

[श्री मेहर चन्द खन्ना]

मैं किया है, मेरे खयाल में वह काम न आज तक किसी हिन्दू ने किया है और न आगे कर सकेगा। चूंकि वे मुसलमान हैं, हम यह नहीं कह सकते कि वे हिन्दुस्तान से बाहर चले जायें। आज अगर हिन्दुस्तान में किसी को रहने का हक है तो मिस्टर छागला को जितना हक है उतना मेहर चन्द खन्ना को भी नहीं है। मुझे अफसोस है कि इस किस्म का खयाल मेरे बयान से पैदा हुआ। मैंने यह कहा था कि जो लोग वहां से गारो हिन्स में आये हैं या जो बोग ईस्ट पाकिस्तान से माना में आये हैं, उनसे और उनकी औरतों और बच्चों से जब मैं मिला तो उनकी बातचीत से यह पता चला कि पाकिस्तान की इस्लामी रिपब्लिक जो है वह अपने बांडर के ऊपर किसी गैरमुस्लिम को नहीं चाहती है। आज जो हिन्दुस्तान में आये हैं उनमें क्रिश्चियन्स भी आये हैं और हिन्दू भी आये हैं। अगर कोई किसी मुस्लिम भाई को बुरी नजर से देखता है तो मुझे उसके लिये बड़ा अफसोस है। जनाबवाला, आपकी खिदमत में मैं यह अर्ज करूँ कि वेस्ट पाकिस्तान से जो मुस्लिम भाई आये हैं उनको हम ने बतौर शरणार्थी तसज्वर किया है और उनको हम ने वही हक दिये हैं जो हिन्दुस्तान में किसी हिन्दू शरणार्थी को दिये गये हैं।

FAREWELL TO RETIRING MEMBERS

Mr. CHAIRMAN: As I would not be here on the closing day of this session, I take this opportunity to bid farewell to the Members who will soon be retiring. Every second year, one-third of the Members of the Rajya Sabha retire pursuant to a constitutional requirement, and accordingly, seventy-nine Members of our House are due to retire on April 2 next. It is customary on this occasion to offer our good wishes to these retiring Members. In the case of some of these retiring Members, it is completion of one term and re-entry

into a new term in the same office; but some others may not so come back.

One of the essential conditions for the success of democracy is tolerance for the other man's point of view, and a capacity to understand it. It is perhaps on the floor of the Parliament, more than anywhere else, that one comes face to face with the full implication of this quality. It is a matter of great satisfaction to me that we have functioned in this House with cordiality and good-humoured conduct. The records of the Rajya Sabha will show that Members functioning in this House have striven their best to fulfil adequately the duty cast on them by their constituents. While there have been occasions when passions were roused, doubtless due to strongly held views by individual Members on matters raised by them, we have taken care to maintain decorum and dignity. I trust those Members who are retiring and who will no longer be with us in our deliberations in this House will cherish the memory of their association as Members of this august body; and we who remain in this House will retain pleasant recollections of their contribution to the enlightened debates of the House.

The retiring Members will now enter the wider community of our nation where opportunities for public work are unlimited. We have many problems to solve in this country which call for sustained effort and hard work on the part of every citizen. Persons who have been Members of Parliament are better fitted for these tasks because of the wide experience and personal knowledge of the problems of government which they have acquired during their membership. It is they, more than anybody else, who can serve as the best medium to educate our masses how best to assist in the building up of our country into a strong, integrated and prosperous nation. I wish the retiring Members well and offer them our very best wishes.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): Mr. Chairman, may I associate myself with what has fallen from your mouth? I am new to this House and I have not had much opportunity of coming in close contact with all the Members who are retiring but from what I have seen of them I find that they have contributed to the high standard of debate which exists in this Chamber and also for the comradely feeling which prevails in this Chamber. I am new to Parliamentary life. I have still to learn a great deal about it but my friends here have helped me to learn the technique, the mechanism and the finer points of Parliamentary life. Well, Sir, some of those who are retiring will come back and I shall have an opportunity of knowing them better. Parting, Sir, is always sad. That is life. We meet, we come together and we part. To those of the retiring Members who will not come back, may I wish happiness and prosperity in whatever sphere of life they may be functioning? To those who will come back, may I say, I hope I shall have the opportunity of having a closer contact and association with them.

SHRI K. SANTHANAM (Madras): May I as one of the retiring Members, offer my thanks to you, Sir, for the courtesy with which you have treated us throughout our period of office here? I am speaking on behalf of the retiring Members. I wish to thank all the other Members of the House for the cordial relations we have had, without, any party distinctions. We might differ in our views but so far as our social relations in this House is concerned, all of us have been friends and I hope this tradition will continue. Thank you, Sir.

DR. A. SUBBA RAO (Kerala): Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the retiring Members of our group and on behalf of myself in particular, permit me to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to you personally and to all the Members for the pleasant memories that we will carry with us of these years of activity in this august House. Sir, these years of our Parlia-

mentary life have been a source of addition to our knowledge. To whatever party we might belong whatever might have been our political differences, we have always tried to serve our people whom we represent, to the best of our ability. In this process, it is possible that we from both sides of this House might have used words which might have wounded, though temporarily, the feelings of others in this House but I assure you, Sir, that it was not done intentionally and there is no heartburning. These six years of our life in this House have enabled us to understand each other's point of view better and broaden our vision still further.

Sir, every two years one-third of our Members retire. Some of them will come back to carry on the work in this House and some, like me, will retire to our own constituencies to carry on the work in our own restricted sphere. Wherever we are I can assure you, Mr. Chairman, that we will carry on the work of our people to the best of our ability. Your kind words, your advice and the goodwill of all the Members of this House will give added strength to our future work. Sir, I would be failing in my duty if I do not thank the Secretary and the staff who have rendered fine co-operation in spite of our being a source of trouble at times. I hope, Sir, that they will cherish our memory even though we are far far away from them.

Sir, let me thank you and Madam Deputy Chairman for the love and understanding that both of you have shown towards us. We may have on certain occasions behaved in a manner not to the liking of you but I assure you, Sir, that we have the greatest regard for you and Madam Deputy Chairman. With your kind blessings, Sir, and with the goodwill of all the Members we the retiring Members, hope to carry on the work of our people with added strength, with added vigour and greater enthusiasm.

Thank you, Sir.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY (West Bengal): May I also say a few words, Sir? It is very kind of you to have said a few nice words about the retiring Members. I am one of those in the exit list. I have always, Sir, enjoyed goodwill from the former Chairman and from you and from the Deputy Chairman and all the Members of this House, from this side as well as that. I will always carry the sweetest memories of this august House.

As you know, Sir, I come from a minority community, the Gurkha community. There are about thirty lakhs of Gurkhas living in India. In today's national crisis, the Gurkha community, in my opinion, is an important community, which is defending our borders. I also come from the border areas surrounded by neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim Tibet and Pakistan. So, wherever God places me I will serve my country with honesty and sincerity. I wish for the strength and prosperity of our country and for the good life of our Members and our leaders. I thank you very much, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Maithilisharan Gupta will now recite a verse.

श्री मैथिलीशरण गुप्त (नाम-निर्दिष्टित):

श्रीमान्,

“शेष यहीं तक नहीं बन्धूजन ! कार्य हमारा,
आगे बढ़ती चले सदा जीवन की धारा ।
जाते हैं हम यहां सुखद सम्बन्ध जोड़ कर,
अपने आसन नवागतों के लिये छोड़ कर ।
हम जो साध न सके उसे वे सिद्ध करेंगे,
बढ़ दृढ़ता से विजय-सक्षय निज विद्ध करेंगे ।
नव नव अनुभव हमें दे चली अवधि हमारी,
अंगरेजी ही रही यहां निरर्वाध, बनिहारी !
इतने दिन हम यहां साथ रहते आये हैं,
कर कितने संताप हंस, खेले—खाये हैं ।
उन बातों का स्मरण क्यों न हम सब को साल,

बंटे फिर भी मौन कौन कर्तव्य न पाले ।
भूलें हम से हुई न होगी कमी कौसी,
पर क्या बँतो, क्षमा आप लोगों का जैसी ?
मांग मांग कर लोग बहुत कुछ पा लेते हैं,
किन्तु बड़े तो क्षमा बिना मांगे देते हैं ।
तात, आज भी एक बात के हम अधिकारी,
बने आपकी दया उलट कर याद हमारी ।”

श्रीमान्, इस सदस्यता की अवधि के अन्त में आपने मुझे भी दो शब्द कहने का जो अवसर दिया है उसके लिये मैं हृदय से कृतज्ञता प्रकट करता हूँ ।

THE BUDGET (GENERAL), 1964-65

—continued.

PROF. A. R. WADIA (Nominated): Mr. Chairman, Sir, if I had spoken a fortnight ago, I would have been prepared to accept all the statements of the hon Finance Minister at their face value and I would have wholeheartedly congratulated him but speaking a fortnight after his introduction of the Budget has given us time to think out and study more closely the implications of all his suggestions and I am afraid my enthusiasm has grown much less and I find the proverbial iron fist under a velvet glove. But that does not mean that I do not appreciate several points in the Budget speech of the hon. Minister. I particularly appreciate his several *obiter dicta*; for example, his emphasis on initiative which is very apt to be forgotten in totalitarian regimes. I appreciate his encouragement to the private sector as a very important sector. I appreciate his recognition of the importance of competition. It is a very important point in controlling prices and I appreciate his emphasis on the public sector as a profit-making concern, as a business concern to be conducted on commercial lines. I appreciate his will to help the low income groups and to encourage saving. And I parti-