

## Prime Minister Narendra Modi : Felicitations to the Speaker (06-06-2014)

Respected Speaker Madam,

I want to convey my heartfelt greetings to all the elected members of this House from different parties. Maintaining the great tradition of this Parliament, the Speaker has been elected unanimously. It is a matter of great pride that a woman now chairs this most decorated temple of democracy - the Parliament of the world's largest democracy. Your guidance will be extremely valuable in finding solutions to the problems of the common man.

Respected Speaker Madam, it is a matter of great pride for this House that you have reached here after years of public service which started as a member of the Municipal Corporation of Indore. You have been a member of this august house for 8 times, an experience which will help you in running the house smoothly.

Madam Speaker, today in this 16th Lok Sabha, we have got an opportunity similar to the one when the House was constituted for the first time. When the first Lok Sabha was constituted then all the members got elected for the first time, post that it is after a very long time a Lok Sabha has been constituted where 315 members have come in for the first time. This means the world looks up to us today with great expectations hence we should consider this as an opportunity to recreate and present a new facet of our democracy by adopting good and new traditions while discarding the old ones. This new blood and new energy infused in this House will take forward the glorious traditions of the past and make this House a platform to present a strengthened democracy to the world.

This temple of democracy due to the sheer zeal and enthusiasm of the new members has the potential of transforming it into a temple of new energy for the progress of the country. I am sure that under your able leadership and guidance this house will surely fulfill those hopes and aspirations.

Respected Speaker Madam, your name has such qualities that it will inspire friendship and a sense of belongingness amongst all. The Shashtra's mention "Mahajan yen gata sah pantha" meaning it is good to tread the path created by a Mahajan. And here a Mahajan is holding the chair, so it makes all the more sense for the house to follow your directions. I wish you all the best once again. I assure you that this House will duly cooperate with you in discharging your responsibilities and will leave no stone unturned in fulfilling the aspirations of the common man. My greetings and wishes to you once again, I welcome all the parties and heartfelt thanks to all for their cooperation in this election and for unanimous upholding of a great tradition.

Thank you very much!