

12.00 hrs.

STATEMENT RE. CALTEX [ACQUISITION OF SHARES OF CALTEX OIL REFINING (INDIA) LIMITED AND OF THE UNDERTAKINGS IN INDIA OF CALTEX (INDIA) LIMITED] ORDINANCE, 1976

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Caltex [Acquisition of Shares of Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and of the Undertakings in India of Caltex (India) Limited] Ordinance, 1976. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-30/77].

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12.01 hrs.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

SHRI YASHVANTRAO CHAVAN (Satara): I beg to move:

“That Shri Godey Murahari, a member of this House, be chosen as the Deputy Speaker of this House.”

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): I second it.

MR. SPEAKER: There are no other names before the House.

Anyway I will put the motion to the House. The question is:

“That Shri Godey Murahari, a member of this House, be chosen as the Deputy Speaker of this House.”

The motion was adopted.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): I offer my con-

gratulations to Shri Godey Murahari on his election as Deputy Speaker. I hope and trust that he will conduct the proceedings of this House with fairness and in true democratic parliamentary traditions.

I assure him of the full co-operation from all members of this House.

SHRI YASHVANTRAO CHAVAN: May I join in offering my congratulations to the Deputy Speaker, Shri Murahari.

Shri Godey Murahari is not new to the parliamentary life. Though he is sitting in this House for the first time, he has been a Member of the other House where he has functioned as the Presiding Officer and that too, very fairly and effectively and to the satisfaction of all sections of the House. I have no doubt that the same traditions he will continue to maintain and I can assure him, as the Prime Minister did, of our full co-operation.

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah): On behalf of my Party, the CPI(M), I congratulate Mr. Murahari on his being elected unanimously as the Deputy Speaker.

I will request Mr. Murahari to keep in view the conditions under which he has been elected, the new background of the national situation and the hopes raised in the people. I hope he will prove himself worthy of the expectations raised in the minds of the people. I offer him the full co-operation of our Party in discharging his responsibility.

MR. SPEAKER: Anybody from AIADMK?

All right, Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN (Coimbatore): On behalf of CPI I would like to extend our warmest felicitations to Mr. Murahari and assure him of our fullest co-operation.