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THE SPEAKER*

Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN**

Shri Arjun Charan Sethi

Shri P.A. Sangma

Shri Biren Singh Engti

SECRETARY GENERAL

Shri P. Sreedharan

* Elected on 06.06.2014

** Nominated on 29.05.2014. T

The following two separate orders were issued by the President of India on 29.05.2014.

1. Whereas the office of the Speaker will become vacant immediately before the commencement of the first meeting of the House of the People on June 4, 2014 and the office of the Deputy Speaker is also vacant:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by clause (I) of article 95 of the Constitution of India, I hereby appoint Shri Kamal Nath, a Member of the House of the People, to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker from the commencement of the said meeting and until the Speaker shall have been chosen by the House.

2. "I hereby appoint Shri Arjun Charan Sethi, Shri P.A. Sangma and Shri Biren Singh Engti, to be the persons before any of whom Members of the House of the People may make and subscribe the oath or affirmation in accordance with the provisions of article 99 of the Constitution of India.

Pranab Mukherjee
PRESIDENT OF INDIA

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LOK SABHA

Friday, June 6, 2014/Jyaishtha 16, 1936 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[HON. SPEAKER *Pro-Tem* Shri Kamal Nath *in the Chair*]

11.01 hrs.

MEMBERS SWORN – Contd.

[English]

HON. SPEAKER: Secretary-General will now call the names of the Members, who have not taken oath or affirmation.

SECRETARY GENERAL: Shri Naramalli Sivaprasad

ANDHRA PRADESH

Shri Naramalli Sivaprasad - Oath - Telugu
(Chittoor)

BIHAR

Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy - Oath - Hindi
(Saran)

Shri Shailesh Kumar *alias* - Oath - Hindi
Bulo Mandal (Bhagalpur)

Shri Jai Prakash Narayan - Oath - Hindi
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Shri Ram Kripal Yadav - Oath - Hindi
(Pataliputra)

Shrimati Ranjeet Ranjan - Oath - Maithili
(Supaul)

Shri Rajesh Ranjan *alias* - Oath - Maithili
Pappu Yadav (Madhepura)

JHARKHAND

Shri Ravindra Kumar - Oath - Hindi
Pandey (Giridih)

KARNATAKA

Shri C.S. Puttaraju - Oath - Kannada
(Mandya)

PUDUCHERRY

Shri R. Radhakrishnan - Oath - Tamil
(Puducherry)

RAJASTHAN

Shri Devji Patel (Jalore) - Oath - Hindi

UTTAR PRADESH

Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi - Oath - Sanskrit
(Kanpur)

Shri Shyama Charan Gupta - Oath - Hindi
(Allahabad)

Shri Jagdambika Pal - Oath - Sanskrit
(Domariyaganj)

Shri Virendra Singh - Oath - Sanskrit
(Bhadohi)

11.18 hrs.

OBSERVATION BY THE SPEAKER PRO-TEM

Election of Speaker

[English]

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have received 19 notices of Motions for Election of Speaker. Out of 19 notices, three notices were received after the time fixed for tabling notices. Therefore, notices of motion given by Shri Mohd. Salim, Dr. P. Venugopal and Shrimati Anupriya Singh Patel were time barred as per Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Now, we take up the Motions for the Election of Speaker of the Lok Sabha. I call upon Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to move the motion standing in his name.

[Translation]

PRIME MINISTER (SHRI NARENDRA MODI): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

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SHRI L.K. ADVANI (GANDHINAGAR): Sir, I second the Motion.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): Hon. Speaker Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be elected as the Speaker of this House."

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): Sir, I second the motion.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): Hon. Speaker, I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be elected as the Speaker of this House."

SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH (NAWADA): Sir, I second the motion.

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[English]

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (GULBARGA): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (GENERAL (RETD.)VIJAY KUMAR SINGH): Sir, I second the motion.

[English]

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI (KARUR): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

[Translation]

SHRI CHIRAG KUMAR PASWAN (JAMUI): Sir, I second the motion.

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): Sir, I beg to move -

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be elected as the Speaker of this House."

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): Sir, I second the motion.

***SHRI THOTA NARSIMHAM (KAKINADA):** I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

* English translation of the Speech originally laid on the Table in Telugu.

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SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI (SIKAR): Sir, I second the motion.

[English]

SHRI MEKAPATI RAJAMOHAN REDDY (NELLORE): I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

[Translation]

SHRI C.R. PATIL (NAVSARI): Sir, I second this motion.

[English]

SHRI A. P. JITHENDER REDDY (MAHBUBNAGAR): I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

HON. SPEAKER: Shri J. S. Bhabhor – not present.

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN): Sir, I beg to move -

"that Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be elected as the Speaker of this House."

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): Sir, I second this motion.

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV (AZAMGARH): Sir, I beg to move -

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be elected the Speaker of this House."

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKAR (HATHRAS): Sir, I second this motion.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

[Translation]

SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY (NAGAUR): Sir, I second this motion.

[English]

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE (BARAMATI): I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT (JHUNJHUNU): Sir, I second the motion.

[English]

SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA (HASSAN): With the permission of the Chair, I beg to move:

"That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Ananth Kumar – not present.

... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: So, there is nobody to second this Motion moved by Shri Devegowda.

... (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): Sir, I propose to second the Motion moved by Shri H. D. Devegowda.

HON. SPEAKER: I am afraid that cannot be accepted because you have not moved before. So, it cannot be accepted.

SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA: Okay, Sir.

HON. SPEAKER: So, we move on to the next one.

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SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Sir, I beg to move:

“That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House.”

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Tathagata Satpathy to second the motion – Not present. There is nobody to second this motion.

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY (KOLKATA UTTAR): Sir, I beg to move:

“That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House.”

[Translation]

SHRI SULTAN AHMED (ULUBERIA): Sir, I second this motion.

[English]

HON. SPEAKER: I now put the motion moved by Shri Narendra Modi and seconded by Shri L.K. Advani to the vote of the House.

The question is:

“That Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House.”

The motion was adopted.

HON. SPEAKER: The motion is carried and Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan is declared elected as the Speaker of this House. Since the first motion moved by Shri Narendra Modi has been adopted, the motions moved thereafter have become infructuous.

I have great pleasure in inviting Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan to occupy the Chair.

(Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan was conducted to the Chair by the Leader of the House, Shri Narendra Modi; Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu; Shri Mallikarjun Kharge; Dr. M. Thambidurai; Shri Mulayam Singh

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*Yadav, Shri A.P. Jithender Reddy; Shri Thota Narasimham and
Leaders of some other Parties and Groups.)*

11.28 hrs.

(Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan, hon. Speaker, *in the Chair*)

11.30 hrs**COMPLIMENTS TO HON. SPEAKER, *PRO-TEM***

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): Hon. Speaker, before we move forward, on behalf of the House, I would like to thank the hon. Speaker *Pro-tem*, Shri Kamal Nath. He has conducted the proceedings of the House for two days. *[English]* I would like to compliment you on behalf of the entire House.

I would also like to take this opportunity, Hon. Speaker, to compliment the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha who had created a record of administering oath of office under the guidance of *pro-tem* Speaker for 510 people in one day. *[Translation]* The work of getting 510 hon. Members sworn in was done in a single day. He did not move from there and did not go outside even for a minute. Yesterday, all the members were administered oath. This is the reason why we have been able to accomplish the entire exercise swiftly today else we had the impression that we will have to extend it by one more day but such situation did not arise. Therefore, on behalf of all the members, I

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would like to compliment the Secretary- General wholeheartedly. I would like to bring this on record.

11.32 hrs

FELICITATIONS TO THE SPEAKER

[Translation]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI NARENDRA MODI): Hon. Madam Speaker, I extend heartfelt compliments to all the parties in the House and to all the Members on unanimously electing the Hon. Speaker complying with the great convention of the House. It is a matter of pride for all of us that a woman sits on the chair of this temple of the world's largest democracy and has complete command over it, your guidance will be very valuable in terms of resolution of the common problems facing the nation.

Hon. Speaker Madam, it is also a matter of pride for this House that from being an ordinary member of Indore Municipal Corporation, you have reached this House after working as a public representative in public life for many decades and have been elected to this House eight times, your opulent wealth of exposure to the House having been elected to the House eight times shall invariably go a long way in reinforcing the smooth functioning of this House.

In this Sixteenth Lok Sabha, we have got an opportunity almost similar to the one when the first Lok Sabha was constituted in the country, it has been for the first time that all the members have been in attendance. After a long time, such a House has been constituted once again where as many as 315 Members have for the first time been elected to this House. This implies that taking a break from many traditions of the past this House has got an opportunity to present a new picture before the world which the global order has been looking forward to witness in the largest and most vibrant democracy of the world. Carrying forward the great old conventions this new blood and energy infused into the House can add to the strength of this largest democracy in the world. This temple of democracy is full of potential to become the temple of energy for the development of this nation thanks to rare enthusiasm and passion of the newly elected Members of Parliament. Under your benign leadership and guidance, this House would surely be able to fulfil all those hopes and aspirations. The very essence of your name carries qualities that will foster a spirit of amity and inclusivity amongst all the Hon. Members of this House.

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It has been said in the scriptures - Mahajan Yen Gatah Pantha. (We should follow the path that the great and wise have walked before us.) Indeed, it is wise to tread the path that our esteemed elders have

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traversed, and we are fortunate to have their esteemed presence gracing this very House. It would be more appropriate to walk on that path for this House. I wish you all the best and assure you that as per your hopes and expectations, this entire House will support your work and leave no stone unturned in fulfilling the basic human aspirations of India. I once again wish you all the best and heartily congratulate all the parties and thank them, thanks to whose support we have been able to unanimously carry on this tradition today.

[English]

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Shrimati Darshana Vikram Jardosh and Shrimati Jayshreeben Kanubhai Patel are permitted to associate with the speech of the Hon. Prime Minister.

[Translation]

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: (GULBARGA): Hon. Speaker, I heartily congratulate you, on my own behalf, on behalf of my party and on behalf of the entire House. This is the first time that you have got a chance to hold this esteemed position. Just now, the Hon. Prime Minister has mentioned that India is a large democratic country. At least 55 crore voters have participated in this election in this country and today we have the result. We welcome that. We congratulate you because you have reached here by working as a corporator, as a lawyer and as a deputy mayor, so this is a great source. I had the opportunity to come to this House only once and this is the second time. You have been elected eight times. I have served nine times as a governor in Karnataka, but I did not get this opportunity. Whenever I would see you here, you used to sit in the second-row bench, and you were one of the few members who remained seated until the House concluded. We also used to observe that even after being elected seven times, a member sits seriously in this House, listens and speaks and it had a big impact on us too. We used to listen when we sat there, you were always cheerful and approached every matter with utmost seriousness. If at all the circumstances prompted you to make an observation, you would do so with all sincerity. Today

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in democracy, protecting everyone does not mean keeping everyone happy, but you have got the opportunity to protect the rights of everyone. Be it the small parties or big parties, you have to move forward along with everyone. As the Hon. Prime Minister said, you are a Mahajan but the "great leader" too has to align with democracy. If the Mahajan (great leader) goes along with democracy, it will be beneficial for the general public of India, as their voices will be heard in this House. I want to raise one point before you, without saying much -

Hayat lekar chalo, Qayanat lekar chalo.

Chalo to sare zamane ko saath lekar chalo. (Walk with life on your side, walk with the universe along your side. If you walk forward then take the whole world with you.)

Whether they are small parties or big parties, we should move forward together. With such hope, once again I congratulate you on my own behalf and on behalf of my party.

[English]

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI (KARUR): Respected Madam Speaker, on behalf of my party leader and hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Amma, and on behalf of my party AIADMK, I congratulate you on your unanimous election as the Hon. Speaker of the Sixteenth Lok Sabha. This is only the second time that a woman Member of Parliament of this august House has been elected as the Speaker of this House.

Madam Speaker, we are very happy that you have begun another chapter in your distinguished political career as the Hon. Speaker of the Sixteenth Lok Sabha. This is not a new assignment for you because you occupied this Chair last time as a member of the Panel of Chairpersons. We had witnessed in the House how efficiently and impartially you handled the House. Therefore, we know about your efficiency, and you are the apt person to occupy this position.

Madam, we have rules and regulations to run the House. They are necessary. At the same time, we have to respect the feelings of the Members. They have been elected by the people and sent here to express their grievances and views about what is happening in their constituencies. Therefore, while following the rules and regulations, you have to also see that to an extent only you can use them.

Once, when a famous Speaker of this House was asked as to how he managed the House so well to be called a good Speaker, he responded that it was because he did not know about regulation of the House. Therefore, you have to run the House consciously, understanding the feelings of the Members. That is more important. I am sure you know that because you have experience in this and you will help all the Members express their grievances, views and feelings in the House.

Madam, on this occasion I would like to pay rich tributes to the women of this country for the great service they are rendering for the welfare of the people. Here I am reminded of the great contribution made by women who occupy high Constitutional offices in the country.

Madam Speaker, presently we have four women Chief Ministers in the country including the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. I want to put it on record that because of her contribution to the nation and the State of Tamil Nadu, because of the welfare programmes that she implemented, out of the 39 Lok Sabha seats contested in the State, we won 37 seats. That is the greatness of the womanhood. I would like to say that is how women are contributing to the nation and ensuring that

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people win and come to Parliament. That way, you can do so many things, Madam.

Once again, on behalf of my party AIADMK I assure you of our fullest cooperation in maintaining the dignity and decorum of this House and I compliment you on your assumption of office of the Hon. Speaker of Lok Sabha.

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY (KOLKATA UTTAR):

Madam, we congratulate you on behalf of Trinamool Congress and on behalf of our Chairperson, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Madam, we are listed at No. 17 in today's List of Business. That means, all is well that ends well. Trinamool Congress is at No. 17. That means everything is running smoothly and everything will go smoothly according to our estimation.

Madam, before you there was another woman Speaker, Meira Kumar. I must mention her name here because she also maintained the House very nicely. And your presence, your appearance, your ever smiling face have already started giving us the very first impression that you will accept the very common philosophy of parliamentary democracy that the House belongs to the Opposition.

The huge number of Members on the Government side should not make you feel that the Opposition is small. The big number on the Treasury Benches should not make them feel that the small Opposition can be taken for granted. I am very confident that we will try and see that the House runs smoothly with the prestige of the Opposition upheld. As Mr. Mallikarjun Kharge said, all parties, whether small or big, should be given proper justice.

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Madam, you will be glad to know that out of 42 Lok Sabha seats in West Bengal, we have won 34. Out of them, from 1/3 seats we have brought women MPs this time to the Lok Sabha.

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Reservation for one-third women in the Parliament is a long-pending demand of many political parties; we are here, but we could not succeed in doing that. But in this Parliamentary election, our leader Kum. Mamata Banerjee, has made that out of 34 Members, 11 Members are women. So, we have succeeded up to that level. Naturally we welcome your assignment as the unanimous Speaker. We welcome you for occupying that Chair.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): As a veteran Parliamentarian, you have established your name and fame in this country. As has been just rightly said, you started your career as a corporator; you became the Deputy Mayor; and for the last eight terms, you have been elected from the same constituency, and has been a Minister of State for HRD; subsequently, you sat in the Opposition, and also headed a very important Standing Committee on Rural Development which gave this country, a beautiful report on land acquisition.

I am hopeful that under your guidance, this House will be a very productive House – no matter the Treasury Benches are large, no matter the Opposition is splintered, but as has been said many times in this House, the Treasury Benches will have their way, no doubt, but allow us, allow the Opposition to have its say.

You have been instrumental in installing a very historic figure, a statue of Ahalya Bai Holkar. Any one, who visits the Library Complex, seldom recognizes, because it is closed by different glasses; I have heard many people ask, ‘whose statue is this?’ I think, that statue needs to be uplifted from that enclosure to a wider space in the courtyard under your leadership.

I am happy that Indore has been in the annals of history for very many years – be it during Raja Bhartruhari's time, be it during Raja Vikramaditya's time, or be it during Ahalya Bai Holkar's time, India was one; in that respect, this House will be one for the cause of the nation. The Biju Janata Dal has 20 Members in this House, out of 21 from Odisha, under the leadership of Mr. Naveen Patnaik. We expect great challenges to be met and also to overcome, under your leadership and under your guidance.

The only thing which will guide you is the photograph of the first Speaker of this House, Mr. Mavalankar. One thing is constant – changes do occur, but change is a constant in this world. I hope, with change, many new things will come out and with change, prosperity will come.

With these words, I conclude; I extend fullest cooperation from my Party, the Biju Janata Dal, to you for the smooth conduct of the proceedings of the House.

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): Hon. Speaker, I congratulate you on my own behalf, on behalf of my party and on behalf of my party chief Uddhav Thackeray ji. Extending my

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compliments I would like to recall an episode that took place way back in the year 1989. In the year 1989, you won the election and entered the Parliament for the first time. At the same time, your brother, Madhu Sathye, was contesting the Lok Sabha election from Mumbai. You emerged victorious in the Lok Sabha elections while he faced defeat. Rajyoga (to rule) was and is in your destiny. Today, you are seated here at the pinnacle of Rajyoga.

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I recalled that incident for reference. You possess extensive experience. You have been in the Chairperson Panel of this House. You have gained experience under many Lok Sabha Speakers during your long tenure of eight terms in the Lok Sabha. I have full confidence that you will upkeep the dignity of our Lok Sabha and the dignity of democracy, in fact, the dignity of the Lok Sabha will further increase during your tenure. I express such hopes here. I assure you that Shiv Sena will give you full cooperation in running the House smoothly throughout your entire tenure.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GAJAPATHI RAJU): Madam, Speaker, we are delighted to see you in the Chair and we congratulate you. We are the largest democracy in the world and you require all our support to run this House and make democracy vibrant in our country. Responsibility is on all of us, whether we are in the Opposition or in the Ruling Party and I am sure you will motivate us to behave like true democrats. We congratulate you on behalf of our Party and look forward for a meaningful term of Office which will make you immortal of sorts. Mavalankar's name has not been forgotten in Indian democracy and can never be forgotten. We hope that your name will reach that stature and make us all proud of you Madam. We wish you the best and look forward to working with you in this House.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Thank you Madam. At the very outset, on behalf of my Party CPI (M) I congratulate you on being elected as the Speaker of the 16th Lok Sabha. The unanimous election gives immense pressure. I think it opens a new chapter in the beginning of this Session itself. Madam, it is true that the seat or the Chair of the Speaker gives not the pressure but the strain and pain at many a time. You have witnessed that. I am sure that such adverse situations can be converted to the pleasant ones because it depends upon the efficiency and approach of the Speaker. Madam, being a Member of the 14th and 15th Lok Sabha I had the occasion to watch your efficiency and ability as the great parliamentarian. You had been in the Chair many a time and in the difficult situations, not by shouting but by uttering sweet words and also maintaining the pleasant approach you had been able to control the House. The Government has got the majority in the House and hence there is no need of any assistance but at the same time the Opposition and small Parties represented in the House need your protection and assistance. As one great man has said, 'It is not important what the majority thinks but it is important what the minority thinks about the decision of the majority'. I think having enjoyed the great majority the Government

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may think in this way. I am really glad that you have been elected unanimously as the Speaker of this House.

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SHRI MEKAPATI RAJAMOHAN REDDY (NELLORE):

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my Party, my Leader Shri Jagan Mohan Reddy and on my own behalf, I whole-heartedly congratulate you on your unanimous election as the Speaker of this House.

Madam, with your long experience as a parliamentarian and as a Minister in the Government of India and with your great soberness and tolerance I am very confident that you will be able to run this House very effectively, efficiently and impartially also. In any democracy, voice of dissent must be heard and it should always be protected. I hope you would definitely be able to do it.

Finally, on behalf of Members of my Party and on my own behalf, I assure you that we would extend our fullest cooperation in running this House and also in maintaining the dignity and decorum of this House.

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THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): Hon. Speaker Madam, on behalf of my Lok Jan Shakti Party, and on behalf of the Government, I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to you for assuming the prestigious office of Speaker of the country's supreme institution.

Madam, I have been here since the year 1977, and I have seen the proceedings of the House. There are public sentiments, problems of the people raised during the proceedings of the House, on one hand, and dignity of the Chair and the decorum of the House, on the other hand, and the Chair has to navigate through them by striking a balance. Hon. Members are aware that many matters should not be raised in the House, yet they raise them. They raise these issues because poverty, starvation, unemployment, and deprivation prevail in the country, and the people of their constituency expect that our representatives will raise these issues in the House. They do not know what the responsibility of the Speaker is, they do not realize what is the work of the MLA. They expect that their issues will be raised by the Members of Parliament in the House. However, Parliament has its rules, it works as per its own regulations and the Chair has to strike a

balance. On one hand, there is public sentiment, while on the other hand, there are rules and regulations. There is a saying - Act, Fact, and Tact. The Act is distinct, and Parliament has its distinct rules. Facts are different, which are of the public, and the Chair must tactfully steer the proceedings of the House. I feel that your nature, your disposition - always being cheerful, never speaking loudly, you are an ideal for all. You are seated in the Chair. I firmly believe that under your leadership, the dignity of the House will increase further. I do believe that the concept of 'Power-to-the-Poor' is essential for the establishment of the rule of the poor in the country so that the life of the common man is prosperous, whoever takes a step in this direction in the House, you will try to encourage it in your capacity as the Chair of the House.

I want to say once again and I have full faith that our democracy under your leadership is the democracy in which even a son of a Dalit like Ram Vilas Paswan becomes the minister of the country. If democracy did not exist, we would never even be able to contemplate, and remain oppressed and would continue to be treated as untouchables while living in the villages. This is the dignity of democracy, it's the essence of democracy, and it is our responsibility as individuals to ensure that the roots of this democracy, which have

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gone so deep, are allowed to penetrate deeper so that no one can ever uproot them.

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: (KATIHAR): Hon. Speaker, at the outset, on behalf of myself and my party NCP, I heartily welcome and congratulate you. Now, associating myself with the Prime Minister, Congress leaders and leaders of all parties, I express the belief that the dignity of the House and the traditions of the House will be maintained under your leadership.

Madam, you started your political career as a grassroot worker and achieved the highest position here in the House. I understand that you have such extensive experience and you have been elected to this House for the eighth time. I believe there is no need to tell you anything about the House. You will put that experience to best use and by listening to all the sides, taking them in confidence, which has been the convention of our House, everyone will get a chance and in future, those of us who want to serve the people of this country through this House will find strength under your leadership. To conclude, once again I extend you my felicitations and welcome you.

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SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV (AZAMGARH): Hon. Speaker, I extend my heartiest congratulations to you for having been unanimously elected to this position.

Madam, it is true that presiding over the House can be quite challenging. It is your responsibility to make everyone happy, listen to the problems of everyone and keep everyone content. However, making everyone happy is difficult, it is challenging even for you. The position is venerable, is also ridden with great difficulties. I won't say much because our colleagues have already spoken, but it is essential to remember that regardless of which party forms the government, whether it is our own or not, wherever it may be, there is always a tendency towards authoritarianism and an attempt to crush the opposition. In this regard, I definitely request and pray that it is very important for you to protect the opposition. With these words, I once again congratulate you and wish you success in running this House.

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV (MADHEPURA): Madam, first of all, I extend my felicitations to you on behalf of my party RJD. You have assumed this political office of the highest order, from where you can well understand the needs of the common man, appreciate the pain of the common man, empathising with the needy and deprived individuals, you have ascended to this pinnacle, occupying the highest chair. I wish that in view of the thinking and ideas of Congress and UPA towards women empowerment, Shrimati Meera Kumar ji, was the first woman, who had the honour of sitting on this chair, the BJP government has also taken that decision very strongly and has appointed a personality like you on this chair, who understands the pain of the common man. I once again appeal to you from my heart, while protecting the dignity of this House and the high standards and values of this House, I hope you will definitely try to understand the needs of us MPs from small parties too. It is true that there is a lot of criticism outside. When the question of Andhra was raised, there was a lot of criticism. Those who criticize are the same people who expect that our MP should do something about the region, about their state. If MPs do not act in this way, this question arises in the House and is also raised in the

parliamentary constituency. As stated by Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, it is indeed crucial for an ordinary individual to become a Member of Parliament.

In the end, I must say that the Prime Minister said one thing that this is the second time after independence that 314 new MPs have come to the House. There is certainly a slight difference, when they arrived it was the time of independence. The ideology was of Gandhi, the ideology was of Ambedkar, the ideology was to make the country strong enough to lead the world, but today, the people who have come, 66 years after independence, when the whole world considers India as a powerhouse and holds its head high, then we have 314 new MPs. We have come in an era, when the country is known for communal harmony. The strength of new MPs has increased today, following the ideology of Hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Bhai and the number of people who believe in this ideology has also increased. It must be acknowledged that at that time, the prevailing ideologies were those of Gandhi and Ambedkar, whereas today, there is a larger number of people who adhere to the ideologies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji. We owe him our gratitude for this change, but times have now changed, there is a difference between the Gandhian era and today.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL): Madam Speaker, on behalf of my Party, Shiromani Akali Dal and our Chief Minister, Shri Parkash Singh Badal, I extend warm felicitations on your appointment as the Speaker.

Madam, as a woman MP, it gives me great pride that today, the longest serving woman Member of Parliament has been elected unanimously by this House for this august post. As you are aware, a very small minority of women MPs, I think, just 61 of us out of this huge number today have come here as women MPs. Many of us are first timers in this Lok Sabha. We look forward to your encouragement and protection so that this small minority of women MPs that represent half the population of our nation will get equal opportunity to raise issues that concern the women of our nation. I hope that my colleague women MPs over here will get a chance to put forward those issues that the women of our country look forward towards us to raise them.

So, as a woman Speaker, I am sure, you will encourage us and give us your protection. I assure you that we will cooperate with you in every way for the smooth running of this House so that the 16th Lok

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Sabha goes down in history as being the most constructive, forward thinking and effective Lok Sabha that ever was.

[Translation]

SHRI DHARAM VIRA GANDHI (PATIALA): Madam, on my own behalf, and on behalf of the members of my party and on behalf of the party, I congratulate you for assuming this high office and for your unanimous election and wish you all the best.

Before putting forth our aspirations from the chair, I would give you an assurance on behalf of my party and all its Members, that we shall fully cooperate with you in running this House smoothly and will support you in every way. We expect from you that you will consider all small parties, even individual members, giving them the place and time they deserve, and address their concerns accordingly.

[English]

SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY (MAHABUBNAGAR):

Respected Madam Speaker, on behalf of our leader and first Chief Minister of Telangana State, Members of Parliament from Telangana and people of Telangana, I congratulate you for being the second lady Speaker of the House.

Madam, as you are aware, our State is newly born. It is only five days old. You should support us in a very big way and see that our State grows like your children. I have known you since 1999. We always used to call you '*didi*' but from now onwards, we will call you 'Madam Speaker'. We have confidence in you that a lot of opportunities will be given to us to speak in this House as we are new here. Out of 17 MPs in Telangana, there are 11 MPs who have won from TRS Party. People of Telangana have sent us here to rebuild Telangana. We definitely hope that you will give us a good chance to speak so that we can tell this Government and the House about our problems.

Our Party will cooperate with you and will be with you.

[Translation]

SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL (DHUBRI): Madam, at the outset, I welcome you on behalf of my party UDF, which is from Assam. I also welcome the Prime Minister along with his entire team. I want to remind that he had repeatedly said that good days are about to come. I think there will definitely be good days for small parties like us.

Madam, you are like a good mother. I was also a guest many times, you spoke with me very softly from the same place many times. The biggest problem for our Assam is flood and erosion. I understand that the Hon. Prime Minister will also take note of this. I assure you that our party will support you in every good work, whatever you want, however you want.

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KUMARI MEHBOOBA MUFTI (ANANTNAG): Hon. Speaker, I would like to congratulate you on behalf of myself and my party. Especially when we heard specifically about you that you have risen from grassroots level to reach where you are, I would like to salute you once again, because this is very rare. The second thing is that after Meera Kumar ji, you as a lady have come here again, we are also happy about this and perhaps it is more because a woman, who is a lady, is more sensitive. She is more inclusive as compared to men. No offence meant for men.

I hope that like many opposition leaders here also said that we will not be weighed on the basis of numbers, because the state from where we have been elected, Jammu and Kashmir, has only six members. However given the circumstances, especially in Kashmir, the way the people have elected us, the circumstances in which they have elected us, many people lost their lives, they had to bear many hardships. They hope that in this Parliament, which, in my opinion, after 20-30 years, you have received a decisive mandate. As the hon. Prime Minister has stated, 315 new individuals have been elected. There is a new enthusiasm, a new energy. Our people have high expectations from this Parliament, especially the soldiers, who have faced bullets and confronted every challenge. Our daughters, who

have bravely cast their votes in very dangerous circumstances. They hope that, as the Prime Minister has stated, like Vajpayee ji, who addressed the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, which has kept this country tied for 60 years. It has remained a challenge for every Prime Minister. He had suggested a very good formula, internally, that the solution to the problem of Jammu and Kashmir would be within the boundaries of humanity. You can change friends but you cannot change neighbours. I am pleased that the Prime Minister has initiated it.

I hope that you don't see our numbers. Our problems and hardships are probably more than the whole country. We will have the full opportunity to represent our people and share their sorrows with you all, so that every difficulty faced by us, including the issue of Kashmir and issues of Kashmir, find a solution from this House.

I would like to congratulate you once again.

SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA (HISAR): Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and the Indian National Lok Dal party leader, Chaudhary Om Prakash Chautala, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you for assuming the Office today. Somewhere, I feel privileged that you have worked with Chaudhary Devi Lal ji and my father in this very House. And today, I also got the opportunity to work with you. Being the youngest Member of this House, I extend my heartiest congratulations to you and wish that when we speak, we should also be given equal opportunity, and not ignored because we are young.

[English]

SHRI NEIPHIU RIO (NAGALAND): Madam Speaker, I, on my own behalf and on behalf of my Party, the Naga People's Front and also on behalf of the North-East Regional Parties Front, extend my heartiest congratulations to you on being elected to the post of the Speaker of the 16th Lok Sabha.

I am positive that your vast experience in public life and your sincere concern for the people of the country will go a long way in further elevating the prestige and status of the post of Lok Sabha Speaker and conduct the business of this House in a manner that is inclusive by reaching out to all parts of the country through the hon. Members, irrespective of their party affiliation, caste, creed or status.

My State is now fifty years old. One of my colleagues from Telangana had stated that his State is five days old. Yet, our State has a lot of problems and the political issue of the Nagas is yet to be resolved. I, being a lone Member of the State, we have a lot to discuss and to resolve them, I look upon the Chair to protect the Members not only on the basis of the number, party or the big size but also to protect the minorities and the people who represent the people to highlight their problems.

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Madam, we assure you of all our cooperation to the Chair. We hope that this House will be productive and will push the country forward to growth and it will become a developed country.

[Translation]

SHRI KAUSHLENDRA KUMAR (NALANDA): Hon. Speaker Madam, you have been elected Speaker of the 16th Lok Sabha, I congratulate you for this. I would also like to congratulate you on behalf of my party, Janata Dal (United), and assure you that it is your duty to protect all the newly elected or re-elected Hon. Members who have come here and on our part, we assure you our whole-hearted cooperation.

[English]

SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA (HASSAN): Madam Speaker, the whole House today unanimously elected you to the highest Office of the Speaker. The Resolution was moved by the hon. Prime Minister, seconded by Shri L.K. Advani and joined by the Leader of the Opposition as also all the political parties to elect you to the highest, exalted Chair, to elect you as the Speaker of this House. It is the responsibility of all of us to see that the House is conducted smoothly. It is not only the responsibility of the ruling party but also that of the opposition parties, whether big or small, to see that the House functions smoothly. I witnessed the Fifteenth Lok Sabha. I do not want to see such things again in the Sixteenth Lok Sabha. Today, the Government has the majority. Today, there is no dearth of majority to the Government. The majority Party is there. I would, therefore, request the Leader of the House to give a little more time to the regional parties to express their views concerning the various problems faced by them.

With these words, with all sincerity, I once again congratulate you and I assure you on my behalf and on behalf of my Party, that I would extend full cooperation to the Chair with all due respect, without creating any problem by the opposition.

SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA SINGH PATEL (MIRZAPUR): Hon. Speaker, I wish to congratulate you and extend my warmest greetings on behalf of my Party President and on behalf of my Party *Apna Dal* on your unanimous election today as the Speaker of the House.

It is a great opportunity that a woman is occupying the prestigious position for the second time in the history of this House. I learnt about your illustrious career from the senior Members who expressed their views some time back. We all have great hopes from you, Madam, as we are aware of your tremendous potential since you have risen from a Corporator to the Speaker of the Parliament today.

Madam, I have a very small strength of only two Members in the House. Still, I would expect you to give me sufficient time to express my opinions and concerns about my constituency Mirzapur, my State of Uttar Pradesh and the people in this House. We are 350 new Members in the House. So, on behalf of the new Members also, I am communicating to you to allow us to express, learn and grow. On behalf of the 16 women Members who see in you the reflection of our mother, I would request you not to protect us but to guide us, correct us whenever we are wrong and to allow us to grow and to be more empowered.

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Hon. Speaker, we are confident that you will uphold the sanctity of this House. On behalf of my Party, the *Apna Dal*, I assure you of my fullest cooperation as a Member to ensure the smooth functioning of this House so that we have maximum number of constructive working days.

With these words, I thank you so much once again and my congratulations are to you.

SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI (HYDERABAD): Madam, at the outset, let me start by quoting what the first Prime Minister of India said:

“The Speaker represents the House. The Speaker represents the dignity of the House, the freedom of the House and because the House represents the nation, in a particular way, the Speaker becomes a symbol of nation's freedom and liberty. Therefore it is right that it should be an honoured position, a free position and should be occupied always by people of outstanding ability and impartiality.”

Madam, I congratulate you; my best wishes to you. I am sure that with your vast experience, you will be able to discharge your fundamental duty as a Speaker that is the maintenance of order in this august House.

I have seen you, Madam, as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment. When I had entered this august House for the first time, you had given me a lot of opportunities. I am sure that with you on the Chair of this august House, a minority Member belonging to the Muslim minority would be given ample opportunity to raise the issues. Let me also remind

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you, Madam, taking this opportunity, that the ruling party with a brute majority is not new to this august House. I am sure that you will live up to the great ideals and independence of the Speaker's post which has been laid down by Mr. Mavalankar. Also, the people of India want their hopes, aspirations, ambitions, apprehensions and insights to be addressed in this august House. For that, we require a free and fair debate in this august House. I am sure that you will give ample opportunity to the opposition Members to corner the Government on issues concerning the people.

Madam, let me end by saying that though you have been elected on lotus symbol, but the Speaker must be like a lotus flower which grows on water but does not allow the water to stick to it.

DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS (DHARMAPURI): Madam, on behalf of my Party, Paattali Makkal Katchi, PMK, and my leader Dr. Ramadoss, I would like to wholeheartedly congratulate you on being unanimously elected as Speaker of this historic House.

Madam, you have been given the key to the temple of the biggest democracy of the world. We are all very confident that you will come out successfully. Also, we, as Members, would like to extend our full cooperation to you so that the dignity, decency and decorum of this House is maintained.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): Respected Madam Speaker, on behalf of my Party, Revolutionary Socialist Party, I extend warm greetings and wishes to you on your assuming the highest office of democracy, the Speaker of 16th Lok Sabha.

Madam Speaker, the 16th Lok Sabha is creating a precedent or convention that the office of the Speaker belongs to women. Really it is a history or a precedent what has started during the time of UPA for which definitely the Congress deserves congratulations for making a history and having the office of speaker held by a woman. That is being continued by NDA also. It is a welcome step on the part of NDA also for which I extend my congratulations to the NDA for giving this opportunity to a woman so as to hold the highest office of democracy in our country.

Madam, I have gone through the composition of this House. The composition of this House is unique. I belong to a party having only a single Member. There are 10 single-Member Parties and 6 two-Member Parties. That is the composition of the House. The success of democracy lies in how the office of the Speaker is able to protect the interest of opposition especially the smaller groups which are representing the entire country and also how the office of the Speaker is able to run the business of the Government in a better way. With

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your vast experience from the Municipal Corporation to the office of the Speaker, the vast experience which you have gained during the last so many decades, definitely we hope that you can very well succeed in this task, taking into confidence the smaller parties, the opposition as well as the Government. For this, I extend my greetings and wishes. Let it be a grand success.

SHRI E. AHAMED (MALAPPURAM): Thank you very much hon. Madam Speaker. This is really the happiest occasion for me to congratulate you as the Speaker of this House. I have been working with you as a Member of this House for the last six terms. This is my seventh term and your eighth term. Therefore, nobody needs to give any lesson or guidance because you yourself have acquired the experience as to how to run the House and how to deal with the hon. Members. Now, we have a person, ever smiling in appearance, as a Speaker of this House. We are very much happy about it.

Hon. Speaker, I would like to mention one thing. My party is here since 1952. Our members have been cooperating with the Government every time wherever it is to cooperate and opposing wherever it is to oppose. This is the fact of democracy. We have been following the democratic principles. Democratic principles say that if the Government is doing bad thing for the people and you are in the Opposition then, oppose the Government, expose the Government and if possible depose the Government.

Hon. Speaker, as you know, we are a small party having the right to ventilate the sentiments of the people. Here the minority in India cannot be ruled out, ignored and forgotten by any Government. Minorities should be given their own positions. That is the

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fundamental principle of democracy. I am sure, under your guidance and leadership, we are sure to have occasions to facilitate our sentiments.

On behalf of my party, Indian Union Muslim League, I take this opportunity to express deep sense of appreciation and congratulations to you, hon. Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Vijay Kumar Hansdak – Not present.

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SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): Madam Speaker, on behalf of my party, Kerala Congress (M), on my own behalf and on behalf of the august House, let me congratulate you for having been elected as Speaker of the 16th Lok Sabha unanimously.

Experience of more than four decades as a representative of the people in political life will go a long way in keeping the decorum of running this House effectively, efficiently and smoothly. In the history of India, this is the second time when a woman is becoming the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Definitely, the backing of this huge experience will make history in the 16th Lok Sabha by running this House effectively and efficiently.

On my behalf, on my Party's behalf and on behalf of this august House, we will give you the fullest support to run the House and bringing the voice of the people to this House.

[Translation]

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Members of the Council of Ministers, Hon. Leaders of political parties, and Hon. Members.

I am deeply grateful to you for unanimously electing me to the position of Speaker of the 16th Lok Sabha of the great country India.

For me, these moments as much they are filled with pride, they are equally challenging. The responsibility you have entrusted me with also presents me with the challenge of carrying its weight. I am aware that the heartfelt sentiments expressed for me by various Members in this House also serve as expectations that will be placed upon me.

I assure you that on the basis of my experience of the last twenty-five continuous years in this House, I will try my best to live up to these expectations and will not let you down.

I am also fully confident that with the active cooperation of all of you, I will continue to receive regular and uninterrupted support in running the House smoothly.

I extend heartfelt congratulations to all of you for being elected to the Sixteenth Lok Sabha. The voters of our country have given us

an opportunity and entrusted us with the responsibility of fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of over 1.25 billion people. We can only maintain the trust that the general public of India have placed in all of us by fulfilling this responsibility with complete dedication and commitment.

Now, it is a challenge before us and especially before the leaders of political parties to initiate a new era of peace, progress, and prosperity in the country. In this election, a clear mandate for good governance and development has been received, and it is our duty to honour it by leading the country towards progress and development.

The recently concluded general elections are a significant event in the history of our country, where a record number of voters, approximately 66.48 percent, which is more than 82 crore people, exercised their right to vote to elect their representatives.

You all are aware that legislative work is our utmost priority. The meaningful discussion on Bills passed for the welfare of the people is a significant business of the House. We can enact laws that serve the public interest flawlessly, through detailed and comprehensive discussions. I request all the Hon. Members to contribute to legislative proceedings through meaningful discussions in the House.

The various committees of the House also play a crucial role in the parliamentary process. Important time of the House is also saved due to detailed discussion in the committees on the subjects coming up in the House. I request the Hon. Members to take utmost interest in the work of whichever committee of the House they become a member of and cooperate in expediting the legislative work.

Our parliament used to be a platform for enlightened and cultured discussions, in which experienced and eminent Members participated. While we uphold that magnificent tradition, there are times when we may stray from the path. The magnificent tradition of healthy debate should be our foundation so that we can strengthen the credibility of this great democratic institution even further.

Today, when I am going to assume this new responsibility of running this House as the presiding officer, I expect the leaders and members of all political parties to cooperate with me in the smooth functioning of the House and I request the members that they should use various parliamentary instruments appropriately and effectively so that this House can become a true example of democracy.

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Hon. Members, the Parliament reflects our cultural diversity and highlights the unity inherent within the Parliament, beyond its role in creating rules, is a reflection of our national sentiments. Here, we

cannot assess our role solely within the context of our parliamentary constituencies. We have to move towards comprehensive nation building. The nation is supremely paramount and this spirit must also be essentially nurtured.

In a parliamentary democracy, it is natural to have members representing different political views in the House, but still it is expected that the Hon. Members should participate equally in the proceedings of the House, discuss various subjects equally and create a consensus because we believe that --

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Sahachittamesham.

Samanam Mantramabhimantraye Wah, Samanen
Woh Havisha Juhomi.

“Common be the prayer of these (assembled worshippers), common be the acquisition, common the purpose, associated be the desire. I repeat for you a common prayer, I offer for you with a common oblation”.

We shall all collectively, unanimously offer prayers, keeping in mind a common achievement, and holding a common sentiment in our hearts, let us all move forward towards a common goal together that is what is expected of it and I believe that Hon. Members will

participate in the proceedings of the House, by keeping their responsibilities in mind.

Hon. Members, it is a matter of joy that our Hon. Prime Minister, because the issue has been repeatedly raised here that small parties, one member, two members, so let me say a little that the Hon. Prime Minister had already expressed his consciousness before the announcement of the election results that he would be the Prime Minister for the entire 1.25 billion Indians and for them, for all of us, and for me as well, every Member of Parliament will be equally important.

In my life, the venerable Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai Holkar has been a memorable source of inspiration and an ideal. I will express my gratitude to Mahatab ji, who recognised this fact. A statue has been installed there, and I have seen it. There are also several sentiments associated with it. In my political journey, I have been fortunate to work with many great personalities of democracy. My association with the Parliament began in the Ninth Lok Sabha and has continued since. I have had the privilege of serving my country and its citizens in various capacities, including as the Chairperson and member of various parliamentary committees, as a member of the Lok

Sabha's Panel of Chairpersons, and as a Cabinet Minister in various ministries.

My public life has been full of various events and has remained active. I have had the opportunity to contribute to the welfare of the nation and through it, I have found a new dimension in my life, due to which I am experiencing immense satisfaction, and for this, I am also grateful to all of you.

From Shri G.V. Mavalankar to all my predecessors till date, the endeavour has been to uphold the traditions of parliamentary democracy and to establish protocols and rules for the smooth functioning of the House. I fondly recall him for the legacy he has left behind. When necessary, let us all come together to initiate new healthy traditions as well and this will be my endeavour.

I express my gratitude once again to this assembly for entrusting me with the responsibility of chairing the session.

I express my heartfelt gratitude, especially to the Hon. Prime Minister, as well as to all the Hon. Leaders of parties and groups, and to all the Hon. Members for their support. On this occasion, I also extend heartfelt thanks to the *Protam* Speaker, Shri Kamal Nath Ji, who has maintained the tradition of dignified and smooth conduct of the House before my election to the chair.

I am confident that with the efficient functioning of the Lok Sabha Secretariat, whose introduction we just had yesterday, the way the Secretary-General conducted the entire session while sitting here all day, with the assistance and full support of the Secretariat, I will be able to fulfil the expectations of the House. In the end, I urge all the Hon. Members to dedicate themselves to serving the country and its citizens through this temple of democracy. On behalf of everyone, I offer prayers for that generosity to the Almighty.

"Ajayyam Atmasamarthyam, Sushilam Lokpujitham.

Gyanam Ch Dehi Vishwesh, Dhyeya-marg
Prakashakam. "

(You who are invincible, potent, virtuous and worshipped by the people. O Lord of the Universe, who illuminates the path of meditation, enlighten me).

The point is that we should pray to the creator of the universe to grant us such self-power that will enable us to become successful, with a virtuous character, revered by the common people today. Along with that, may we also receive the knowledge that illuminates our path,

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enlightening our goals with all these sentiments, once again, I express my heartfelt gratitude to you.

12.42 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

[English]

HON. SPEAKER: Now, the Prime Minister will introduce the Ministers, Ministers of State, who have recently been inducted into the Council of Ministers.

[Translation]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI NARENDRA MODI): Hon. Speaker Madam, with your permission, I would like to introduce, through you, the colleagues from my council of ministers to this august House:

CABINET MINISTER:

Shri Rajnath Singh	The Minister of Home Affairs
Shrimati Sushma Swaraj	The Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs.
Shri Arun Jaitley	The Minister of Finance, Minister of Corporate Affairs and Minister of Defence

Shri M . Venkaiah Naidu The Minister of Urban Development, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

Shri Nitin Gadkari The Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Minister of Shipping and Minister of Rural Development, Minister of Panchayati Raj and Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda The Minister of Railways

Sushri Uma Bharati The Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation

Dr. Najma A Heptulla The Minister of Minority Affairs

Shri Ram Vilas Paswan The Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Shri Kalraj Mishra	The Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Shrimati Maneka Sanjay Gandhi	The Minister of Women and Child Development
Shri Ananth Kumar	The Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	The Minister of Communications and Information Technology and Minister of Law and Justice
Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju	The Minister of Civil Aviation
Shri Anant Gangaram Geete	The Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
Shrimati Harsimrat Kaur Badal	The Minister of Food Processing Industries
Shri Narendra Singh Tomar	The Minister of Mines, Minister of Steel and Minister of Labour and Employment

Shri Jual Oram The Minister of Tribal Affairs

Shri Radha Mohan Singh The Minister of Agriculture

Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot The Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment

Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani The Minister of Human Resource Development

Dr. Harsh Vardhan The Minister of Health and Family Welfare

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

General (Retd.) Vijay Kumar Singh The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs

Shri Rao Inderjit Singh The Minister of State of the Ministry of Planning, Minister of State in the Ministry of

Statistics and Programme Implementation,
and Minister of State in the Ministry of
Defence

Shri Santosh
Kumar
Gangwar

The Minister of State of the Ministry of
Textiles , Minister of State in the Ministry of
Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of State in
the Ministry of Water Resources, River
Development and Ganga Rejuvenation

Shri Shripad
Yesso Naik

The Minister of State of the Ministry of
Culture and Minister of State of the Ministry
of Tourism

Shri
Dharmendra
Pradhan

The Minister of State of the Ministry of
Petroleum and Natural Gas

Shri
Sarbananda
Sonowal

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Skill
Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth
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Shri Prakash Javadekar The Minister of State of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Minister of State of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

Shri Piyush Goyal ... (*Interruptions*)

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hon. Minister is not present in the House.... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI NARENDRA MODI: That is fine, he will be introduced later.

Dr. Jitendra Singh The Minister of State of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Minister of State of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy and

Minister of State in the Department of
Space

Shrimati The Minister of State of the Ministry of
Nirmala Commerce and Industry, Minister of State
Sitharaman in the Ministry of Finance and Minister of
State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

MINISTERS OF STATE

Shri G.M. The Minister of State in the Ministry of
Siddeshwara Civil Aviation

Shri Manoj The Minister of State in the Ministry of
Sinha Railways

Shri Nihal The Minister of State in the Ministry of
Chand Chemicals and Fertilizers

Shri Upendra The Minister of State in the Ministry of
Kushwaha Rural Development, Minister of State

in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj; and
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Drinking Water And Sanitisation

Shri Pon Radhakrishnan The Minister of State in the Ministry of
Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

Shri Kiren Rijiju The Minister of State in the Ministry of
Home Affairs

Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar The Minister of State in the Ministry of
Road Transport and Highways and
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Shipping

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan The Minister of State in the Ministry of
Agriculture and Minister of State in the
Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Shri Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava The Minister of State in the Ministry of
Tribal Affairs

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Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve The Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Shri Vishnu Deo Sai The Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines, Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel and Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment

Shri Sudarshan Bhagat The Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

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12.50 hrs.

MEMBERS SWORN – Contd.

[English]

HON. SPEAKER: Now I request Shri Udayanraje Pratapsinha Bhonsale and Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury to take oath or affirmation.

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MAHARASHTRA

Shri Udayanraje Pratapsinha Bhonsale (Satara) - Oath - English

WEST BENGAL

Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury (Baharampur) - Oath - English

HON. SPEAKER: Now, the House stands adjourned to meet on Monday, 9th June, 2014 half-an-hour after the Address by the hon. President of India in the Central Hall.

12.53 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till half-an-hour after the conclusion of the Address by the President on Monday, June 9, 2014 / Jyaishta 19, 1936

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