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Title: Need to felicitate Anil Kumble for achieving the landmark of 500 wickets in International Test Cricket.

SHRIMATI TEJASWINI SEERAMESH (KANAKAPURA): Sir, first of all, I would like to congratulate you for that. I come from the State of Karnataka where there is Shri Anil Kumble's hometown.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it specially for Karnataka?

SHRIMATI TEJASWINI SEERAMESH: Sir, I rise to congratulate Shri Anil Kumble on behalf of the people of India and on behalf of Karnataka. This is the greatest moment for us. Let me appreciate the Bengalis for their love for sports. I would like to say that they were mad lovers of cricket as well as football. During my childhood, when I visited West Bengal, they used to enquire about Gundappa Vishwanath. We used to call him G. Vishwanath and they used to call him Gundappa Vishwanath. So, Sir, as a true Indian you have respected Anil Kumble's achievements. I would like to mention here a few milestones.

MR. SPEAKER: You associate with me.

SHRIMATI TEJASWINI SEERAMESH: Sir, Anil Kumble is an ordinary boy who comes from an ordinary village in a coastal district of Karnataka. His rising to such a high level is really a great achievement.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, he belongs to India and not to Karnataka alone.

SHRIMATI TEJASWINI SEERAMESH: Yes, sir. He belongs to India. He is an Indian who particularly belongs to Karnataka. Sir, 16 years back Anil Kumble entered cricket in Manchester. … (*Interruptions*) He got his 100th wicket in Bangalore; he got his 300th wicket in Bangalore and he got his 400th wicket also in Bangalore, his hometown also. I would like to mention these things.

MR. SPEAKER: We are waiting for his 600th wicket.

SHRIMATI TEJASWINI SEERAMESH: As far as his personal life is concerned, he is a role model. Anil Kumble married a divorced woman. He fought for the girl child. It is because today no celebrity will come forward to take care of the interests of women. I would like to specially salute a personality like Anil Kumble who can inspire the Indians to take care of the interests of women. I would emphatically like to submit it on behalf of the people of Karnataka. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you for your appreciation of sports. Shri Suresh Kurup.

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