

## RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday the 17th December 1980/  
the 26th Agra-hayana 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 Nadu): 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 returns 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 पन्नां लां व गनीमत शुमार उम्मे  
जां पेश्तर के बांग बरायद पला न मान्द  
That is:

खेरे कुन आ फ़लां व गनीमत शुमार उम्मे  
“Oh! Thou! Count your life lucky  
and do good.”

गनीमत शुमार उम्मे  
“and consider your life as a blessing or an opportunity”.

जा पेश्तर के बांग बरायद पलां 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

\*421. **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.