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Title: Announcement regarding relinquishment of office by Secretary-General (Shri T.K. Viswanathan) and his Appointment as Honorary Officer of the House.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House that Shri T.K. Viswanathan relinquished the office as Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha on 31st August, 2013. Shri Viswanathan, who was first appointed as Secretary- General of the Lok Sabha on 1st October, 2010 has thorough knowledge of constitutional matters which helped the Presiding Officer and the Panel of Chairmen in smooth conduct of the proceedings of the House.

Shri Viswanathan was instrumental in organizing the 5th Conference of Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians and the Regional Conference of the Inter Parliamentary Union, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Seminar as also the 7th Women Speakers Conference and the Sixtieth anniversary of the first sitting of the Lok Sabha.

He sincerely worked for the welfare of officers and staff of the Secretariat.

Shri Viswanathan paid special attention to the preservation of heritage character of the Parliament House building.

In recognition of his services, I have great pleasure in announcing that Shri Viswanathan has been appointed as Honorary Officer of the House.

I am confident that hon. Members will join me in wishing him good health and success in the years ahead.

**Hon. Members,** Shri S. Bal Shekar, Secretary in the Lok Sabha Secretariat will, for the time being, be performing the duties of the Secretary-General.

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...(Interruptions)

**11.01 Â½ hrs.**