

FELICITATION TO SHRI P. HARI KRISHNA

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA (Andhra Pradesh): Thank you, Sir, for giving me the opportunity.

One more star has born in the international chess arena from India. And this time, it is the turn of P. Hari Krishna from Andhra Pradesh who won the World Junior Chess Championship. After nearly two decades, when Vishwanathan Anand won the World Junior Chess Championship in Philippines, Hari Krishna is the only Indian to win this championship. He drew his final game with Ferenc Berkes and thereby ensured the crown. He got ten out of the possible thirteen points. We have never got any major title in the boys' section at the world junior level in recent times. Of course, Koneru Humpy, again from Andhra Pradesh, won the World Girls Junior Chess Championship in 2002. Hari Krishna has not only won this World Junior Title but also won the World Under-10 Title in 1996 in Spain, apart from other titles. I would say that this is double not only for Andhra Pradesh but also for India because earlier this month Dronavalli Harika won the Under-14 Girls World Title. So, on behalf of myself, my party, Andhra Pradesh and also on behalf of this august House, I place on record our warmest greetings and best wishes for Hari Krishna. Thank you, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We all join in congratulating Mr. Hari Krishna. Now, we take up the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2002. The hon. Minister, Mr. K. Chandra Sekhar Rao, to move the motion for consideration of the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2002.

GOVERNMENT BILL

The Payment of Wages (Amendment) BILL, 2002

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I move:

That the Bill further to amend the Payment of Wages Act 1936, be taken into consideration.

Sir, I would like to explain the salient features of this Bill.

Sir, this is a historical moment for me as I avail the opportunity to move the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2002 in this august