RAJYA SABHA

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

FELICITATIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION POWER (HAFIZ MOHAMMAD IBRAHIM): Mr. Chairman, I heartily congratulate you on your election as the Vice-President of India and as a corollary to that, as the Chairman of this House. Sir, the highest honour which this country can confer on any of its citizens is the Presidentship and next to that is the Vice-Presidentship which this country has conferred on you because you are recognised by th's country as a patriot, as a learned man, possessing abilities and efficiency of every kind. You had been most fit for the Vice-Presidentship of this country and therefore it elected you. I am going to quote a Persian proverb in this connection. I will translate it. There is a Persian proverb:

Rise reaches one who deserves it. It just applies to the election of our Chairman as the Vice-President of India.

Sir, I can say much about you but I do not want to take much time because so many other hon. Members of this House would like to say something about you. Therefore, briefly I will go into a few points about you.

First of all, I mention your career of studentship, how in the M.A.O. College where you were receiving eudcation, you were respected by all the students and by the staff because of your brilliance and ability that you exhibited in various ways there as a student. After that I come to a point which concerns more with your service to the country, I mean your service in Jamia Millia. It is too well

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known in the country that in consultation with Mahatma Gandhi during the freedom movement, the institution was started, which was named Jamia Millia, which meant the University of the Nation. Education is imparted there on national lines. I am mentioning that because of one thing. The pay of the staff there was very low. The staff could not meet both ends with the salary which they used to get. Anyone who used to go to serve there had to make a sacrifice and had to court inconveniences of life and you, Sir, accepted to be the Head of that institution. You served there as the Sheikhul Jamia. The Vice-Chancellor Or the Chancellor was called the Sheikhul Jamia. There you spent years and years and you made so many improvements. You introduced so many branches of teaching there and at the same time you provided a very nice building for it which is existing—which is a very splendid building—in Okhla. I have seen that so many times. So, for the sake of the country you adopted and accepted a life of sacrifice and you worked there hard not for good money, not for any high salary but only for the sake of the country. After that you became the Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh University. There also you rendered a very splendid service to that University. There were so many difficulties and so many problems which required solutions, wise solutions and you were able to meet every situation which arose there. You enlarged the scope of the University by adding so many things to it for the purpose of education; also so many buildings were constructed there during your Vice-Chancellorship.

Then I go farther and say a few words about your Governorship in Bihar. Personally I have no experience but from your example I came to know that Governors also can make themselves very popular among the public. For the first time I noticed this in your case. What I heard

[Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim.] from the Members of the Government of Bihar and also from the members of the public was very good about you. They said: "He possessed such a good reputation, he is very popular, he is loved by them for his character and ability and for the manner in which he conducted himself there as a Governor, etc." Lastly I attended a meeting here which was held in Delhi in which all the Biharis who are residing in Delhi were collected and I was invited there. There the speeches were made both by the Chief Minister and by the members of the public. On hearing those speeches, I formed the opinion that probably no Governor might have been so popular and so beloved to the people as yourself. This much about the Bihar Governorship.

Now about the Chairmanship of this House. This is a House which is a very dignified House. It serves and performs very elaborate duties and it has its own traditions, practices, rules and regulations and I hope you will maintain them and I hope you will make such additions as may be more useful for the purposes for which this House exists. With these words I conclude.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal): I associate myself with the sentiments just expressed by the Leader of the House in welcoming you here amongst us as the Chairman of this House. It was a matter of great satisfaction and encouragement for us when we saw that you had been nominated for election as the Vice-President of the country. We felt that it was important in more ways than one. After all in the presentation of the State and its structure and its high offices to the world, we make ourselves felt and understood. In a country like ours where there are, as we are told, majority and minority communities, we. want to uphold this symbol of unity in every sphere of life. You, Sir, come here

as the symbol of such unity. I need not mention about your past illustrious career. It is well known to the country. You have been a great educationist and scholar, an educationist born not out of the rich but out of the poverty-stricken people and in you the down-trodden of the Society has expressed that it is in a position to produce such men of scholarship and learning even in circumstances that are not very congenial. These high traditions of the people you yourself carried forward when you, on the advice of Mahatma Gandhi, took charge of a national institution in our country. That is your creation, and that is a tribute to your dedicated service to our nation, to that institution of learning and to education.

We have known you, Sir, not only as a scholar but also as a great patriot and it is no small task on the part of a person in such a position to present himself as an active patriot while engaged in certain other fields of activity which do not directly bear on political matters. Therefore in you, Sir, is blended flaming patriotism and high scholarship. So we are particularly happy to have you here because I think we shall get the radiation of those fine and excellent traditions of mind and heart in the functioning of this House.

Again, Sir, you are stepping into a situation which for the past ten years, has been adorned by one distinguished son of India who today, by the will of the people happens to be the President of this country. He has left us, no doubt, but he has left here certain excellent traditions of good humour, wisdom, tolerance and democratic orientation, and above all, regard for the parties of the opposition. I am sure, Sir, as you step into his shoes and assume the responsibility bequeathed to you by your predecessor, you will be living up not only to those traditions but as always dynamic personalities carry for7

ward and enrich those traditions. That is what we expect of you.

On our part, Sir, we extend to you the fullest measure of cooperation. It is a matter of joy for us and also a little token of love from our side towards you that you have come to occupy this high office almost after an unanimous choice in the country. All the opposition parties which are sitting here supported your candidature, and if I may say so on behalf of one of the leading parties of the opposition we felt so happy when your name was being discussed as one of the probable candidates for the Vice-Presidentship. We made known to those concerned, that if you were nominated we would be whole heartedly supporting you. Naturally we are particularly glad to have you here amongst us.

Sir, I do not wish to say much now. I again join others in welcoming you to this House. This House occupies an important position and we, Sir, do not go by the moth-eaten procedures of May's Parliamentary Practice. We are a dynamic society and we have inherited certain noble traditions of our people. We, Sir, wish to shape our democracy according to the genius of our people and bring our parlimentary institutions close to their strivings and aspirations and the general democratic traditions of the masses. In that task, Sir—and it is no small task- I hone Sir, you will be a creative instrument towards fulfilment of the aspirations and desires of the people and expectations on their part, in this House.

This is all I wish to say. Once again, I congratulate you on your 'assumption of this high office and I hope what we have lost here will never be missed, because you shall fill in the gap and carry forward the torch that has come in your hands, in the interest of democracy and in the interest of our people. Thank you.

श्री गंगाशरण सिंह (विहार) : ग्रादर-णीय समापति जी, श्राज श्राप हमार नये ग्रध्यक्ष की हैसियत से हमारे बीच में उपस्थित हैं। लेकिन ब्राज जो इस हाउस के पुराने सदस्य हैं उनके लिये आप नये नहीं हैं और न यह हाउस ब्रापके लिये नया है। विहार का गवर्नर होने के पहले भ्राप इस सदन के सदस्य रहे श्रीर जो पुराने सदस्य हैं उनको श्रापके साथ रहने का, काम करने का और आप से मिलने का मौका प्राप्त हुआ है। इसलिये आपके लिए यह कोई नयी जगह नहीं है और न कोई नयी परम्परा है। पर जो परम्परा कायम है उसके श्राप साक्षी रहे हैं और उसको कायम करने में, एक सदस्य की हैसियत से आपका हाथ रहा है।

जैसा कि पूर्व बक्ता ने कहा है, और खास कर हमारे मित्र श्री भूपेश गुप्त ने कहा, ग्रापका चुनाव वाइस प्रेजीडेण्ट की हैसियत से हमारे चेयरमैन की हैसियत से, भारतीय एकता का का बहुत बड़ा प्रतीक, एक बहुत बड़ा चिह्न है ग्रीर हम सब इसके लिये गौरव अनुभव करते हैं । ध्रापका देश के राष्ट्रीय ग्रान्दोलन से प्रारम्भ से ही सम्बन्ध रहा है श्रीर हमारे देश में राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा की जो ग्राधारशिला रखी गई उस ग्राधारशिला के रखने वालों में श्राप भी हैं और हम लोगों को यह जम्मीद है कि जिस तरह से राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा की ग्राधारशिला रखने में ग्रापने वड़ा प्रमुख हाथ बंटाया, उसकी नींव को मजबत किया, उसी तरह से जनतन्त्र का जो प्रयोग हम कर रहे हैं, जनतन्त्र की जो इमारत हम खड़ी कर रहे हैं, उस जनतन्त्र की इमारत की ग्राधार-शिला रखने में भौर उसके खड़ा करने में भी भ्रापका उसी प्रकार सहयोग और उसी प्रकार हाथ रहेगा ताकि यह प्रयोग ग्रन्छी तरह से सम्पन्न हो ।

जहां तक विहार का प्रश्न है, पिछले पांच वर्षों में ग्राप हमारे सुबे में गवर्नर के पद पर रहे हैं। ग्रापके निकट सम्पर्क में न ग्राने पर भो दूर से ही मुझ पर जो प्रभाव पड़ा, जो हमारे प्रान्त पर प्रभाव पडा, जो परिस्थितियां श्री गंगाशरण सिंड]

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वहां पैदा हुई, वह ऐसी हैं कि ग्रापके चले श्राने के बाद भी श्राज विहार के लोग ऐसा धनभव करते हैं कि जैसा छनका भ्रपना ही ग्रादमी बिहार से दिल्ली चला ग्राया । ग्राज श्राप वाइस प्रेजीडेण्ट हैं श्रीर विहार के लोग ऐसा अनुभव करते हैं कि डा० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद भाज प्रेजीडेण्ट नहीं रहे तो जैसे हमारे ही प्रान्त के वाइस प्रेजीडेण्ट भ्राज दिल्ली में बैठे हैं। पांच वर्ष के ग्ररसे में जबकि राजनैतिक उथल पूथल हो रही हो, भ्रापस में तरह तरह के प्रपंच चल रहे हों, उस समय एक भादमी के लिये सवका विश्वास प्राप्त करना, लोकप्रिय बनना, सबका प्रियपात्र बनना, यह कोई ग्रासान काम नहीं है। यह बात बाहर वाले उतना धनुभव नहीं कर पाते हैं जितना हम बिहार के लोग अनुभव करते हैं। मैं यही ग्राशा करता हूं कि जिस तरह शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में श्रापने हमारा मार्ग दर्शन किया उसी तरह से श्रागे भी मार्ग दर्शन करेंगे । स्रभी हमारी डेमोक्रेसी, हमारा जनतन्त्र नया है। बहुत सी परम्पराएं नयी बन रही हैं, बहुत सी परम्पराएं बन चुकी हैं भीर बहुत सी बनने वाली हैं। इसलिये लकीर का फकीर होने से काम नहीं चलेगा और वहत सी परम्पराधों का निर्माण करना होगा जो हमारे देश के वातावरण भीर हमारे देश की परिस्थितियों के अनकल हों ।

शिक्षा शास्त्री होने के प्रलावा राष्ट्रीय प्रान्दोलन से शुरू से आपका सम्बन्ध रहा है। मेरा निज का अनुभव है कि शिष्टता के साथ ही साथ आप में स्पष्टवादिता है और साफ-गोई है। किसी चीज को सफाई के साथ कहने की आवश्यकता हो तो बेमुरव्यती के साथ कह सकने की शक्ति भी आप में है जो प्राज देश के के लिये नितान्त आवश्यक है और उसकी आज सबसे ज्यादा जरूरत में समझता हूं। सिफं सत्यम् श्रूयात प्रियम् श्रूयात वाली ही बात नहीं होनी चाहिये। आज सत्य प्रगर अप्रिय भी हो तो कहना चाहिये। ग्रीर मैं

जानता हूं कि उसकी क्षमता ग्राप में है ग्रौर इसलिये विशेष रूप से मैं ग्रापके प्रति ग्राकर्षित होता हूं ग्रौर ग्रापका स्वागत करता हूं।

श्रापके वारे में परिचय देना या श्रीर कुछ कहना, सच पूछिये तो मेरे लिये एक तरह की गुस्ताखी होगी। श्रधिकांश सदस्य श्रापके बारे में जानते हैं श्रीर बहुत तो मुझ से ज्यादा जानते हैं। इसलिये इन्हीं शब्दों के साथ में श्रापका स्वागत करता हूं श्रीर उम्मीद करता हूं कि इस राज्यसभा परिवार के श्रफसर-खानदान की हैसियत से श्राप हम सब की देखभाल करेंगे। श्रीर में श्रपनी तरफ से विश्वास दिलाता हूं कि जिस तरह का भी सहयोग श्रापके काम में आवश्यक होगा, उस तरह का हम पूरा सहयोग देंगे। इन शब्दों के साथ में श्रापका पुनः स्वागत करता हं।

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL (Guirat): Mr. Chairman. I rise to associate, myself with the remarks of the previous speakers. You have come, Sir, to this House with an' illustrious career behind you. You were in the forefront of the struggle for independence. You were known for your outstanding nationalist attitude for which you, like many other patriots in this country, have had to suffer. You have come here after having accomplished many tasks, both in the sphere of education and in the political life of this country. You are no stranger to this House You have been here before and compared to yourself I am a new comer to this House and as one who sits in the Opposition I will have to ask for your indulgence and your kindness as all parties in the Opposition will, because, if democracy is to progress in this country, it is the Chair that will have to safeguard the rights, the privileges of the parties which are smaller in number, of the voice that is feeble and is likely to be drowned in the sea of the numbers that sit on the majority side. Sir, we look forward with fond hopes to you and we hope that the traditions laid down in this House

illustrious predecessor will receive the lame consideration and will be cherished in the same manner by you and that the deliberations of this House will be carried on in the same way. We hope, Sir, that under your Chairmanship, the Opposition will be able to make its voice felt perhaps a little more. It has become the tendency of late that certain matters of procedure that are available under the Constitution, opportunities of speaking, have fallen into disuse. We hope Sir, to see that they will be used more and more and that you will give us encouragement in using them during your time.

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श्री ए० बी० वाजपेयी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : सभापति जी, ग्रापके निर्वाचन पर मैं ग्रापका हार्दिक अभिनन्दन करता हं।

एक शिक्षा शास्त्री के नाते आपने जो सेवाएं की हैं वे सदैव स्मरणीय रहेंगी। विहार के वैधानिक प्रमुख के नाते जिस प्रकार श्रापने अपने दायित्व का पालन किया वह भी हम सबके लिये मार्ग दर्शन का काम करेगा । मैंने भ्रापको निकट से बहुत थोड़े समय से देखा है। पिछले ग्रक्तूबर में जब राष्ट्रीय एकता सम्मेलन हुआ था, उस समय ग्रापने जो विचार प्रकट किये थे उन्होंने सभी देशवासियों के हृदय को ग्रापकी भ्रोर भ्राकृष्ट कर लिया था। ग्रभी राष्ट्रीय एकता परिषद की जो वैठक हुई, उसमें भी ग्रापका योगदान हमें सही दिशा में ले जाने में सहायक हम्रा ।

यह बड़ी खुशी की बात है कि जब इस देश में साम्प्रदायिकता की ग्रांधी चल रही थी और बड़े बड़ों के पैर उलड़ गये या डगमगा गये, तब भी स्राप राष्ट्रीयता के मार्ग पर दढ़ता के साथ ग्रागे बढ़ते रहे । हम ग्रपने देश में श्रसाम्प्रदायिक राज्य की स्थापना कर चुके हैं जिसमें मजहब के हिसाब से किसी प्रकार के भेदभाव के लिये कोई स्थान नहीं होगा। श्रौर ग्रापने ग्रपने शब्दों से, ग्रपनी कृति से इस ग्रमाम्प्रदायिकता के ग्रादर्श को वल प्रदान

किया है। उपराष्ट्रपति के रूप में, भारतीय गणराज्य के अधिकारी के नाते आपका मार्ग-दर्शन हमें प्राप्त होता रहेगा, यह प्रसन्नता की बात है।

इस सदन के ग्रध्यक्ष के रूप में हमें विश्वास है कि जो परम्पराएं हमने अभी तक डाली हैं. उन्हें ग्राप बद्धमूल करेंगे ग्रीर परिस्थिति के ग्रनरूप उनका विकास करेंगे । एक नये सदस्य के नाते में यह अनुभव करता हूं कि सदन को श्रीर भी प्रभावी बनाया जा सकता है । बाद-विवाद का, चर्चा का और देश की समस्याओं परविचार-विनिभय का श्रीर भी श्रवसर इस सदन को दिया जा सकता है। इसके लिये सत्तारूढ़ दल को थोड़ा सा प्रेरित करना होगा। श्रीर सभापति जो, इस काम के लिये हम श्रापकी स्रोर स्राज्ञा भरी दिष्ट से देखते हैं। जहां तक हमारा सम्बन्ध है, श्रापको हम " अपने पूर्ण सहयोग का आह्वासन देते हैं। ग्रापको इस पद पर निर्वाचित करके हमने भ्रापका नहीं, स्वयं अपने को ही सम्मानित किया है और हम इस सम्मान के अधिकारी बने रहें. यही हमारी कामना है।

SHRI SUDHIR GHOSH (West Bengal): Mr. Chairman, may I, in the name of the independent Members of this House, pay m_v respects to you on joining our family? This House, Mr. Chairman is very much of a family in spite of political differences between political parties and groups. Your predecessor was very much a father of this family and I am confident that you too, Sir, will occupy in the hearts of the Members of this House the same place and I am sure you will receive from the Members of this House the same respect and affection and co-operation as your predecessor did. I have had the opportunity of knowing you, Sir, in the past as a person close to Mahatma Gandhi. It is good to have as the head of this family a man who enjoyed the trust and confidence of the Father of the Nation.

प्रो० रामधारी सिंह विनकर (विहार): श्रीमन्, कांग्रेस दल के नेता के श्रीमनन्दन कर लेने के बाद मेरी हैसियत नहीं थी कि मैं कुछ कहने की उठूं। लेकिन मैं श्रपने की रोक नहीं सका। जिस दिन श्रखबारों में यह खबर छनी कि श्राप निश्चित रूप से देश के उपराष्ट्रपति चुने जाने वाले हैं उस दिन हम लोगों का हौसला बढ़ गया, खास कर मुझे यह महसूस हुशा कि इस देश का भिवतच्य श्रच्छा है, हमारी किस्मत उतनी बुरी नहीं है जितनी वह कभी कभी दिखाई देती है।

श्राप भारतीय एकता के सिपाही, साम्प्र-दायिक सद्भावना के प्रहरी श्रीर भारत के भविष्य के कर्णधारों में से हैं। शिक्षा के श्राप नामी विशेषज्ञ हैं। जिसको भी यह मौका मिला है कि वह श्रापका भाषण सुने या श्रापके निबन्धों को पढ़े वह इस बात से सहमत होगा कि शिक्षा के विषय में जो कुछ श्रापको मालूम नहीं है वह किसी के भी जानने लायक नहीं है।

श्रीमन्, मैं उस सूबे का हूं जहां का श्राप श्रपने को बोटर मानते हैं।

श्री गंगाशरण सिंहः सिनं मानते ही नहीं हैं।

प्रो॰ रामधारी सिंह दिनकर : बिहार में पांच वर्षों तक आपकी उपस्थिति से बहुत अच्छा बातावरण पैदा हुमा । बिहारियों को भापने जितना प्यार किया बहु हम जानते हैं भौर बिहारियों ने आपके प्रति जो भिक्त की बहु भी बिहारियों को मालूम है । असल में, जिस दिन भाप पटना से चले बहां वहीं दृश्य उपस्थित हो गया जो दृश्य दिल्ली से राजेन्द्र बाब के जाने के समय उपस्थित हुमा था।

हम बहुत ही आशा में हैं, आपके यहां रहते हुए हमारी बहुत सी कठिनाइयां दूर होंगी, हमारी राह भविष्य के लिये प्रशस्त होगी। हम अपनी भक्ति आपको अपित करते हैं। RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR (Punjab): Mr. Chairman, I am very happy also to be privileged to join in the chorus of welcome that has been showered on you and quite rightly too this morning. I have had the privilege of your friendship for many years I was with you as a member of the Indian Delegation to UNESCO on two occasions and I well remember the impression your personal^ your learning and your oratory made on all the foreign delegates assembled there. Later I had the privilege of working with you on the Hindustani Talimi Sangh, which Gandhiji actually left in your hands because he had the utmost reliance and faith in you, not only as an educationist but also as a man who had sacrificed for India, who loved India and who could truly speak for the poor masses of our country for whom education was so necessary. Sir, you come to this House having the affection of all of us and the respect of all of us. We will, I am sure, give you the fullest co-operation and we know that the dignity and honour of this honourable House will always be safe in your hands.

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PROF A. R. WADIA (Nominated): Mr. Chairman whether as a nominated Member or as an educationist or as an independent Member of this House, may I add my humble voice to the warm welcome that has been accorded to you on your election as the Chairman of Rajya Sabha. I have had the privilege of knowing you for a number of years and I have always followed your carrer as an educationist and as a public man with very great interest and with very great admiration. I know that you have been taking a very leading part in the public life. You have never been a mere politician. You have been a great patriot and you have served your country well. To use an old Roman expression, "You have deserved well of the Republic." Now, you are entering upon a distinguished office and I am perfectly certain that you will follow in the footsteps of your distinguished predecessor, who

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added to the dignity of your office as well as to the dignity of this House. May I wish you a very happy period of your Chairmanship?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Leader and friends, how can I ever adequately thanK you for the most generous words in which you have welcomed me. 1 am deeply moved even to the point of embarrassment. I am embarrassed for I am not at all sure that I deserve all the adjectives you have in your affectionate generosity 'showered on me. I wish I had deserved at least some of them. I am afraid' there is not enough time left to me to set about deserving them and yet I promise I shall try. The embarrassment is also due to the fact that I have been elected to occupy a Chair which was for the last ten years, since the inception of this House, adorned by one of the greatest sons of India, our present President. My feelings at being asked to occupy the Chair can well be imagined. I can hope to maintain the traditions established during his stewardship of the Sabha only by your active goodwill and cooperation and I hope and trust that these will not be denied to me.

I wonder if I should not tell you that when I first came to know of it, I was greatly surprised that I was being considered for this high office at all and I could not easily convince myself of [he reasons why. But the thousands of letters and telegrams of congratulation which I received after my election seemed to give me a clue, for, a disproportionately large percentage of these letters came from teachers, teachers of primary schools in remote corners of the country, teachers of high schools and teachers in the Universities. They all seemed to tell me that I was considered worthy of this honour on account my close involvement in educational work, and the significance that our people rightly appear to attach to education in their life. Education, indeed. is the life-breath of our democratic life

A people as old and as young as ours can justifiably look upon "education as the chief formative iorce of their life, for it is education that can critically appraise our great heritage, distinguish between the heritage that helps and the heritage Uiat hampers; preserve the one ana discard the other. It is education, again, that can give us a common vision of the future we are striving to lasnion and generate in us the intellectual and moral energy to fashion it. Education alone can preserve the old values worth preserving. Education alone can give us new values worth striving for. This conception of the role of education in our life partly explains to me why you have chosen to elect a person wno has so far done nothing more important than the work of a school teacher, as the Vice-President of India and • the ea>o#icio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. And in spite of a painfully vivid consciousness of my own personal limitations, I rejoice at this, my people's estimate of the role of education in national

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But in a developing democratic society, the work of education is not confined to its schools, colleges and universities. All the institutions of public life are potent agencies of education. Among these the highest place naturally goes to the Houses of Parliament. These set the aims of national life and prescribe its procedures. A two-fold influence is demanded of them-a total commitment to a future worthy of a great people and a relentlessly objective appraisal of the appropriate means of attaining it. The first gives a unity of national purpose, the second a healthy variety of opinion regarding the methods of its attainment. The unity of national purpose makes the diversity of opinion regarding means a blessing. The differences of view between the Government and the Opposition are manifestations of this blessing and should, therefore, be welcome. I hope and trust that we in this House will be as tolerant of divergent views as we have always

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been. We should be as objective in our intellectual assessment as ever possible and that we should give to those not of our way of thinking the respect that all honest opinion demands and Discussion, criticism and persuasion, are the essence of the parliamentary process and I am confident that this House will continue to demonstrate this unmistakably. The quality of our discussions, the fruitfulness of our deliberations, will be the measure of our contribution to national life and I am sure it will be a decidedly significant contribution.

I pledge myself to leave nothing undone to help you make that contribution. I pledge myself to utter fairness and impartiality. I pledge myself to give to the Government every opportunity to explain and elucidate its measures. I pledge myself to secure for the Opposition due latitude to criticise them, and I promise myself by doing this to ensure, with your goodwill and cooperation, a standard of discussion and debate conducted with decorum and would contribute which dignity, significantly to the attainment of the objective dear to all of us alike,—the building up of our country as the home of a free people, safe against material want and striving towards moral excellence in a world free of fear and suspicion and distrust, a world of peace and goodwill.

I thank you once again for your most generous words of felicitation.

And now to business.

STATEMENT OF BILL ASSENTED TO BY THE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement showing the Bill which was passed by Parliament during the Thirty-eighth Session (1962) of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President.

STATEMENT

The Appropriation (Railways) No. 2 Bill, 1962.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST MEETING (JUNE 1962) OF THE NATIONAL INTEGRATION COUNCIL

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA): Sir, on behalf of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the proceedings of the first meeting of the National Integration Council held at New Delhi on June 2 and 3, 1962. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-195/62.]

I. THE DELHI SALES TAX (AMEND-MENT) RULES, 1961

II. THE LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) RULES, 1961

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:

- (a) A copy of Notification No. F.3(31)/58-Fin.(E), dated the 28th June, 1961, publish ing the Delhi Sales Tax (Amendment) Rules, 1961, issued by the Delhi Administration, under sub-section (4) of section 26 of the Bengal Finance (Sales Tax) Act, 1941. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3145/61.]
- (b) A copy of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Eco nomic Affairs) Notification G.S.R. No. 476, dated the 3rd April, 1961, publishing the Life Insurance Corporation (Amendment) Rules, 1961, under sub-section (3) of section 48 of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2973/61.]