

RAJYA SABHA

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7th Pausa, 1890 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of clock,
THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE APOLLO-8 ASTRONAUTS

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal) : Madam Deputy Chairman, I invite your attention to the shocking incident in Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :
You may say it later. Mr. Bhargava now.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA (Uttar Pradesh) : I have obtained the permission of the Deputy Chairman for something. Then you can mention your point. Madam Deputy Chairman, I am sure the House would like to take note of the wonderful feat of the American astronauts in orbiting round the moon and coming back safely to earth. I am sure the House would like to pay their compliments to the three astronauts for their wonderful work.

SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJAGOPALAN) (Madras) : It is really a very rare opportunity that this House is having to congratulate the American Government as well as the astronauts who performed the incredible and unbelievable feat of going round the moon and landing safely back on earth. I hope the House will endorse this view, and also, through you, Madam Deputy Chairman, we would like to convey our greetings to the astronauts as well as to the American Government.

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN (Andhra Pradesh) : We all join in the sentiments expressed by Mr. Bhargava and Mrs. Rajagopalan.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT (Haryana) : Madam Deputy Chairman, I rise to submit that we should tender our greetings to these three astronauts for this daring discovery. With this a new development in science and technology has taken place in this connection I am reminded of poet Iqbal. He has given a very good couplet and it is this.

सितारो से आगे जहाँ और भी है,
अभी इश्क के इम्तिहाँ और भी है ।
तू शाही है परवाज़ है काम तेरा,
तेरे सामने आसमा और भी है ।

With this new achievement in space research new frontiers in space have been reached. Let us send our greetings to these three astronauts.

श्री पीताम्बर दास (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम डिपुटी चैयरमैन, मैं भी अमरीका को बधाई देना चाहता हूँ इस सफलता के लिये मैं यह आशा करता हूँ कि अमरीका की इस उपलब्धि से मानव जाति को अपने विकास में सहायता मिलेगी ।

श्री राजनारायण (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैं भी चंद्रलोक तक जो भ्रमण कर आए उनके प्रति अपना धन्यवाद प्रकट करता हूँ, मगर मैं आपके द्वारा श्री कृष्ण कान्त को कहना चाहता हूँ कि जब यह अमरीका को धन्यवाद प्रकाशित कर रहे हैं उनकी उड़ान पर, तो वही पर भारत सरकार की निंदा भी करे उसकी पिछड़ान पर ।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Madam Deputy Chairman, I fully associate myself with the sentiments which have been expressed in admiring the great feat of the human race. It is a great achievement. Madam Deputy Chairman, for all mankind, and I think in the name of humanity we can congratulate the astronauts who have performed this miracle. The only thing I would like to add is that it only emphasises the need for ensuring lasting peace in this world. Only in peaceful conditions can science and technology develop and we can achieve such great heights of creative labour, and that is why I think that as we congratulate them we could expect that all of us should work for ensuring durable and lasting peace on earth, a peace which is conducive to such achievements in all spheres of life, especially in science and technology.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA (Orissa) : Since it has been expressed party-wise I also want to associate my party with the feelings expressed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now let me also associate myself with what has been expressed this morning by all

[The Deputy Chairman]

sections of the House and with sending our heartiest congratulations to the astronauts who have made the incredible credible Jules Verne's prophecy that the moon will be reached by human beings has come true. But as Mr. Bhupesh Gupta has said, we have now arrived at the space age and we must use science for the benefit of mankind and for peace and harmony all over. We do hope that those nations who have advanced so far will now work on bringing about absolute peace and harmony, racial and economic harmony, so that mankind can live in peace till they reach the other planets in the future. We congratulate once again the astronauts, and their Government who have made this great feat possible, and the people of America also.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA (Uttar Pradesh) : And particularly the wives of the astronauts for the good luck they have had in their husbands coming back safely.

REFERENCE TO ARREST OF SHRI FRANK MORAES BY THE CHINESE IN NEPAL

श्री राजनारायण (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीया, आज मैं पुनः आपके द्वारा भारत सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ कि नेपाल से हमारे सबंध बिगड़ने जा रहे हैं। आपने आज अखबारों में पढ़ा होगा कि किस तरह से श्री मोरिस, जो इन्डियन एक्सप्रेस के चीफ एडीटर हैं, उनको चीनीज ने गिरफ्तार किया और किस तरह से उनके साथ दो और को दिक्कत के साथ आगे बढ़ने दिया गया। तो यह जो हमारे चीन के साथ सबंध दिन प्रति दिन कटु होते जा रहे हैं इसके बारे में मैं आपके द्वारा कहूंगा कि यह सरकार जल्द से जल्द नेपाल के साथ सम्बन्ध ठीक करे।

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA (Uttar Pradesh) : May I ask a question from the hon. Member ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No question. Now Mr. Lokanath Misra. He took permission in my chamber.

REFERENCE TO NON-VACATION OF A BUNGALOW ALLOTTED TO SARDAR RAM SINGH

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA (Orissa) : Madam, I want to bring to your kind notice and to the notice of this hon. House that there has been some difficulty about the allotment of a house from the Rajya Sabha quota, and after I bring it to your notice, probably the House would start condemning the way a Member of another House has occupied it forcibly, and in spite of the fact that the matter has been brought to the notice of the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, nothing has been done, he could not be persuaded to vacate the house even though it belongs to the Rajya Sabha quota. Ultimately what happened was that when after a talk with the Parliamentary Affairs Minister yesterday and knowing it from him that the house in question has been allotted to him Sardar Ram Singh approached the Member of the other House to make over the house to him, he telephoned the flying squad of the police. It has now gone to the police. I am surprised to find that the matter had to go to the police. Even though he belongs to a particular party, even though he belongs to the ruling party, nothing could be done to vacate him from the house. Now where have we come to ? It affects the dignity of this House. The house belongs to the Rajya Sabha quota, and once it has been allotted to a Member of the Rajya Sabha, how is it that a Member of another House, who belongs to the ruling party, forcibly goes into it and is still keeping possession of it ?

SOME HON. MEMBERS : This is serious.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have given only permission to Sardar Ram Singh and in his absence to Mr. Lokanath Misra to mention this. But I feel that it is very unfortunate that Members of Parliament should do this and I would draw the attention—as Mr. Lokanath Misra has drawn—attention to this—especially of the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs that this must be put right immediately. It is rather—what shall I say—in an abominable thing that Members of the two Houses should do this. I hope the Parliamentary Affairs Minister will look into it and put it right immediately.