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Title: Regarding Teacher's Day.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): Madam, today is an important day for each one of us. Today is Teachers' Day, 5th September, the birth day of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India. On this day we all recall and appreciate the efforts put in by teachers in different walks of our life. This is also a day to honour the teachers for their special contributions in our life. It is their hard work, as educators, which helped us to come this far and achieve whatever we had achieved so far. We may call them as gurus, masters, sirs and madams.

As someone once put it, when life wanted to bless you, it gave you a teacher. I think, this conveys it all. Teachers grow on us. Initially we may not take them seriously. Over a period of time, we start understanding the efforts and contribution of teachers. Teachers are national builders. Teachers are character builders. Their role is divine in nature. Their devotion is unparalleled. Teachers are like candle, which consumes itself to show us the path.

This is an occasion to salute teaches. Our growing up years have always been guided invariably by teachers. Teachers help us to touch the sky. Their hard work and dedication are the tools which had helped us to not only dream but also to fulfil those dreams.

Hence, I would like to quote Don Rather: "The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth."

Teachers kindle our imagination and help us to dream. Today is the day to remember all those teaches who have contributed to our growth, well being and good life.

I, for one, remember still the guidance I got from my teachers right from school days. I consider teachers as important people, after one's parents, to chalk out our destinations. This is amply brought out by Henry Brooks Adams, who once said that a teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influence stops.

By being in touch with teachers, you are only going to be enriched with their wisdom. In turn, teachers would be overwhelmed by the touching presence of occasional talk over phone or e-mail.

Let us all strive to renew our relationship with our teachers on this important day called, Teachers Day. Most of us vividly recall the fulfilling stint as students in the midst of our teachers. Mere remembrance overwhelms us and makes us ecstatic.

Many careers have been made with the help of teachers. Today is an auspicious and solemn occasion to come out and say thanks to our teachers who have painstakingly helped us to strike harder to achieve success. The teacher's profession being the noblest profession helped each one of us to scale new heights in life. The lessons teachers taught us have stood the test of time and they are here with us forever. Teachers made all the difference in our lives. We owe everything to them. We cannot repay them enough in our lifetime. God bless them.

MADAM SPEAKER: S/Shri Shivkumar Udasi, Kirit Premjibhai Solanki and P.L. Punia are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Dr. Ratna De.

Now, Shri Jitendra Singh Bundela – Not present.