

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, February 18, 1982/Magha  
29, 1903 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at thirty-two  
minutes past Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER in the Chair

MEMBER SWORN

SHRI RAMPRASAD AHIRWAR (Sa-  
gar)

श्री मनीराम बागड़ी (हिमालय) : गढ़वाल  
में एलेक्शन कराओ। गढ़वाल में चुनाव  
क्यों नहीं करा रहे हैं?

SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN  
- NADAR (Trivandrum): You do not  
have the courage to conduct in Garh-  
wal. You are afraid of elections.

श्री आर. एन. राकेश (चैल) : गढ़वाल  
में एलेक्शन कराने से सरकार घबड़ाती है।

एक माननीय सदस्य : गढ़वाल में क्या  
हो गया? गढ़वाल में चुनाव क्यों नहीं  
करवा रहे हैं?

श्री आर. एन. राकेश : हिम्मत नहीं है  
सरकार की गढ़वाल में चुनाव कराने की।

12.33 hrs.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

SECRETARY: I lay on the Table a

copy of the President's Address to both  
houses of Parliament assembled to-  
gether on the 18th February, 1982.

SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN  
NADAR (Trivandrum): The Prime  
Minister (*Interruptions*)..... 200 or  
so. This Government does not deserve  
the Address by the President. We have  
already filed our objections to the Pre-  
sident and I am laying this *Interrup-  
tions*)

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

Honourable Members, it gives me  
pleasure to welcome you to this first  
session of Parliament in the year 1982.  
I extend my best wishes to you for the  
successful completion of the budgetary  
and the legislative business ahead.

2. The year 1981-82 was a year of  
further consolidation. The rate of in-  
flation was substantially curtailed in  
spite of the unfavourable international  
economic environment. The improve-  
ment in the performance of the infras-  
tructure in the current year and the  
formulation of the revised Twenty  
Point Programme provide the basis for  
further growth along with stability  
and greater social justice. During April  
1981—January 1982, power generation  
increased by 11.3 per cent, coal pro-  
duction by 11.2 per cent and railway  
goods traffic by 14.4 per cent compared  
to the corresponding period of the  
previous year. In fact the Railways  
will be achieving this year an all time  
high loading of over 220 million tonnes,  
bettering the previous best figure by  
over 8 million tonnes. All important  
industries have recorded significant in-  
creases during April 1981—January,

\*The Speaker not having subsequently accorded the necessary permis-  
sion the paper was not treated as laid on the Table.