

**Construction of Bridge over River
Subernarekha (Orissa)**

2920. SHRI S. KUNDU : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to construct bridge over river Subernarekha at Jaleswar in Orissa has materialised ;

(b) whether it will be constructed during this year or in the coming year ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). The bridge would fall on a State road and its construction is therefore, the responsibility of the Government of Orissa. However, they have been asking for a grant-in-aid for this work estimated to cost Rs 74.10 lakhs. This request and similar other demands received from other States have to be considered in the light of the funds which may be actually available in the Fourth Plan for aiding such new projects. This aspect of availability of funds is being examined.

12 hrs.

ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH) : I beg to move.

"That Shri G. S. Dhillon, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

श्री विभूति मिश्र (मोतीहारी) : मैं इस प्रस्ताव का हार्दिक समर्थन करता हूँ।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : The question is :

"That Shri G. S. Dhillon, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

Those who are in favour of the motion may kindly say 'Aye'.

HON MEMBERS : 'Aye'.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Those who are against the motion may please say 'No'.

There is none.

The motion is carried unanimously.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Shri G. S. Dhillon was conducted to the Chair by the Prime Minister (Shrimati Indira Gandhi) and Shri Runga.

[MR. SPEAKER (SHRI G. S. DHILLON) in the Chair.]

THE PRIME MINISTER AND LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Mr. Speaker, Sir.

May I welcome you to your august office, not only on my own behalf and on behalf of the Government and the Party, but also, if I may, on behalf of all sections of this House.

Sir, It is a happy augury that your election to this high office should have been unanimous, and thus met with the approval of all sections of this House. I say so because the Speaker, at least from the moment of his election, belongs to the entire House and sits above all Parties and above all differences.

To this distinguished Chair you bring long years of valuable experience as Presiding Officer. But you also bring to it the rich past of a varied public life as a political worker, as a social worker, as a journalist and, last but not least, as a keen sportsman. I hope that under your stewardship the House will imbibe the spirit which is normally expected in the sphere of sports that is, regard for the rules of the game, the conduct of every debate and every contest in a friendly and sportsmanlike spirit and, at all times and under all circumstances, unquestioned acceptance of any ruling or decision that you might be pleased to give from the Chair as the umpire.

Sir, the House of Parliament are indeed meant for free and even for fierce debate on every important issue facing the country. And occasionally, a touch of heat and passion will inevitably be injected into such debate. But I am sure my colleagues on all sides of the House will agree that there is

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need for us to join hands and make a determined and collective effort to preserve and foster the decorum and dignity of this House. The primary burden of this will devolve on you, Sir ; but let us all on this occasion pledge to be solidly behind you in this task.

I have no doubt that the rights of all sides of the House and every hon. Member will be secure in your hands.

I extend our hearty felicitations to you and also our assurance that you shall at all times have our fullest co-operation in the discharge of the difficult duties upon which you are about to embark.

SHRI RANGA (Srikakulam) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to congratulate you on my behalf and on behalf of our party and a large number of our own friends on this very happy occasion when you have come to be elevated to this very high position by all of us unanimously.

It is a rare moment for this House itself. This House does not get such rare moments. Such pleasant moments very often. We have got it now. I exult in it.

We are a boisterous House. We are not a very docile House either. In the recent past, we have become also quite a powerful House. Therefore, it is not easy to manage us, and it takes a big man, and indeed a good man to guide us and manage us. I am sure that you are a very good man and I hope that we shall find in you a big enough man also for this House.

Once the late Prime Minister said that he was not taking any risks when one of our previous Speakers was elected. Now, I would like to assure the House that we do not take any risk at all with you. I have known you for many years as a social worker. We worked together on the Bharat Sewak Samaj platform... (Interruptions) when it was a very good Samaj. And I found you to be a very good colleague.

As you know, the previous Speaker was a more fierce politician and yet when he became the Speaker, he was good enough to declare that from that moment onwards he was dissociating himself from all partisan politics, and, therefore, he resigned his

membership of the Congress. Membership of the Congress is not a shall thing. It is one of the treasures that I had myself treasured at one time, and I found it very difficult indeed to abandon it or to surrender it. Therefore, it would be a very difficult thing for you also to surrender it today. Yet, we sincerely hope that with the co-operation of your own erstwhile or even till now your present fellow-members of the Congress, you would be willing to surrender that membership in preference to the Speakership of this House. The Speakership of this House is much bigger, and a much nobler position than the membership of any of our political parties here. You now become a Member of this House without any party affiliation, and we would like to look upon you as one without any party affiliations, without any partisan feelings, without any party affections and without any party antagonisms. I wish you all the best and good luck.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (बलरामपुर): अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपनी ओर से और अपने दल की ओर से आपके सर्व-सम्मत निर्वाचन पर आपको हृदय से बधाई देता हूँ और आपका अभिनन्दन करता हूँ।

इस सदन के लिए निर्वाचित होने से पहले ही आपकी कीर्ति हम लोगों तक पहुँच चुकी थी। पंजाब के सावजनिक जीवन में आपका महत्वपूर्ण स्थान रहा है। विधान सभा के अध्यक्ष के नाते दस वर्षों तक आपने बड़ी कुशलता से, और दृढ़ता के साथ भी, अपने दायित्व का निर्वाह किया है। वह क्षण हमें याद है जब पंजाब विधान सभा के अध्यक्ष की पीठ पर बैठकर आपने निर्भीकता से निर्णय किए और शासन को कठिनाई में डालने में भी संकोच नहीं किया। इस सदन के सदस्य के नाते हमें आपके निकट संपर्क में आने का सीमाय मिलता है। आपकी मृदुता, मित्रतापूर्ण स्वभाव, कठोर बात को भी धीरे से कहने का तरीका और सबको साथ लेकर चलने की आपकी क्षमता इन सब ने यह दृश्य पैदा किया है कि आप आज सर्वसम्मति से इस आसन पर विराजमान हुए हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, जैसा आचार्य रंगा जी ने कहा इस सदन का तीर तरीका कुछ दिनों से ऐसा होता जा रहा है जिसमें कुछ सुधार की गुंजायश है। अनावश्यक उत्तेजना, अकारण असहिष्णुता, अनर्गल आरोप और असंसदीय भाषा और आचरण की पुनरावृत्ति, एक दूसरे के प्रति सौजन्य और शिष्टता का अभाव, यह इस सदन के रंग और ढंग का अंग बनता जा रहा है। इस सदन को न केवल विधान मंडलों का मार्ग दर्शन करना है बल्कि भारत की पचास करोड़ जनता की जो विराट संसद है उसके सामने भी आचरण का मानदण्ड स्थापित करना है। मैं जो कुछ कह रहा हूँ उसका अर्थ यह नहीं है कि हम भारत की जनता की भावनाओं का यहाँ प्रतिनिधित्व नहीं करेंगे। इसका अर्थ यह भी नहीं है कि जो दलित हैं, पीड़ित हैं, शोषित हैं, शापित हैं, उनकी कष्ट-कथा, उनकी व्यथा यहाँ वाणी नहीं पाएगी, यहाँ मुखरित नहीं होगी। इस सदन को इस देश का प्रतिविम्ब बनना होगा। लेकिन मर्यादाओं का पालन होना चाहिए। लक्ष्मण रेखाओं का उल्लंघन नहीं होना चाहिए।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, हम आप से आशा करते हैं कि जितने भी सार्वजनिक महत्व के विषय हैं उन पर आप चर्चा का पर्याप्त समय दें। चर्चा रुक की जा रही है, यह भावना पैदा नहीं होनी चाहिए। लोकतंत्र में बोलने का अधिकार एक अनमोल अधिकार है और उसके लिए आवश्यक हो तो सदन की बैठकें बढ़ाई जा सकती हैं, समय बढ़ाया जा सकता है। लेकिन जहाँ चर्चा का पूरा मौका मिले वहाँ फिर संविधान और कानून का, नियम और शिष्टता का, मर्यादा का पालन भी होना चाहिए। इसके लिए एक ओर तो आपको सरकार को भी इस ढंग से निर्देश देना होगा जिससे वह सदन के प्रति पूरी जिम्मेदारी को अनुभव कर सके, उसका पालन कर सके और दूसरी ओर प्रतिपक्ष को भी मर्यादा में आचरण करने का आपको अनुशासन सिखाना होगा।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, आपका सर्वसम्मति से जो निर्वाचन हुआ है उससे एक नये अध्याय का श्रीगणेश हुआ है और मैं चाहता हूँ कि आप सभी दलों के सदस्यों को बुलाकर सदन की कार्यवाही किस तरह से शांति से चल सकती है, इसके ऊपर विचार करें। कभी-कभी उत्तेजना में समझ सकता है लेकिन देश के कोने-कोने के दर्शक यहाँ आते हैं। इस सदन में जो कुछ होता है उसकी प्रतिध्वनि सारे देश में आ जाती है। इसलिए चर्चा के लिए पूरा अवसर देते हुए हम मर्यादा का आचरण करें। यह दुरुह काम आपके कंधों पर आया है। आपसे पहले डा० संजीव रेड्डी यहाँ अध्यक्ष थे। विधान कानून नियम इसकी वह इतनी चिन्ता नहीं करते थे लेकिन अपनी सहज बुद्धि से किस समय बया करना चाहिए, क्या कहना चाहिए, किस तरह से सदन को साथ लेकर चला जा सकता है इसका उन्होंने बहुत अच्छा आचरण करके दिखाया है और हम आशा करते हैं कि पिछले कुछ दिनों से सदन में जो बातावरण इतना स्वस्थ नहीं रहा है आपके निर्वाचन से और सब बलों के सहयोग से वह स्वस्थता फिर से आएगी। यह सदन आप के अनुरूप सिद्ध कर सकेगा और आप स्वयं को इस सदन के अनुरूप सिद्ध कर सकेंगे।

SHRI ANBAZHAGAN (Tiruchengode) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am glad that this rare opportunity is given to us to congratulate you and to felicitate you on this occasion of your unanimous election to the Speakership of this House. As one who has participated in the freedom fight and also in the movements of the common people, I hope you will cherish and uphold the interests of the whole nation by holding your office in such a way as to facilitate this House to serve the common man's cause.

You are raised to the highest pedestal of the democratic institution. I hope this Parliament will certainly become, at least in the future, a model for all the State legislatures to follow and that the democratic spirit that is very often evinced in this House will certainly create the necessary confidence and hope in the people. As a person,

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who is highly esteemed by all sections of this House, I hope the dignity, decorum and also discipline will certainly be maintained by the co-operation of all parties in this august body.

Further, I am sure that though the Opposition is certainly weaker than the ruling party here, as one who has no communal bias, as one who belongs to a minority community, as one who knows the difficulties of the minorities in general, especially the weaker sections in this House, the Opposition parties which are even not united, which are certainly divided among themselves on so many issues, I hope the necessary protection will be given by you to the Opposition in general and the different groups.

Furthermore, I would like to make a request to you on this occasion. As one who has been the editor of an Urdu daily or magazine and also of some language papers, as your predecessor had already decided to implement the principle that almost all the national languages may be permitted to be used in this House with the necessary facilities given thereof. I hope under your auspices, we who come from faraway places in this great country would be allowed to use, not merely allowed but will be credited for using our respective regional languages in this House with necessary translation arrangements provided.

I would like to add one more thing. People who are elevated to the highest office are not esteemed simply because of their office, but for their conduct and for their principles. One of the maximum of Thiruvalluvar, a great Tamil saint, is that "the crown that a man wears is the uprightness of his unbiassed soul." This uprightness as Speaker, I hope you have in abundance. I hope you will maintain it during your period. I hope this House itself will find that through you its dignity is raised and people come to have much esteem for our deliberations.

With these few words, I join the other leaders, the Leader of the House and the other Opposition leaders in felicitating you on behalf of the DMK Group in this House.

SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE (Calcutta North East) : Mr. Speaker, it is customary for us to felicitate whoever among our number is selected to your august chair and it is with much pleasure that I associate myself with the sentiments that have been expressed in regard to your election by the Leader of the House and the spokesmen of the Opposition Parties who have preceded me.

I fear that I shall be somewhat dishonest with myself if I do not at the same time express a certain unhappiness that a convention which I thought was growing in this House in regard to the elevation, other things being equal, of the Deputy Speaker to the Speaker's Chair has not been found, for reasons that I cannot quite fathom, to be practicable on this occasion. I do not say this at all to detract from the genuine pleasure that I have at your election.

You and I have been friends for at least ten years for we met in Australia as members of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation in that country. Since that time I have come to know you as a friend and to respect those qualities to which already reference has been made by my colleagues here.

You would forgive me for saying that perhaps I have been spoilt to a certain extent by having my first probation in Parliament when Shri Mavalankar was the Speaker, an outstanding man the shine of whose personality will not easily be forgotten, and I do happen to have certain expectations of your office which, I am sorry to have to say have not always been satisfied. I do not blame any body for it, because I do not think that in our country today there is a more difficult and psychologically more exacting office than the office of the Speaker. I am very happy that my friend Shri A. B. Vajpayee referred to the character of the House, as a forum where is reflected the multitudinous discontent which is the primary feature of life in our country today. That often gives rise to situation in the House which can hardly be controlled by the processes of parliamentary decorum which have been laid down in conditions of normality.

So, when I say that my expectations have not been satisfied I do not intend at all

to cast any reflection on anybody. But I only wish to stress that if the parliamentary system is going to be worked at all, if we are not going to have an alternative arrangement—and I can think of alternative arrangements—if we are going to have parliamentary system, it is necessary to function in a manner where the Speaker's authority has got to be exercised in association with the Members of the House, in a manner which would be in conformity with the dignity of our country.

You have had a varied life and I do hope that you will leave behind you altogether that particular innings when you were a Minister of the Punjab Government. I say so because when you are Speaker, you have been elected to one of the most important offices in the country and I would expect you, if I may say so, to be worthy of that office in the sense that you should maintain the dignity of that office and you should not look avidly at fresh pastures and that sort of thing. I would like you never to think of the office of the Speaker as a sort of jumping off board so that one can go off from the speakership to some thing also. The office of the Speaker is one of the highest offices and that office is absolutely seminal to the functioning of parliamentary democracy in this country. The office of the Speaker is one to which we of all parties are pledging our co-operation provided that we get in return understanding and objectivity on the part of the Chair.

I know that as far as you are concerned, you would be a principled occupant of that Chair. I know that this is a surging, pulsating House which it would be difficult sometimes to control but you and I, and I hope, the rest of us share a certain sense of humour and while certain incidents might continue to take place, we would overcome the significance of those incidents in the light of the higher perspective which today of all days comes foremost to our mind.

I am sorry if I have digressed somewhat, but you know very well how genuine my pleasure is at your election, and on my behalf as well as on behalf of the party that I represent in this House. I compliment you on your elevation to your august office.

श्री र.बि.राय (पुरी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपनी ओर से तथा मेरी पार्टी की ओर से आपको हार्दिक बधाई देता हूँ। वास्तव में आज हमारे सदन के जीवन में एक बहुत महत्वपूर्ण दिन है, इसलिए कि आप आज सर्वसम्मति से अध्यक्ष पद पर चुने गए हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, चार-छः महीने पहले एक संसदीय कमेटी में मैं आपके साथ बंगलोर गया था और वहाँ 2-3 दिन आपके साथ ठहरने के समय आपके अभ्यास और आपके स्वभाव को देखते हुए मैं इस चीज को मान कर चलता हूँ कि भविष्य में आप हमारे सदन और सदन के सदस्यों के अधिकारों के ठीक रूप से रक्षक बन सकते हैं। मैं केवल विधि रक्षा की दृष्टि से यह बात नहीं कहता हूँ, क्योंकि यह सही है कि हमको सदन में मर्यादा के अन्दर रहना चाहिए, हमारे विधान के अन्दर रहना चाहिये। लेकिन इसके साथ-साथ मैं आपसे कहना चाहता हूँ, अनुरोध करना चाहता हूँ, क्योंकि आप जब प्रजातन्त्र के रक्षक हैं, सदन के सदस्यों के अधिकारों के रक्षक हैं, हमारे सदन की डिगनिटी और डेकोरम के रक्षक हैं, लेकिन जब तक हाउस के बाहर जो करोड़ों गरीब, पद-दलित और उपेक्षित लोग हैं, उनकी जिन्दगी के साथ हाउस की डिगनिटी को नहीं जोड़ेंगे, दोनों में कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं रखेंगे तो फिर हमारा प्रजातन्त्र सिर्फ कागज पर रह जायगा। इसलिए इसी दृष्टि से मैं अर्ज करना चाहता हूँ कि हाउस में जो बुनियादी बहस हम चलायेंगे, यह सही है कि कुछ गर्मी आ सकती है और हम तो विरोधी दल हैं, हमारा यह धर्म है, कर्तव्य है कि सदन के बाहर की करोड़ों जनता, गरीब जनता, पददलित जनता के तमाम सुख-दुख का दर्पण इस सदन को बनायें, इसमें कुछ गर्म बहस भी लायेंगे और सरकार की कड़ी आलोचना करेंगे। सरकार को भी इसे सहना चाहिये, इसी पृष्ठभूमि में मैं उम्मीद करता हूँ कि आगे चल कर आप प्रजातन्त्र और उसकी ओर परम्परायें हैं उनको बनाये रखेंगे।

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अन्त में मैं फिर आपकी अपनी ओर से और अपने दल की ओर से हृदय से बधाई देता हूँ।

SHRI P. RAMAMURTI (Madurai) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the very fact that you have been elected unanimously to this office speaks for itself, and I do not want to add much more to that fact. It is a glaring fact in itself.

People have talked very much about your goodness, but I must say that you are really a very brave man, because it requires bravery for anyone to agree to be the Speaker over this turbulent House. Shri Vajpayee was talking about the need for keeping up the dignity of the House and so many other things. I do not want to indulge in those things, and I do not want to use this occasion to preach a homily as to how this House should behave, as to how the various Members should behave and as to how the Speaker should behave. After all, we are working in certain conditions, and Parliament's functioning is also conditioned by the conditions outside. We are not living in a vacuum. The social events, political events outside, and the social and political life, the stresses and strains of political, economic and social life have their reflection in this House. Therefore, it is not for me to talk about those things, nor am I interested in talking about the past traditions created by the past Speakers. I believe that each man can set new traditions; it is up to every new Speaker and to every new person to set new standards and set up new traditions on the basis of what he considers to be in the best interests of the entire country and the entire Parliament.

I do hope that you, who have exhibited courage in agreeing to be the Speaker of this turbulent House, will also in times to come set up new traditions and new standards for this House.

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDI (Kendrapara) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, one has to muster sufficient courage and boldness to cross the mid-stream of a river. You have been elected when half the term of the House is over. Although new to the House

as a Member you have been watching and observing the proceedings of the House. I know for a fact how as Chairman of the Public Undertakings Committee you have been managing the deliberations of the Committee.

Sir, you came here with very rich experience as Presiding Officer in the Punjab Legislative Assembly. You presided there for 2½ terms; probably the other half was to be completed here in the Lok Sabha. I have no doubt that with your goodness, with your gentle behaviour and with your general approach to the problems of the country you will prove to be a good Speaker and will carry the entire House with you. I have no doubt that you will establish fresh traditions and maintain the dignity of the House.

I can assure you that so far as we are concerned we will extend our full cooperation in maintaining the dignity and decorum of the House. I have no doubt, as you have been unanimously elected to this office you will also have the cooperation of the entire House with you.

डा० गोविन्द दास (जबलपुर) : अध्यक्ष जी, सबसे पहले इस सदन का सबसे पुराना सदस्य होने के नाते आपके आज सर्व मत से चुने जाने पर आपको बधाई देता हूँ। मैंने केन्द्रीय असेम्बली के आरम्भिक दिनों को देखा है जब सबसे पहले सर फ्रैंड्रिक व्हाइट हमारे सदन के अध्यक्ष थे। पंडित मांती लाल नेहरू के नेतृत्व में हम स्वराज्य पार्टी के लोग आये थे और उसके एक वर्ष के बाद यहाँ श्री विठ्ठल भाई पटेल का इस स्थान पर निर्वाचन हुआ था। श्री विठ्ठल भाई के विरुद्ध मुझे याद है उस समय के दृश्य का जब दीवान बहादुर टी० रंगाचारी खड़े हुए थे और इस बात में बड़ा संदेह था कि श्री विठ्ठल भाई पटेल चुने जायेंगे या श्री रंगाचारी चुने जायेंगे। श्री विठ्ठल भाई पटेल को दो वोट अधिक मिले और वे चुने गये। उन्होंने अपने कार्य को जिस तरह से किया वह केवल इस देश के प्रजातन्त्र का ही नहीं बरन् समस्त विश्व के प्रजातन्त्र का इतिहास बन गया।

उसके बाद मैंने और भी अनेक अध्यक्षों को देखा। उसके बाद जिसका सबसे अधिक असर मेरे ऊपर पड़ा वे श्री मावलंकर थे। मावलंकर जी ने जिस प्रकार इस सदन की कार्यवाही को किया और नियमों के उस प्रकार रहते हुए भी हमारी राष्ट्र-भाषा हिन्दी को जिस प्रकार सर्व प्रथम इस सदन में चलवाया वह भी एक इतिहास का विषय रहेगा। उसके बाद श्री अनन्तशयनम् आर्यगार आये। अभी श्री संजीव रेड्डी आये।

मुझे तीन बार लोक सभा के आरम्भ में इस सदन की अध्यक्षता प्रारम्भ करने का सौभाग्य प्राप्त हो चुका है। 45 वर्ष से मैं यहाँ पर हूँ, मैं नहीं जानता कि भविष्य में कोई सदस्य 45 वर्ष तक रह सकेगा, लेकिन आपके ऊपर एक ऐसे वयस में जिम्मेदारी आई है जो कि बहुत अनुकूल समय नहीं कहा जा सकता। अभी श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी जी ने कहा कि जो परिस्थिति है वह सचमुच एक ऐसी परिस्थिति है कि जो परिस्थिति किसी तरह भी शोभनीय नहीं कही जा सकती है। मैं दुनिया के तमाम देशों में घूमा हूँ। मैंने दुनिया की बड़ी-बड़ी लोकतन्त्र की संस्थाओं को देखा है। लेकिन जिस प्रकार का हो हल्ला आजकल लोक सभा में होता है उस प्रकार का हो हल्ला न मैंने कहीं देखा और न कहीं सुना। आपको सुरक्षा का कार्य सौंपा गया है। यह सुरक्षा आपकी सब दलों की करनी है, और सब दलों से अधिक आपको अपनी सुरक्षा करनी है, यह मैं आपसे कहना चाहता हूँ।

आपके ऊपर एक ऐसी बड़ी भारी जिम्मेदारी रखी गई है जो इस देश में ही प्रजातन्त्र चलाने के लिये महत्व की नहीं है, पर सारे संसार में है। आज तक दुनिया के इतिहास में कभी भी इतना बड़ा प्रजातन्त्र नहीं हुआ जितना हमारा है। और भविष्य में संसार में प्रजातन्त्र की सफलता हमारे प्रजातन्त्र की सफलता के ऊपर निर्भर है। तो मैं इस बात का विश्वास रखता हूँ, 55 वर्ष के सार्वजनिक जीवन का मुझे अनुभव है, आपने जिस प्रकार पंजाब में काम

किया, उसका हाल भी मैं पढ़ता रहा हूँ और मुझे इस बात का विश्वास है, जब आप सब मत से चुने गये हैं, तो आप अपने कर्तव्य का इस प्रकार पालन करेंगे जिससे हमारे सदन को ही नहीं सारे देश को संतोष मिलेगा।

मैं आपको अन्त में फिर हृदय से बधाई देता हूँ।

MR. SPEAKER : I find that a number of hon. Members want to speak. While I am grateful to all those who have spoken about me, I would welcome it if hon. Members could shorten their speeches.

DR. KARNI SINGH (Bikaner) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as one of the oldest Independent Members of this House, having sat in it since 1952, from the first day of the first Lok Sabha, it is my proud privilege to congratulate you on your election to the high office. You, Sir, have made yourself loved by every section of this House by your mild and kind manner, and your fair attitude. I would like to tell you that we, Independents, will extend to you our maximum courtesy and co-operation, and we sincerely hope that under your able guidance the Independents will be given a fairer share of time and courtesy than we have been receiving during the last two years.

Something has just been said about the decorum in this House being lost. Some of us who have sat here since 1952 under Shri Mavalankar Shri Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, Sardar Hukam Singh, Shri Sanjiva Reddy and now under yourself, very strongly feel that the prestige of this House must be maintained by all of us. It is not the responsibility of the Congress or of the Opposition, it is our collective responsibility to see that in the eyes of this country, in the eyes of the world, the name of the Indian Parliament shines like a jewel. But to preserve the decorum in this House is a two-way traffic. The right of every Member of Parliament to speak is a fundamental right and that right must be conceded by every single Member to every other member. We, the Independents, are very proud of our record. We may call ourselves the unsung heroes. We have been the quietest Members in this House and yet we have tried to make our contribution whenever we have got the chance. But, above

[Dr. Karn Singh]

all, we have extended the maximum co-operation to every Member of this House and showed them the greatest courtesy. In return, we would expect the same courtesy the same kindness so that we can also perform our duty and make a contribution.

Democracy is the rule by discussion, debate and decision and I hope that under your able guidance we will march towards this ideal.

श्री अश्वल गनी डार (गुडगाँव) : जनाब स्पीकर साहब, मैं आपको बधाई देता हूँ इस नाते कि आप एक शानदार हाउस के शानदार स्पीकर बिल इत्फाक मुतखब हुए हैं। मैं बधाई देता हूँ एक अजीज के नाते, एक कुलीग के नाते क्योंकि मेरा तजुर्बा आपके बारे में बहुत ही शानदार और बहुत ही काबिले इत्मीनान रहा है।

आपने जब से पंजाब असेम्बली की स्पीकर शिप सम्हाली थी, मुझे याद है कि सारे हाउस ने, बावजूद इसके कि उसमें अपोजीशन पार्टीज भी थी, आपको पूरा कोआपरेशन दिया था। मुझे यकीन है, बावजूद इसके कि मैं भी बाजपेयी जी की तरह से मायूस हूँ कि जब से यह सेशन चला है, अंधे को बहरा खींच रहा है, अंधे को दिखाई नहीं देता है और बहरे को सुनाई नहीं देता है, लेकिन आपके आने से इस हाउस का काम शानदार तरीके से चलेगा। मुझे उम्मीद है कि जिस तरह से आपने पंजाब असेम्बली में एज ए स्पीकर, सभी पार्टीज से ऊपर उठकर सभी को मौका दिया था कि वे अपने विचारों को रखें ताकि मुल्क जाने कि पंजाब के लोग क्या चाहते हैं उसी तरह से यहां भी जहां कांग्रेस पार्टी की कद्र करेंगे, साथ ही साथ अपोजीशन को भी पूरा-पूरा मौका देंगे।

जिन्दस्त नामे फर्रुखे नौशेरवां ब भदल,
गर्बे बसे गुज्रत के नौशेरवां न मांद।

आपने यहां बिट्टल भाई पटेल और भाबलंकर की बात सुना। मैं आपको यकीन दिलाता हूँ कि संजीव रेड्डी का नाम भी एज

ए स्पीकर सुनहरे लफजों में लिखा जायेगा क्योंकि उन्होंने कांग्रेस और अपोजीशन के साथ कोई भेद भाव नहीं किया। कभी-कभी उन्होंने यह बदनामी भी ले ली कि वे अपोजीशन को ज्यादा समय देते हैं। मैं उम्मीद करता हूँ कि आपका नाम भी सुनहरे लफजों में लिखा जायेगा। जैसा कि अभी कहा गया कि आपको आधा मौका मिला है लेकिन खुदा ने चाहा तो आपको दोबारा पार्लियामेंट में लाकर बिला मुकाबला फिर स्पीकर बनने का मौका मिलेगा। आज तक जितने स्पीकर हुए हैं उनमें आप सबसे यंग हैं इसलिए आपका दिल भी यंग होगा। मैं आपको फिर बधाई देता हूँ।

[شری عبدالغنی دار (گودگانوں) : جناب اسپیکر صاحب - میں آپ کو بدھائی دیتا ہوں اس ناطے کہ آپ ایک شاندار ہاوس کے شاندار اسپیکر بالانفاق ملتخصب ہوئے ہیں - میں بدھائی دیتا ہوں آپ کو عزیز کے ناطے آپ کو کولیک کے ناطے کہو کہ میرا تجربہ آپ کے بارے میں بھست ہی شاندار اور بھست ہی قابلے انمندان دھا ہے -]

آپ نے جب سے پنجاب اسمبلی کی اسپیکر شپ سنبھالی تھی - مجھے یاد ہے کہ سارے ہاوس نے - باوجود اسکے کہ اس میں اپوزیشن پارٹیز بھی تھیں - آپ کو پورا کوآپریشن دیا تھا - مجھے یقین ہے - باوجود اسکے کہ میں بھی باجپےئی جی کی طرح سے مایوس ہوں کہ جب سے یہ سیشن چلا ہے - اندھے کو بھرا ڈھیلچ دھا ہے - اندھے کو دکھائی نہیں دیتا ہے اور بھرے کو سنائی نہیں دیتا ہے - لیکن آپکے آنے سے اس ہاوس کا کام شاندار طریقہ سے چلے گا - مجھے امید ہے کہ جس طرح سے آپ نے پنجاب اسمبلی میں ایز اے اسپیکر سبھی پارٹیز سے اوپر اٹھ کر سبھی کو پورا موقع دیا تھا کہ وہ اپنے دھاروں کو رکھیں - تاکہ ملک جانے کہ پنجاب کے لوگ کیا چاہتے ہیں - اس طرح سے یہاں بھی جہاں کانگریس پارٹی کی قدر کریں گے ساتھ ہی ساتھ اپوزیشن کو بھی پورا موقع دیں گے -

زندست نامے فروخے نوشیرواں بہ ادل
 گرچہ بسے گزست کہ نوشیرواں نہ ماند
 آپلے یہاں پر وٹھل بھائی پٹیل اور
 ساؤلنکر کی بابت سنا - میں آپکو یقین
 دلانا ہوں کہ سنجیو دیتی کا نام بھی ایز اے
 اسپیکر سندھ کے لغزوں میں لکھا جائیگا
 کہونکہ انہوں نے کانگریس اور اپوزیشن کے
 ساتھ کوئی بھید بھاؤ نہیں کیا - کبھی
 کبھی انہوں نے یہ بدنامی بھی لے لی کہ
 وے اپوزیشن کو زیادہ سے دیتے تھے - میں
 امید کرتا ہوں کہ آپکا نام بھی سندھ کے
 لغزوں میں لکھا جائیگا - جیسا کہ ابھی کہا
 گیا کہ آپکو ادعا موقع ملا ہے لیکن خدا نے
 چاہا تو آپکو دوبارہ پارلیمنٹ میں لا کر بلا
 مقابلہ پھر اسپیکر بننے کا موقع ملیگا -
 آج تک جتنے اسپیکر ہوئے ہیں ان میں
 آپ سب سے بڑے ہیں اس لئے آپ کا دل
 بھی بڑے ہوگا - میں آپکو پھر بدھائی
 دیتا ہوں -

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री (हापुड़) : अध्यक्ष
 महोदय, भारत की हवाओं में एक आवाज बड़ी
 तेजी से गूँज रही है कि अगले कुछ सप्ताह,
 अगले कुछ महीने या ज्यादा से ज्यादा अगले
 कुछ साल भारत में जनतन्त्र की कसौटी के
 साल हैं। हमारे जनतन्त्र को कसौटी पर जिन-
 जिन प्रमुख स्थानों पर चढ़ना है, उनमें संसद
 एक प्रमुख केन्द्र है और संसद के कार्य संचालन
 की जिम्मेदारी आज आपके कंधों पर आई है।
 आप जनतन्त्रीय परम्पराओं की रक्षा करने में
 समर्थ हों, यह शुभकामनायें मैं अपनी ओर से
 और अपने सहयोगी भारतीय क्रान्तिदल के
 सदस्यों की ओर से प्रस्तुत करता हूँ।

SHRI TENNETI VISWANATHAM
 (Visakhapatnam) : Sir, I rise to congratulate
 you on this happy occasion. You said
 we should not praise you. I am not going
 to praise you. But I may tell you today
 I am seeing the Chair being filled fully by
 a gentleman with equanimity of temper and
 language. As Mr. Ramamurti said, I not
 going to give any homily because as we
 grow old we are tempted to give homilies.
 But I say, this House has developed over a

period, since, this new Parliament has come
 into being in 1967, a certain latitude in
 rules of procedure, a certain latitude in the
 pitch of the voice and a certain latitude in
 the exchange of language. I believe, this
 latitude is a symbol of the growth of demo-
 cratic ideas in the country and a sort of new
 progressivism. I hope, you will be able to
 find a good mean for all these things and
 carry the House with you always. You
 have had long experience in other walks of
 life and also as Speaker. It is very good.
 And I believe that your experience as Spea-
 ker of Lok Sabha will add to your reputa-
 tion. I wish you all success.

Also on behalf of the Group which I
 represent I extend my congratulations.

SHRI J. B. KRIPALANI (Guna) : I
 fully associate myself with the appreciation
 with which all the leaders of the parties here
 have spoken about you. It is, I believe,
 the highest position in the country because
 you are not only the guardian of our rights
 and privileges but through us you are also
 the saviour of the rights and privileges of
 the people. The executive may or may not
 always keep these rights in view, but it will
 be your task always to think in terms not
 only of this House but also of this country.
 Sir, you have a very delicate task. This is
 also a very heavy task. I can only invoke
 God's blessings on you so that you may
 fulfil your duties most faithfully.

SHRIMATI NIRLEP KAUR (Sangrur) :
 I congratulate this House on the manner
 in which they have elected you to the Chair.
 We had not witnessed this co-operation
 during the last two years ; this is something
 very rare that we have seen today. I con-
 gratulate the House that we are unanimous on
 your election. You have the experience of
 having presided over the Punjab Vidhan
 Sabha. It was not a very easy House in
 Punjab and some members had been
 showing tempers and different parties
 with different ideologies were represented ;
 it was a vigorous House in Punjab
 which you always used to control and
 safeguard the rules and conduct of de-
 mocracy and of the Parliamentary system.
 This has been a very good beginning of your
 tenure as Speaker and I hope God will keep
 it like this that we will be able to show
 the country an exemplary way of conduct-
 ing business. I am sure whatever we do

[Shrimati Nirlep Kaur]

here will be reflected on the Assemblies and, therefore, it goes down. I am also aware of the fact that whereas we have a right for free and frank discussion, in the past two years since I have been here, I have witnessed that people with soft voices cannot contribute anything. We also have a right to speak and express our views on the matters of the country. Your tenure has started very well and I hope everybody will be given a chance to speak and be heard. I again congratulate you.

SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF (Ramanathapuram) : Mr. Speaker, I am glad to say that this House has established its dignity by electing you unanimously though you belong to a minority community of our country. You have proved yourself to be very impartial towards all sections of this House on previous occasions when you presided over the House in the capacity of Chairman. I hope, Sir, you will discharge your duties without any bias and will maintain decency and decorum of this House. I assure you, Sir, that both myself and the Members of my Group, Muslim League, will extend our co-operation and support in full measure as we did on previous occasions.

श्री यशपाल सिंह (देहरादून) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, भारत को आप से बड़ी आशाएं हैं। यह संसार का सबसे बड़ा प्रजातंत्र है। दुनिया में इससे बड़ी कोई पार्लियामेंट नहीं है और आप चूंकि इसके सब से बड़े प्रमुख हैं इसलिए देश को आप से बड़ी आशाएं हैं। मानव धर्म-शास्त्रकार कहता है :

“न सा सभा यत्र न सन्ति वृद्धाः
वृद्धाः न ते ये न वदन्ति धर्मम्।”

आप से सभी धर्म को आशाएं हैं। आपने जिस तरीके से पंजाब असेम्बली में अपना नाम ऊँचा किया है उसी तरीके से आप इस पार्लियामेंट के बकार को भी ऊँचा बनायेंगे और यहां के सम्मान को ऊँचा करके आप हमेशा-हमेशा हमारा पथ प्रदर्शन करते रहेंगे।

इसके साथ ही हमें पूरी आशा है कि यह जो धर्मशास्त्र के अनुसार हमारा आदर्श है

उसको भी आप कायम रखेंगे। हम आपके सहस्र आयु होने की कामना करते हैं क्योंकि सच्चे बादशाह गुरु गोविन्द सिंह जी महाराज की यह वाणी है :

“आतम उपदेश भेष संजम को
जाप सों अजया जापै ।
सदा रहे कंचन सी काया,
काल न कबहूँ ब्यापे ॥”

वहां 500-700 साल की अवधि नहीं लगाई गई है। वहां सदा रहें यह कहा गया है। हम आपके लिए सहस्र आयु की कामना करते हैं। ईश्वर करे समुद्रों के पानियों की तरह आपका यश व कीर्ति बढ़ती रहे और इस पार्लियामेंट की इज्जत संसार में दुगुनी होती रहे।

MR. SPEAKER : I am deeply grateful to the hon. Members for the confidence they have reposed in me by choosing me to this high office and for the kind sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House, Leaders of the Opposition Groups and other distinguished colleagues from all sections of the House. As I take the Chair to-day, I am deeply conscious of the great honour bestowed on me. I am once again reminded of the responsibilities which a Presiding Officer has to shoulder and the trying situations he has to face. A sense of nervousness and diffidence on my part is natural on this occasion as I am succeeding a great Speaker, Dr. N. Sanjiva Reddy, who earned for the House a unanimous tribute for the dignity and success with which he had presided over the deliberations for more than two years. I am, however, emboldened by the promises of co-operation which I have received from all sides of the House.

The Constitution has given us a parliamentary form of Government, the essence of which is that all matters are decided here by discussion and adjustment of view points. In a parliamentary democracy the role of the Opposition is as important and onerous as of those who run the Government. We in this House have the fullest liberty to express our views but we should also remember that this liberty is the same for all.

Therefore, it is necessary that all sides of the House exhibit sportsmanship and mutual goodwill and respect. In order to conduct the proceedings of the House with dignity and decorum it is necessary that we work with a disciplined mind, show respect not only to the rules and regulations but also to innumerable conventions of parliamentary debates which have been laid down. In the multiple party system that we have, ideological differences are bound to be there on many issues. The dignity of the House and decorum can be maintained if Members show tolerance, hear with patience what their opponents have to say and meet or counter the points made by them through arguments in a regulated manner.

The Speaker is expected to be impartial and judicious. I can assure all sections of the House that it shall always be my endeavour to uphold the traditions of impartiality and equal treatment to all. I said earlier that the Speaker has to face trying situations and there are occasions when certain individuals or a section of the House are not satisfied with a decision taken by the Chair. I can assure you all that in taking decisions, my guidelines will be rules and regulations, which, as you are aware, and framed by the House, i. e. your own selves, and not party considerations or individuals. In keeping with the practice I followed as a Speaker of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, I resign from the membership of the Executive Committee, Standing Committees and ordinary membership of the Congress Party in Parliament. I will try my best to see that all sections of the House get an honest and genuine impression that henceforth I do not belong to any party at all and that I conduct myself in a way that I am not only, but shall appear to be, just impartial, non-controversial and a fair Presiding Officer in thought and action.

In conclusion, I earnestly request all hon. Members to extend to me their willing and effective cooperation, so generously promised by many Members in their speeches, in conducting the proceedings of this august House with dignity and decorum expected of us.

I thank the hon. Members once again.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contal) : On a point of submission.....

MR. SPEAKER : The formal business laid down in the agenda may be taken up before lunch-time begins and the rest of the items may be taken up afterwards.....

SHRI S. KANDAPPAN (Mettur) : It is time to adjourn for lunch now.

SHRI M. L. SONDEHI (New Delhi) : Q. No. 426 may be taken up now...

MR. SPEAKER : We shall take up on Monday. अगले दिन ले लेगे

13 hrs.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha reassembled after Lunch at five minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD IN THE CHAIR]

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : On a point of submission

MR. CHAIRMAN : There is nothing before the House now. Have you written to the Speaker ?

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : I had written to the Deputy-Speaker.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am told it is under consideration.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरबा (कोटा) : सभा-पति महोदय, हम ने कार्लिंग अटेंशन दिया है, प्रधान मंत्री की हत्या की धमकी के बारे में, उसका हमें कोई जवाब नहीं मिला है।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Order, order.

श्री श्रीकारलाल बेरबा : राज्य सभा में...*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Nothing will go on record.