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Title: Madam Speaker welcomed His Excellency Mr. Abdulla Shahid, Speaker of the People's Majlis of Maldives and other Members of the Parliamentary Delegation from Maldives.

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

On behalf of the Members of the House and on my own behalf, I have great pleasure in welcoming His Excellency Mr. Abdulla Shahid, Speaker of the People's Majlis of Maldives and other distinguished Members of the Parliamentary Delegation from Maldives who are on a visit to our country as our honoured guests.

They arrived in India on 4 May, 2013 and are now seated in the special box. We understand and highly appreciate the role of the People's Majlis in this historic period when democracy is taking roots in Maldives. I am confident that their visit will further strengthen the excellent bilateral relations between our two countries and diversify into newer areas for the benefit of the people of both the countries. We wish them a very comfortable and rewarding stay in our country. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Parliament, the Government and the friendly people of Maldives.

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...(Interruptions)

**11.02 hrs**

*At this stage, Shri Ganesh Singh, Shri Shailendra Kumar, Shrimati  
Harsimrat Kaur Badal and some other hon. Members  
came and stood on the floor near the Table.*

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Question 541, Shri Jai Prakash Agarwal.

...(Interruptions)