Title: Madam Speaker welcomed His Excellency Mr. Chamal Rajapaksa, Speaker of the Parliament of the Sri Lanka and Members of the Sri Lankan Parliamentary Delegation.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to make an announcement.

On behalf of the hon. Members of the House and on my own behalf, I have great pleasure in welcoming His Excellency Mr. Chamal Rajapaksa, Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka and Members of the Sri Lankan Parliamentary Delegation, who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Madam Speaker . . . .

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Please sit down.

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI (KARUR) : Madam Speaker…

(Interruptions) … ≛

SHRI P. KUMAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Madam Speaker…

SHRI A.GANESHAMURTHI (ERODE): Madam Speaker…

(Interruptions) …\*

MADAM SPEAKER: No. Please sit down. Please take your seats. What is this?

… (Interruptions) …\*

MADAM SPEAKER: They have come here at our invitation; and we must honour them and respect them.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: They arrived in India on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2011. They are now seated in the Special Box. We wish them a happy and fruitful stay in our country. Through them, we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Government and the friendly people of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.