

17.58 hrs.

**STATEMENT RE: RECOGNITION OF PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM**

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Now the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs will make a statement on the recognition of Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS):** Mr. Chairman, Sir, as the House will recall, while speaking on the discussion on the Demands for Grants for the Ministry of External Affairs, the Foreign Minister said that the Government was watching the changing situation in Vietnam and that we would do the right thing at the right time. The right time seems to have arrived. The erstwhile President of South Vietnam, General Minh, has handed over the administration of South Vietnam to the Provisional Revolutionary Government.

I should like to inform the Honourable Members that the Government of India has decided to accord immediate diplomatic recognition to the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. We have

instructed our Charged' Affaires in Hanoi to convey the recognition to the Representative of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam there. Government has also decided to advise the Consul-General of South Vietnam in New Delhi that his Mission has to be terminated forthwith and that he should leave India as soon as possible, unless he declares allegiance to the Provisional Revolutionary Government and the Provisional Revolutionary Government accepts him as their representative in India.

The people and the Government of India rejoice over the successful conclusion of the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people for independence. The House will no doubt share with me its gratification at this happy culmination of the struggle of the people of South Vietnam and the inevitable victory of the forces of nationalism over attempts to undermine them.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The House now stands adjourned to meet at 11 A.M. on the 2nd May, 1975.

18.00 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Friday, May 2, 1975|Vaisakha 12, 1975 (Saka).*