

President Gorbachev and to the friendly people of the Soviet Union, for their success in the challenging tasks that lie ahead of them.

[*Translation*]

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Chittorgarh): Better late than never. This should have been done much earlier, as had been categorically stated by us.

SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI: We have made it clear earlier.

[*English*]

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh): We have lost the moorings of our foreign policy.

12.04 hrs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF USSR

[*Translation*]

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES (Muzaffarpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the whole House must join in felicitating President Gorbachev, Mr. Boris Yeltsin and Soviet people and also convey our best wishes to them.

[*English*]

SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI: With your permission, it may be recalled that during the discussion yesterday, honourable Members had referred to a news-item on developments in the USSR and had sought a clarification. I have ascertained the position from our Ambassador in Moscow who has categorically denied the remarks attributed to him.

[*Translation*]

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Gandhi Nagar): There had been difference between the Government and the

Parliament. The stand taken by the Government is almost the same as that of the Parliament. I agree with Mr. George Fernandes and he has rightly said that both the Parliament and the hon'ble Speaker should extend their felicitation to the Soviet people.

SHRI BUTA SINGH (Jalore): Sir, I totally agree with the views expressed by Mr. Manoranjan Bhakta yesterday. Sir, you and the House in general must felicitate them.

[*English*]

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to say that already we have lost the opportunity. We should have conveyed our greetings yesterday. We are losing time. We are losing the opportunity. The Government of India has lost the moorings of our foreign policy. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats. When I am standing, you should sit down.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): Sir, the hon. Foreign Minister has expressed the hope that the House will join him in conveying the best wishes to President Gorbachev and the friendly people of Soviet Union for their success in the challenging tasks that lie ahead of them. We associate ourselves with his view... (*Interruptions*)... Sir, I said it yesterday. I do not depend upon their good certificate... (*Interruptions*)... We know who are patriotic and we know what is patriotism. I do not want their certificate... (*Interruptions*)... I am conveying our good wishes to the people of Soviet Union in the tasks

that lie ahead of them and not you. Don't you want that we should do that? This is the way they divide the country and the people, Sir. And they want to divide the House also . . . *(Interruptions)* . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Acharia, I am allowing only Geetaji to speak.

(Interruptions)

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Panskura): Sir, in the interest of world peace and non-alignment and the Third World countries, I, on behalf of my party, associate with the ideas expressed by our hon. Foreign Minister . . . *(Interruptions)*.

MR. SPEAKER: May I have your attention please?

For the last few days, the USSR was in a turbulent state. Now, it has been restored to the constitutional and democratic authority. The people and the Parliament of India have always worked with the people and the authorities in USSR for the mutual benefit, peace and prosperity in the world and justice for all. The people, the Parliament and the authorities in India rejoice in the restoration of the constitutional and democratic authority in USSR. All the Members and the Leaders of all the parties wish President Mikhail Gorbachev, the Parliament and the people of USSR all the glory, peace and prosperity and all the best in their duty to their country and the world. All the Members and Leaders in the House congratulate them for their faith in their principles and democracy and for seeing the triumph of their principles and democracy in their country. The Members in the House are one on these views and would like the same to be conveyed to the President, the

Parliament and the people of USSR.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: 'People of India' means Bharat.

(interruptions)

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR (Mangalore): Mr. Speaker Sir, I have given a notice regarding the question of a breach of privilege committed by the hon. Minister of Communications with regard to the telephone tapping episode . . .

MR. SPEAKER: I have not yet given the consent . . .

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down.

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Now I am seeking your consent. The matter is serious, Sir. The House is seized of the matter. On 5th August, the hon. leader of the House . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. I have to get the reply . . .

(Interruptions)

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Sir, it has appeared in the papers that the hon. Deputy Minister of Communications has given . . .

MR. SPEAKER: If you have given a notice and if it appears in the newspapers, then that becomes a breach of privilege. Then it becomes a serious matter the other way. Please sit down. I will talk to you in the Chamber.