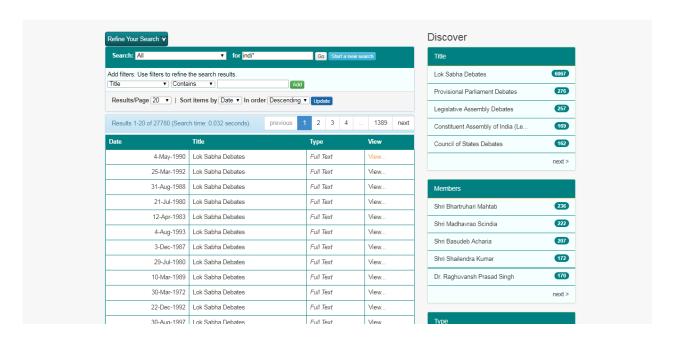


Fig 25: Search results of Indi*

One can also use the wildcard in the middle of a term.

Example: Indi*n.

12.FUZZY SEARCHES

Fuzzy search is the technique of finding string that match a pattern approximately, rather than exactly. One can do a fuzzy search using the tilde "~" symbol at the end of the Single word term.

For Example: To search for word similar in spellings to "Role" one can do the fuzzy search: **role**~

This search will find terms like rome, rola, rale, pole, gole etc.

Here in this example India~ searches words like "Indica" "Indices" "Indiana" etc

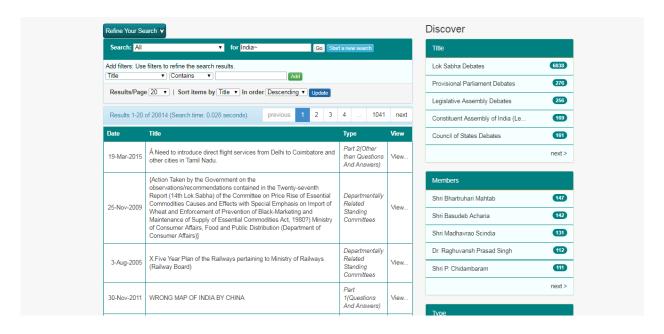


Fig 26: Search results of India~