

Iha, Shri Yogendra
Kachhavaia, Shri
Kamath, Shri Hari Vishnu
Kapur Singh, Shri
Kar, Shri Prabhat
Karjee, Shri
Karni Singhji, Shri
Keishang, Shri Rishang
Kesar Kamari, Shaimati
Kesar Lal, Shri
Kohor, Shri
Koya, Shri
Kumaran, Shri M.K.
Kunhan, Shri P.
Lahri Singh, Shri
Laxmi Duss, Shri
Mahanand, Shri
Mahato, Shri Bhajahari
Mahida, Shri
Mandal, Shri B.N.
Manoharan, Shri
Marandi, Shri
Mate, Shri

Misra, Dr. U.
Mukerjee, Shri H.N.
Munzini, Shri
Murmu Shri Sarkar
Muzaffar Husain, Shri
Nair, Shri N.S.
Nair, Shri Vasudevan
Nambiar, Shri
Natarajan, Shri
Nath Pai Shri
Omkar Singh, Shri
Patnaik, Shri K.
Fortakkatt, Shri
Prithvi Raj, Shri
Raghavan, Shri A.V.
Rajaram, Shri
Ram Singh, Shri
Ramabadrin, Shri
Reddy, Shri Narasimha
Reddy, Shri Yallamarda
Roy, Dr. Saradish
Sen, Dr. Ranen

Sazhiyan, Shri
Singh, Shri A.P.
Singh, Shri J.B.
Singh, Shri Y.D.
Singha, Shri Y.N.
Singhvi, Dr. L.M.
Sivasankaran, Shri
Solanki, Shri
Soy, Shri H.C.
Suraj Lal, Shri
Swamy, Shri M.V.
Swamy, Shri S.
Swell, Shri
Tan Singh, Shri
Umanath, Shri
Upadhyaya, Shri Shiva Dutt
Utiya, Shri
Vijmla Devi, Shrimati
Vishram Prasad, Shri
Warior, Shri
Yadav, Shri N.P.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Speaker: The result of the Division is, Ayes 258; Nos 97.

The Motion was adopted.

Mr. Speaker: I declare that Shri S. V. Krishnamoorthy Rao has been chosen as Deputy-Speaker of this House.

Dr. Renen Sen (Calcutta East): Let him appear before us so that we can see him.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Krishnamoorthy Rao might come and occupy his seat so that hon. Members might have a look at him.
(Shri S. V. Krishnamoorthy Rao then occupied the Deputy-Speaker's seat in the House.)

श्री रामेश्वर राव (करनाल) :
अध्यक्ष महोदय. मैं पहले भी यह प्रार्थना कर चुका हूँ कि आप अपने आदेश और घोषणाएँ हिन्दी में भी देने की कृपा करें। आप ने अभी इतने बड़े चुनाव का परिणाम मुनाया है। यदि वह हिन्दी में भी सुना दिया जाता, तो बड़ा भारी लाभ हो सकता था। हम लोगों की सुविधा का भी ध्यान रखा जाना चाहिये। क्या हम लोग यहाँ पर नहीं बैठे हुए हैं?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं हिन्दी में भी सुना देता हूँ।

श्री कृष्णमूर्ति राव इस सदन के डिप्टी स्पीकर चुने गए हैं।

श्री राम सेवक यादव (बाराबंकी):

यह भी सुना दोजिए कि वह विरोधी दल में शामिल हो गए हैं।

12.36 hrs.

FELICITATIONS TO THE DEPUTY-SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker: I have great pleasure in welcoming Shri Krishnamoorthy Rao to this high office of the Deputy-Speaker of this exalted House. I have known him for several years. He was a Member of the Provisional Parliament also with us. Members are not unaware that he has been the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha for a very long time, as long as about ten years probably. He has had great experience as a Presiding Officer, and the duties that he discharged gave satisfaction to all parties and all groups. Now that he has come to this side we hope that with his rich experience and knowledge we shall have the benefit of his capabilities and his equipment as the Presiding Officer of this Sabha. I am very glad that I shall have a colleague in whom I can have full confidence, and I hope hon. Members would also give him full co-operation as they have pledged to me.

With these words, I welcome him again to this high office that he has been chosen to now.

Shri A. K. Gopalan (Kasergod): Mr. Speaker, Sir, first of all, I congratulate Shri Krishnamoorthy Rao for being elected as the Deputy-Speaker. Sir, I want to tell you that the contest was not on a personal issue but it was on an issue of principles. You might remember, Sir, that while congratulating you on your election as the Speaker I expressed the sentiments of the Opposition that the ruling party did not consult the Opposition and it would have been better if they had done so. I want to say that if on this occasion there had been consultation with the Opposition before the nomination was made, certainly, I think, there would have been opportunities to see that there was no contest. But even after expressing our sentiments the ruling party on the other side did not consult the Opposition or even talk to the Opposition about the sentiments that were expressed here. Of course, there was a consultation and the consultation was, as I understand it, because I did not attend that meeting, to say that we must withdraw. If after our giving the nomination they come and consult us and tell us that we must withdraw our nomination and then call it 'consultation', it is certainly unfortunate and it is adding insult to injury. There is already an injury and insult is added to it. I hope at least after this contest in the election to show our protest against non-consultation there will be consultation with the opposition in the future and some respect would be shown to the opposition in important matters such as this. I want to assure Shri Krishnamoorthy Rao that this contest is only on a question of principle so that as Deputy-Speaker he may not be prejudiced against us. I am sure, Sir, that just as you had acted as Deputy-Speaker, he will also see that the rights and privileges of the members of the opposition are upheld. I once

again promise him all co-operation on behalf of my party.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy (Kendrapara): While I welcome Shri Krishnamoorthy Rao to this high post, I want to make it clear that this contest does not mean any disrespect to him, either as a person or to the post he is occupying. I knew him personally when I was a member of the Rajya Sabha. So far as this House is concerned, I think he will have no difficulties and he will adjust himself to the circumstances and shall be able to establish healthy and good traditions here. This contest was a symbolic protest on our part because the party in power is neither accommodative, nor is prepared to extend its hand of co-operation in establishing healthy traditions in this House. Though we have no recognised opposition party as such, as the voting on this issue has indicated, the entire strength of the opposition is much more than is required for recognition as an opposition party. Although we have failed to have a recognised opposition party in all the three successive elections, for the good functioning of democracy I think it is necessary that posts like that of Speaker, Deputy-Speaker, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and the Chairman of the Estimates Committee, posts which are not controversial, should be made open to every member of this House, no matter to which party or group he belongs. We should always try to create such healthy traditions when we fill up these important posts. The party in power should seriously consider now whether it is not time that at least the chairmanship of the Public Accounts Committee should go to the opposition. With these words, I congratulate Shri Krishnamoorthy Rao on his election as Deputy-Speaker of this House.

Shri Frank Anthony (Nominated—Anglo—Indians): Mr. Speaker, I think quite frankly this situation is not only regrettable but embarrassing

[Shri Frank Anthony]

and could have been avoided. The decision of the Independent Group to join in voting against Shri Krishnamoorthy Rao was not easily taken; it was taken essentially in a spirit of resentment. If there are any two offices which should be above controversy, it should be the office of Speaker and the office of the Deputy-Speaker. I am not blaming anyone. The Leader of the House was ill.

We were all very glad when the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs was elevated to Cabinet rank. I think he is the person who commends himself to every side of this House. In a profile which I have written about him, I have referred to his walking his teetering tight rope with perfumed artistry.

Mr. Speaker: References are being made now to the Deputy-Speaker.

Shri Frank Anthony: So far as the Speakership was concerned, even there, as you know, we very unanimously and heartily endorsed your selection. But not even the motions of elementary courtesy were gone through.

Shri Nath Pai referred to the conventions of the House of Commons and we purport to function as a Parliament or democracy drawing necessarily some of our conventions from the British House of Commons. There, I think, the convention is that the Speaker is invariably inducted by non-officials and when there is no contest a member of the Opposition at least seconds the proposal. Here, as I said, that elementary act of courtesy was not even extended so far as the Speakership was concerned.

Shri Tyagi (Dehra Dun): Even the Party knew nothing about it.

Shri Frank Anthony: So far as the Deputy-Speakership is concerned, there also the decision appeared to have been completely unilateral. My

hon. friend, Shri Tyagi, just now said that even his party knew nothing about it. There was routine approval of the party and that approval was projected into this House by the issue of a whip.

Shri Nambiar (Triuchirapalli): There is a danger of his expulsion from the party now.

Shri Frank Anthony: I feel that all this was quite unnecessary. If the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs insisted on a member of the Congress Party being chosen, he could have come to us and many of us would have said 'Yes'. If he had insisted that this should be a Party appointment, we probably would have accepted it. We might have had proposals of some other names from the Congress Party of people whom we had seen function as Chairmen and we perhaps would have accepted them so that there could have been unanimity with regard to this rather exacting office. I hope Shri Krishnamoorthy Rao will not feel that there was anything personal directed against him. We welcome him to this high office.

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द (करनाल) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं इस बात का विश्वास

श्री नम्बियार : अंग्रेजी में बोलिये ।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : मैं नहीं बोल सकता अंग्रेजी में । आप इंग्लिश चले जाइये । आपको बहुत तकलीफ मिलेगी

. . . (Interruptions) .

मैं इस बात का विश्वास दिलाता हूँ कि जो उपाध्यक्ष चुने गये हैं उन से हम पूरी तरह से सहयोग करेंगे । परन्तु मुझे खेद है कि सत्ताप्राप्त पार्टी दूसरों के साथ सहयोग नहीं करना चाहती, उनसे पूछना नहीं चाहती । मैं तो कहना चाहता हूँ कि जिस प्रकार सदन के अध्यक्ष

सर्वसम्पत्ति से चुने गये थे उसी प्रकार से उपाध्यक्ष को भी चुना जाना चाहिये था । इस में हमारे सदन की प्रतिष्ठा थी । चूकि उपाध्यक्ष का सब सदस्यों के साथ सम्पर्क होता है इसलिये इस प्रकार की कोई स्थिति नहीं भानी चाहिये थी । इस प्रकार के पदों के लिये सब का सहयोग प्राप्त करना चाहिये । मैं आशा करूंगा कि कम से कम आगे चलकर ऐसा नहीं किया जायेगा । श्री कृष्णमूर्ति राव जो इस पद के लिये चुने गये हैं, हम उन से पूर्ण सहयोग करेंगे । परन्तु यदि कोई हिन्दी भाषी व्यक्ति इस पद के लिये चुना जाता तो श्रीर भी अधिक अन्ध होता ।

Shri Raghunath Singh (Varanasi):
The Speaker knows Hindi.

श्री रामेश्वर नन्द : दूसरी पाटियों के होते हुए भी देश की आम समुन्नति के लिये जिस पार्टी के हाथ में आज सत्ता है, हम उस में सब प्रकार से सहयोग करना चाहते हैं । ऐसी बात नहीं है कि हम सहयोग नहीं करना चाहते । सिद्धान्तों में मतभेद हो सकता है किन्तु फिर भी हम उन से सहयोग करेंगे । इस लिये जब कभी ऐसा अवसर आगे आये तो दूसरी पाटियों के सदस्यों से, चाहे वे थोड़े ही क्यों न हों, अवश्य पूछ लिया जाये । इसी तरह से आप देश में एकता को बढ़ा सकते हैं ।

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps Shri Krishnamoorthy Rao would like to say a few words.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Shri Tyagi: Sir, I just want to say a word. These elections, both of the Speaker and of the Deputy-Speaker, were not run on Party basis at all. Therefore there is no question of consulting one Party or the other. Names were suggested. Even my own Party did not pass a resolution that the Speaker will be our Party's candi-

date. That was not so. You were not our Party candidate. You represent the whole House. A selection was made and it was supported. The whole House then agreed.

I entirely agree with my hon. friend from the other side that it would have been better for the Chief Whip if he had been pleased to consult the leaders of other Parties. If the motions for your or his election were seconded by the Opposition, that would have been more graceful, no doubt. But I may make it quite clear that it was not on the basis of Party. A proposal was made and as no other proposal came, things came unanimously.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: I hope other groups also have the same sentiments to express.

Shri Jaipal Singh (Ranchi West):
Mr. Speaker, Sir, I made a very happy discovery last week that you and I belong to the same tribe of sportsmen. I read you got your hockey blue in Punjab; I got it at some other place. So you will appreciate when I felicitate Mr. Krishnamoorthy Rao.

My name came into the picture very suddenly. I was an innocent lamb that was destined to be led to be slaughtered. I do congratulate my hon friend Mr. Satya Narayan Sinha on his elevation to the Cabinet rank whereby he is assured of that seat which I have always disputed previously, as you know.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member should only refer to the issue that we have before us.

Shri Tyagi: On a point of order, I would like to know whether any Member can point a finger?

Mr. Speaker: At least some minimum decorum should always be kept. I hope that these little things would not be referred to so often.

Shri Jaipal Singh: Now that my hon. friend Mr. Satya Narayan Sinha has been raised to Cabinet rank, he will have to show greater stature than he has done in the past. Well, he has made one mistake. We forgive him for that.

As far as we in the Opposition are concerned, it is a happy augury for us that this is the first time in independent India that in Parliament the Opposition have combined, even unanimously, in voicing a point of view. This is a very happy sign. I hope this would not be the only occasion where the Opposition would get together. But more than that, I hope the whip will not always be necessary on occasions like this. There are many things where there should be freedom—party or no party. I have it straight from the proposer, my hon. friend Shri Ram Subhag Singh. I know things might have been very different if certain courtesies had been shown us, as has always been mentioned.

I do not know Mr. Krishnamoorthy Rao very well. Of course, I have seen him occupying the Chair in the other House, but I have no doubt whatever since he is an elder statesman, he will show that venerable dignity which is very very necessary in the Chair here. Sir, I congratulate him on his elevation and I do hope hereafter the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs would have learnt his lesson that he should always consult the Opposition.

We talk of establishing healthy conventions. One of the healthiest of conventions is that of the appointment of the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. I have been a member of that Committee as also of the other, the Estimates Committee. We know the struggles we have had in regard to reports, the making up of reports. I do sincerely hope, and I appeal to the Leader of the House in particular, it is about time he changes his attitude in regard to the

Chairmanship of the Public Accounts Committee at least.

Sir, I do hope while we talk of national integration, emotional integration, we shall bear in mind, that within this House itself there must be emotional integration, if parliamentary democracy is to prosper and flourish.

I, once again, congratulate Mr. Krishnamoorthy Rao.

Mr. Speaker: I would request Mr. Krishnamoorthy Rao to say something.

Shri Krishnamoorthy Rao (Shimoga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am grateful to this august House for choosing me as the Deputy-Speaker. I am conscious of the high aims and objects that have been set before this House when you were elected Speaker. I am also aware of the high traditions and conventions that have been established in this House. I am grateful to you, Sir, and the Leaders of the Opposition for the warm welcome that has been given to me. I assure them that it will be my constant endeavour to uphold the high objectives and principles and also to maintain dignity and decorum in this House. I assure them that every legitimate demand of the Opposition will be met. And to you, Sir, I assure my fullest co-operation and allegiance. I thank the House once again for choosing me as the Deputy-Speaker.

12.56 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET—GENERAL DISCUSSION—contd.

Mr. Speaker: The House will now resume the general discussion of the Railway Budget.

I might also make this announcement that because the General Budget is to be presented at five o'clock today