## Prime Minister Narendra Modi : Felicitations to the Deputy Speaker (13-08-2014)

Hon'ble Speaker, all the parties and all the members of the House have unanimously elected Dr. Thambidurai as Deputy Speaker as per the highest traditions of this House. First of all, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the House particularly to all the members of the Opposition for this. Dr. Thambidurai has held the office of the Deputy Speaker earlier also and he has been guiding and conducting the business of the House. He has been a very active member of this House. His knowledge has benefitted this House and the nation as well. He also gained experience of the treasury bench for being in the Cabinet for quite some time. He is also an academician. He is a scholar of various subjects. The most important thing about him is that he is an agriculturist also. His life is a bouquet of knowledge and experience in diverse fields. I am quite sure that his experience would come in very handy in conducting the business of this House. I would also like to assure him that the Government would extend its full support to him in discharging his duties as Deputy Speaker. I am pretty hopeful that your experience will go a long way in positively contributing towards a healthy exchange of ideas in the House.

On behalf of this House, I extend you my felicitations and best wishes.