

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, April 21, 1997/Vaisakha 1,
1919 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Four Minutes Past
Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

(Interruptions)

[English]

DR. MALLIKARJUN (Mahbubnagar) : Sir, since the Prime Minister and other Ministers have not reached yet, let us adjourn the House.

MR. SPEAKER : The first item is the Introduction of the Prime Minister. As all of us know the Swearing-in ceremony has just been concluded and it takes time for the Prime Minister and other Ministers to reach here.

(Interruptions)

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI-CHATTERJEE (Dumdum) : Sir, let us adjourn the House for half an hour.

MR. SPEAKER : The House stands adjourned to meet at 11.30 A.M.

11.06 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Thirty Minutes
past Eleven of the Clock.

11.31 hrs.

(The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Thirty-One Minutes
past Eleven of the Clock.)

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, I have great pleasure in introducing to this House the hon. Prime Minister of India, Shri I.K. Gujral. He is known to all of us. We extend to him our good wishes and godspeed in his task.

Hon. Prime Minister may now introduce his Council of Ministers.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : Sir, with your permission, while thanking you for the kind words and thanking my colleagues for this warm reception given to me, may I introduce my colleagues in the Government?

Cabinet Ministers :

Shri Balwant Singh Ramoowalia
Shri Beni Prasad Varma
Shri Chaturanan Mishra
Shri Indrajit Gupta
Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya
Shri C.M. Ibrahim
Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav
Shri Murasoli Maran
Prof. Saifuddin Soz
Shri R.L. Jalappa
Shri Ram Vilas Paswan
Shri Srikant Jena
Shri T.G. Venkatraman
Shri Kinjarappu Yerrannaidu

Ministers of State :

Shri Bolla Buli Ramaiah
Shri Chandradeo Prasad Varma
Shri Dilip Kumar Ray
Capt. Jai Narayan Prasad Nishad
Shrimati Kanti Singh
Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar
Shri Muhi Ram Saikia
Shri N.V.N. Somu
Shri Raghubans Prasad Singh
Shri Ramakant D. Khalap
Dr. S. Venugopalachari
Shri Satpal Maharaj
Shri Sis Ram Ola
Shri T.R. Baalu
Dr. U. Venkateswarlu
Shri Yoginder K. Alagh

Thank you very much.

May I once again thank my colleagues and, particularly my friends, sitting on the opposite side? I want to thank all of them a great deal with all my warmth.