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Monday, February 19, 1979/Magha 30, 1900 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at forty minutes past Twelve of the Clock

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

MR. SPEAKER: Wish vou all a Happy New Year.

HON. MEMBERS: The same to you.

MEMBER SWORN

Shri P. Shiv Shanker (Secundera-bad)

WELCOME TO HUNGARIAN PAR-LIAMENTARY DELEGATION

MR. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, at the outset, I have to make an announcement.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Hon'ble Members of the House, I have great pleasure in welcoming His Excellency Dr. Janos Peter, Deputy Chairman of the Parliament of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Hon'ble Members of the Hungarian Parliamentary Delegation who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests.

The other Hon'ble Members of the Delegation are:—

- 1. Dr. Mihaly Komocsin, M.P.
- 2. Mr. Sandor Magyar, M. P.

- 3. Mrs. Miklos Vadkerti, M.P.
- 4. Mr. Laszlo Radnoty, M.P.

The delegation arrived here on Wednesday, the 14th February, 1979. They have since visited Bangalore and Bombay.

The delegates are now seated in the Special Box. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Hungarian Parliament and the friendly people of the Hungarian People's Republic.

12.42 hrs.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

SECRETARY: I lay on the Table a copy of the President's Address to both Houses of Parliament assembled together today.

President's Address

Hon'ble Members,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this session of Parliament, the first in 1979. You have a heavy schedule of business ahead of you, and at the outset, let me wish you godspeed in the completion of your budgetary and legislative business.

2 Last year, we had unprecedented floods which were the worst within living memory. Many lives were lost; crops were damaged over large areas and there was heavy loss to both private and public property. We cannot but admire the courage and fortitude with which our people faced this calamity. The State Administrations met the extermely difficult out of situation arising floods with commendable speed and