

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Mr. Speaker, Sir, before saying something on my election, I would like to quote an Urdu couplet :

"Pathar ki Bhi Takdir Badal Sakti Hai,  
Shart Yeh Hai Ki Karine Se Tarasha Jaye"

Fortunately, I have got training from a reverend person like Shri Vajpayeeji and you have embellished me further. Whatever has been said about me for a while I was thinking as to for whom all this is being said. I would like to thank all of you. Despite difference of opinion in political matters, the precedent of the election of Hon'ble Speaker has been repeated once again, by electing me unanimously as Deputy Speaker in this august House. This in itself is a unique exposition of the dignity of the House. My heartiest thanks to all of you. This is a very great achievement of my political life. In this regard, motions have been moved by top leaders of the country which include the names of reverend Vajpayeeji, Rajmataji, Shri Chandrasekharji, Bhai Ram Vilas Paswan ji, Shri Balasubramoniyam ji, Shri Sharad Pawar Ji, Shri Santosh Mohan Dev ji, reverend Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi ji, Shri Surjit Singh Barnala ji, Shri Madhukar Sarpotdar ji, Shri George Fernandes ji, Shri Jai Prakash ji, Shri Om Prakash Jindal ji, Shri Nitish Kumar ji, Shri Pramod Mahajan ji, Shri Jagmohan ji, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar ji and Shri Jagat Vir Singh Drona.

All of you have given me this honour and have expressed your faith in me. I hope that you will cooperate and guide me in conducting the business of the House in discharging this responsibility. My unanimous election has awakened me to do my duty.

I will consider it my duty to safeguard the interests of hon'ble Members while conducting the business of the House and for that I will sit on this Chair as your representative. I pray to the God to give me strength so that I can discharge my duties properly.

India is the largest democracy of the world. Sometimes doubts are raised about the existence of this democracy but the unanimous election of the hon'ble Speaker and Deputy Speaker has once again cleared these doubts and the democracy has been strengthened further. Thanks to all.

13.21 hrs.

### INTRODUCTION OF MINISTER

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Before we adjourn for lunch, the Prime Minister will kindly introduce one more

Minister to the House. The Minister was abroad when introduction was done last time.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI H D DEVE GOWDA) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your kind permission, I would like to introduce my colleague Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya, Minister of Steel and Mines, to the House.

[Translation]

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES (Nalanda) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise an urgent issue regarding the safety of life of a person as the House will adjourn today for two days and will meet again on Monday.

CBI has filed a case in the court the witness of which is Shri Lakkhu Bhai Pathak. His life is in danger. It has been proved when he was being honoured by the institution working for anti-corruption. It is a question of a person's life. In this case, evidence of Chandraswami, who is in jail at present, is being recorded. It is but natural that people will be afraid due to unusual things taking place in the entire case. When he was being honoured, a bid to exchange blows took place there. (Interruptions) I would like to add one more sentence.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Fernandes, the whole matter is before the court. Why should we anticipate things in the House like that?

[Translation]

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Sir, on behalf of CBI that person is being asked to leave the country.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I cannot allow that. Mr. Fernandes.

(Interruptions)

13.23 hrs.

### DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS (GENERAL) 93-94

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Sir, I beg to present a statement (Hindi and English versions) showing the Demands for Excess Grants in respect of the Budget (General) for 1993-94.

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have to introduce a Bill.