

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 17th December, 1981/
26th Agrahayana 1903 (Saka)

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THE CHAIRMAN

SHRI PILOO MODY (Gujarat): Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is after 365 days today that we have an opportunity of wishing you a very happy birthday. On the last occasion, Sir, we had reason to tell you that we all loved you very much and, although we misbehaved here, you should not take it amiss. Today, I would like to renew those sentiments and I wish you a happy and long and prosperous life.

We certainly hope, Sir, that today there will be no altercations as we had on the last occasion so that you have a very happy and pleasant day today. As you know, Sir, we will be meeting you at 2-30 P.M. today in the afternoon and I hope to have a happier association thereafter. Thank you, Sir.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): Sir, I wish you many happy returns of the day. I entirely agree with Mr. Piloo Mody and I join in the sentiments expressed here and I hope that today will be an absolutely trouble-free day for you.

श्री भोला पासवान शास्त्री (बिहार) : सभापति जी, आज हमें बड़ी खुशी है कि आज आपका बर्थ-डे है। हम चाहते हैं कि आप दीर्घायु हों। इस सभा के काम के संचालन में कभी-कभी हम को तकलीफ हो जाती है लेकिन उसको हम भूल जाते हैं और आपको विश्वास दिलाते हैं कि आपके इस नये साल में, जो आज से शुरू हो रहा है, आपके इस काम में हमारा पुरी सहयोग रहेगा। भगवान आपको ताकत दे ताकि आप इस सभा को सुचारु रूप से चला सकें।

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श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी (गुजरात) : मैं भी अपने साथी पीलू मोदी, भोला पासवान शास्त्री जी और सदन के नेता के साथ अपने को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ और बहुत-बहुत शुभ-कामनाएं आपके स्वास्थ्य के लिये, आपकी दीर्घायु के लिये प्रस्तुत करता हूँ।

श्री अरविंद गणेश कुलकर्णी (महाराष्ट्र) : आपका रिप्लाय शायरी में होना चाहिये। अच्छा सा शेर बनाइये।

श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैं भी अपने सभी साथियों के साथ अपने को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ और हम लोगों की कामना है कि आप दीर्घायु हों और इस तरह के अवसर बार-बार आते रहें। हम अपनी तरफ से शुभकामनाएं प्रस्तुत करते हैं।

श्रीमती. हमिदा हबीबुल्लाह (उत्तर प्रदेश) : 'तुम जीओ हजारों साल
साल के दिन हों 50 हजार।'

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed here and I offer my best wishes for a long and happy life.

Sir, there may be some altercations sometimes. But that is not against the Chair and it is because of the system that we have.

SHRI PILOO MODY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is against the Chair and not against you.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: It is not against you personally. It is inherent in the system itself. So, that should be forgotten.

I wish you a happy birthday, Sir.

SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH (West Bengal): Sir, I also join others in wishing you a happy birthday and a happy and prosperous life.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Sir, this is the happiest occasion for all of us and I convey my best wishes to you and I wish you many happy returns of the day.

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, the very fact that the whole House is joining in wishing you a happy birthday shows the great regard and respect we have for you. We wish you a long and happy and prosperous life, not only to serve in this House, but also to serve the country for many many years to come. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI (Assam): Sir, we also join in wishing you a very happy, long and prosperous life I feel, Sir, that there is a greater cause for happiness for us because you are the protector of our independence.

PROF. RASHEEDUDDIN KHAN (Nominated): We do not represent anybody. Sometimes we do not represent ourselves. But on this occasion, the nominated Members feel equally enthusiastic in wishing you a very happy and long life in the service of the nation. I hope that under your inspiring leadership and humour and wit we shall be able to restore in Parliament the dignity which everybody expects of it.

(Interruptions)

DR. SHRIMATI RAJINDER KAUR (Punjab): I join the rest of the Members in wishing you a very, very happy birthday.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. I wished to rule that nothing takes place during the Question Hour. (Interruptions) But I thought, out of deference to the very kind words which have been spoken, I should not give that ruling and withhold it for the time being. Well, I am much obliged—in fact, I am overwhelmed by the kindness which you have shown to me. I hope that I have proved worthy of your choice because I was chosen by all of you. But if I have not, as I told you last time, you have only to tell

me. I hope that I shall be able to do service to the nation to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment, and the oath which I took as the Chief Justice and as a Judge of the High Court, I think, it is appropriate here also. (Interruptions) I thank you all...

(Interruptions)

श्री अरविंद गणेश कुलकर्णी : शायरी का क्या हो गया ?

(Interruptions).

SHRI PILOO MODY: You can wish him on our behalf and on behalf of all the lady Members.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): I wish you on behalf of the people of India. (Interruptions) Is it a peaceful day in the House today. (Interruptions) All Good Wishes to you from all of us who are in and outside the House for many, many more years. (Interruptions) Well, I wish you everything that you wish for yourself. (Interruptions) Both health and long life in the service of the nation.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Prime Minister, since you speak on behalf of the whole nation, I feel still more overwhelmed by the kind words you have said.

As to the peaceful working of today, I have had an assurance from even our Mr. Rameshwar Singh.... (Interruptions) I hope, he will not mind my reminding him about his promise to me. Thank you very much. (Interruptions).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Hospitals under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme

*361. **SHRI M. BASAVARAJU:** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 285 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th August, 1981 and state the further progress so far made for opening of the proposed 49 hospitals under the ESI scheme?