

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday the 17th December 1980/ the
26th Agrahayana 1902 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr.
Chairman in the Chair.

Birthday greetings to Mr. Chairman

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI
(Maharashtra): Many happy returns of the
day to you, Sir.

SHRI ERA SEZHIYAN (Tamil jadu): Sir,
we wish you many happy returns of the day.

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI
(Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I wish you many happy
returns of the day.

SHRI MANUBHAI PATEL (Gujarat) :
Sir, I also wish you many happy returns of
the day.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI
PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Before you
proceed with the questions. Sir, we all wish
you many happy re-tu-ns of the day and we
express our heartiest greetings to you. On
behalf of the House, on behalf of myself and
on behalf of my party, I express many more
happy returns of the day to you. And I will
appeal to the hon. Members, at least let this
day be a trouble-free day for the Chairman.

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: I
assure you on my behalf a totally peaceful
day.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) :
आज के दिन मैं इतना ही कहना चाहता हूँ :—
तुम सलामत रहो एक हजार बरस,
हर बरस के दिन हों पचास हजार ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, I must thank you
all for the kind words in which you have
greeted me on my birthday. About the
promise of Shri Kulkarni, I would put him to
test and see how long he keeps his promise.
My own motto is what Saadi said:

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खेरे कुन फर्मा लां व गनीमत शुमार उम्र
जां पेश्तर के बांग बरायद फलां न मान्द
That is:

खेरे कुन आं फलां व गनीमत शुमार उम्र
"Oh! Thou! Count your life lucky
and do good."

गनीमत शुमार उम्र

"and consider your life as a blessing or
an opportunity".

जां पेश्तर के बांग बरायद फलां न मान्द

"before people begin saying—

'Oh! So and so is no more'." So, "do
good"—that is my motto. I try to do good.
The only place I fail in is sometimes—I
would not say— somewhere, which you know.

Thank you very much, Mr. Leader of the
House, Mr. Kulkarni. Mr. Mathur and all of
you. And now, let us begin and put Mr.
Kulkarni to test.

Question No. 421.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Prices of sugar in Delhi

⁴421. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state—

(a) the price of sugar in open market in
Delhi; during the last three years, month-
wise; and

(b) the reasons of the price variation and
the steps taken by Government in this
regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND
RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V.
SWAMINATHAN): (a) A statement is laid
on the Table of the Sabha. In the Period
covered it is to be noted that prices during
August 16th, 1978 to December 16th, 1979,
as indicated in the statement.

The question was actually asked on the
floor of the House by Shri Jagdish Prasad
Mathur.