

23.00 hrs.

RELINQUISHING OF OFFICE OF SECRETARY GENERAL BY SHRI K.C. RASTOGI AND APPOINTMENT OF SHRI C. K. JAIN AS SECRETARY GENERAL

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Shri K.C. Rastogi would be laying down his office at the end of this month. Shri K.C. Rastogi has worked very very unobtrusively, conscientiously and justly. He has also given correct opinion and advice which is very important. He has worked without any bias against anybody or any Party. He has never tried to impose his views on others. We are sure that his help and advice will be available for the country. He is in his good health. So, he can render service to the nation for a long time in different capacities. We express our great appreciation for the splendid service he has rendered to the Lok Sabha.

I have great pleasure in announcing that Shri K.C. Rastogi will be the honorary officer of the House. This we do in recognition of his service to the Lok Sabha.

We wish him good health and productive and meaningful life as he has done upto now in future also.

Now we shall have to make other arrangements also. I have decided to ask Shri C.K. Jain, the Additional Secretary, to carry on with the duties of the Secretary-General. Necessary formal and legal orders will be issued.

We have to fill some other vacancies

also. Necessary action would be taken in this respect.

I very sincerely and from the bottom of my heart thank all the Members, all the leaders and all the Officers and the Press and everybody concerned the staff and everybody concerned with the activities of this House.

SHRI PROBIN DEKA (Mangaldoi): Sir, I want to make a statement.

MR. SPEAKER: What is that statement?

SHRI P.M. SAYEED (Lakshadweep): He wants to make a zero hour statement!

SHRI PROBIN DEKA: It pains me greatly to read a news item in the Assam Tribune dated 19th December, 91 wherein it is alleged that I have had a hand in the reported army action on 17, 18 Dec. 91 in Sipajhar in my Parliamentary Constituency. I take this opportunity to deny my involvement in the reported action. I have been in Delhi this week and I have no knowledge of this incident if it has happened at all.

The allegation made by a few political leaders as reported in the news item is designed to malign me politically.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. The House stands adjourned *sine die*.

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*The Lok Sabha then adjourned sine die.*