RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 15th June, 1962/the 25th Jyaistha, 1884 (Saka)

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

FELICITATIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION POWER (HAFIZ MOHAMMAD AND 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 Sir, the highest honour this House. 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 this country as a patriot, as 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. will translate it. There is a Persian proverb:

حق به حقدار رسید

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

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 mentionthat 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 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. 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 further 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 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 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 this House This is a House which is Tt. dignified House. verv serves and performs very duties and it has its 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 are, as we are told, majority minority communities, we want 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 the country. You have been a great educationist and scholar an educationist born not out of the rich but poverty-stricken people out of the 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 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 mocratic 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 do, carry forward 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 We, Sir, wish to shape 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 hope Sir, you will be a creative instrument towards the 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 (बिहार) श्रादर-णीय सभापति जी, त्राज त्राप हमार नये प्रध्यक्ष की हैसियत से हमारे बीच मे उपस्थित हैं। लेकिन श्राज जो इस हाउस के पुराने सदस्य हैं उनके लिये श्राप नये नहीं है श्रीर न यह हाउस श्रापके लिये नया है। बिहार का गवनंर होने के पहले श्राप इस सदन के सदस्य रहे श्रीर जो पुराने सदस्य हैं उनको श्रापके साथ रहने का, काम करने का श्रीर श्राप से मिलने का मौका प्राप्त हुश्रा है। इमलिये श्रापके लिए यह कोई नयी जगह नहीं है श्रीर न कोई नयी परम्परा है। पर जो परम्परा कायम है उसके श्राप साक्षी रहे है श्रीर उसको कायम करने मे, एक सदस्य की हैसियत से श्रापका हाथ रहा है।

जैसा कि पूर्व वक्ता ने कहा है, ग्रीर खास कर हमारे मित्र श्री भूपेश गुप्त ने कहा, द्यापका चुनाव वाइस प्रेजीडेण्ट की हैसियत से हमारे चेयरमैन की हैसियत से, भारतीय एकता का का बहत बडा प्रतीक, एक बहत बडा चिह्न है श्रीर हम सब इसके लिये गौरव श्रन्भव करते है । भ्रापका देश के राप्दीय म्रान्दोलन से प्रारम्भ से ही सम्बन्ध रहा है श्रीर हमारे देश में राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा की जो ग्राधारशिला रखी गई उस ग्राधारशिला के रखने वालो मे श्राप भी है श्रीर हम लोगो को यह उम्मीद है कि जिस तरह से राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा की ग्राधारशिला रखने मे ग्रापने बडा प्रमुख हाथ बटाया, उसकी नींव को मजबूत किया, उसी तरह से जनतन्त्र का जो प्रयोग हम कर रहे है, जनतन्त्र की जो इमारत हम खडी कर रहे है, उस जनतन्त्र की इमारत की ग्राधार-शिला रखने में भ्रौर उसके खड़ा करने में भी ग्रापका उमी प्रकार सहयोग ग्रौर उसी प्रकार हाथ रहेगा ताकि यह प्रयोग ग्रन्छी तरह से सम्पन्न हो।

जहा तक विहार का प्रश्न है, पिछले पाच वर्षों में श्राप हमारे सूबे में गवर्नर के पद पर रहे हैं। श्रापके निकट सम्पर्क में न श्राने पर भो दूर से ही मुझ पर जो प्रभाव पड़ा, जो हमारे प्रान्त पर प्रभाव पड़ा, जो परिस्थितिया [श्री गंगाशरण सिंह]

वहां पैदा हुईं, वह ऐसी हैं कि ग्रापके चले श्राने के बाद भी श्राज बिहार के लोग ऐसा धन्भव करते हैं कि जैसा उनका भ्रपना ही भ्रादमी बिहार से दिल्ली चला भ्राया । भ्राज ग्राप वाइस प्रेजीडेण्ट हैं ग्रीर बिहार के लोग ऐसा अनभव करते हैं कि डा॰ राजेन्द्र प्रसाद माज प्रेजीडेण्ट नहीं रहे तो जैसे हमारे ही प्रान्त के वाइस प्रेजीडेण्ट स्राज दिल्ली में बैठे हैं। पांच वर्ष के ग्ररसे में जबकि राजनैतिक उथल प्यल हो रही हो, भ्रापस में तरह तरह के प्रपंच चल रहे हों, उस समय एक भ्रादमी के लिये सबका विश्वास प्राप्त करना, लोकप्रिय बनना, सबका प्रियपात्र बनना, यह कोई **ग्रासान** काम नहीं है। यह बात बाहर वाले उतना अनुभव 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। श्रभी हमारी डेमोकेसी, हमारा जनतन्त्र नया है। बहुत सी परम्पराएं नयी बन रही हैं, बहुत सी परम्पराएं बन चुकी हैं भौर बहुत सी बनने वाली हैं। इसलिये लकीर का फकीर होने से काम नहीं चलेगा और बहुत सी परम्पराश्रों का निर्माण करना होगा जो हमारे देश के वातावरण श्रीर हमारे देश की परिस्थितियों के श्रनकुल हों।

शिक्षा शास्त्री होने के ग्रलावा राष्ट्रीय श्रान्दोलन से शुरू से श्रापका सम्बन्ध रहा है। मेरा निज का अनुभव है कि शिष्टता के साथ ही साथ श्राप में स्पष्टवादिता है श्रौर साफ-गोई है। किसी चीज को सफाई के साथ कहने की श्रावश्यकता हो तो बेमुरव्यती के साथ कह सकने की शिक्त भी श्राप में है जो श्राज देश के के लिये नितान्त श्रावश्यक है श्रौर उसकी श्राज सबसे ज्यादा जरूरत मैं समझता हूं। सिर्फ सत्यम् बूयात प्रियम् ब्रूयात वाली ही बात नहीं होनी चाहिये। श्राज सत्य श्रगर श्रप्रिय भी हो तो कहना चाहिये। श्रौर मैं जानता हूं कि उसकी क्षमता ग्राप में है ग्रौर इसलिये विशेष रूप से मैं ग्रापके प्रति ग्राकित होता हूं ग्रौर ग्रापका स्वागत करता हूं।

the Chairman

श्रापके बारे में परिचय देना या श्रीर कुछ कहना, सच पूछिये तो मेरे लिये एक तरह की गुस्ताखी होगी। ग्रिधकांश सदस्य श्रापके बारे में जानते हैं श्रीर बहुत तो मुझ से ज्यादा जानते हैं। इसलिये इन्हीं शब्दों के साथ में ग्रापका 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 ग्रावश्यक होगा, उस तरह का हम पूरा सहयोग देंगे। इन शब्दों के साथ मैं श्रापका पुनः स्वागत करता हं।

DAHYABHAI V. PATEL Shri (Gujrat): 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. are no stranger to this House have been here before and compared to yourself I am a new comer to this House and as one who sits Opposition I will 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. we look forward with fond hopes to you and we hope that the traditions laid down in this House by

illustrious predecessor will receive the 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.

श्री ए० बी० वाजपेयी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : सभापित जी, श्रापके निर्वाचन पर मैं श्रापका हार्दिक श्रभिनन्दन करता हं।

एक शिक्षा शास्त्री के नाते श्रापने जो सेवाएं की हैं वे सदैव स्मरणीय रहेंगी। बिहार के वैधानिक प्रमुख के नाते जिस प्रकार श्रापने श्रपने दायित्व का पालन किया वह भी हम सबके लिये मार्ग दर्शन का काम करेगा। मैंने श्रापको निकट से बहुत थोड़े समय से देखा है। पिछले श्रक्तूबर में जब राष्ट्रीय एकता सम्मेलन हुग्रा था, उस समय श्रापने जो विचार प्रकट किये थे उहोंने दूसभी देशवासियों के हृदय को श्रापकी श्रोर श्राकृष्ट कर लिया था। श्रभी राष्ट्रीय एकता परिषद् की जो बैठक हुई, उसमें भी श्रापका योगदान हमें सही दिशा में ले जाने में सहायक हुग्रा।

यह बड़ी खुशी की बात है कि जब इस देश में साम्प्रदायिकता की भ्रांधी, चल रही थी भीर बड़े बड़ों के पैर उखड़ गये या डगमगा गये, तब भी भ्राप राष्ट्रीयता के मार्ग पर दृढ़ता के साथ भ्रागे बढ़ते रहे। हम भ्रपने देश में भ्रसाम्प्रदायिक राज्य की स्थापना कर चुके हैं जिसमें मजहब के हिसाब से किसी प्रकार के भेदभाव के लिये कोई स्थान नहीं होगा। भ्रौर ग्रापने ग्रपने शब्दों में, भ्रपनी कृति से इस ग्रमाम्प्रदायिकता के स्थादर्श को बल प्रदान

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

इस सदन के ऋष्यक्ष के रूप में हमें विश्वास है कि जो परम्पराएं हमने स्रभी तक डाली है, उन्हें ग्राप बद्धमल करेंगे ग्रीर परिस्थिति के श्रनरूप उनका विकास करेगे । एक नये सदस्य के नाते में यह अनुभव करता हं कि सदन को स्रोर भी प्रभावी बनाया जा सकता है । बाट-विवाद का, चर्चा का ग्रौर देश की समस्याग्रो पर विचार-विनिमय का और भी अवसर इस सदन को दिया जा सकता है। इसके लिये सत्तारूढ़ दल को थोड़ा सा प्रेरित करना होगा। श्रौर सभापति जो, इस काम के लिये हम श्रापकी श्रोर श्राशा भरी दिष्ट से देखते है। जहां तक हमारा सम्बन्ध है, ग्रापको हम ' ग्रपने पूर्ण सहयोग कार्ट्स ग्राज्वासन देते है 🕨 श्रापको इस पद पर निर्वाचित करके हमने श्रापका नहीं, स्वय श्रपने को ही सम्मानित किया है भ्रौर हम इस सम्मान के भ्रधिकारी बने रहे, यही हमारी कामना है।

GHOSH (West Shri SUDHIR Bengal): Mr. Chairman, may I, in the name of the independent Members of this House, pay my respects to our family? you on joining 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 same this House the 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.

प्रो॰ रामधारी सिंह विनकर (बिहार): श्रीमन्, कांग्रेस दल के नेता के श्रीभनन्दन कर लेने के बाद मेरी हैसियत नहीं थी कि मैं कुछ कहने को उठूं। लेकिन मैं श्रपने को रोक नहीं सका। जिस दिन श्रखबारों में यह खबर छ्यी 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 हुआ कि इस देश का भिवतन्य 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 और भारत के भविष्य के कर्णधारों में से हैं। शिक्षा के ग्राप 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 ग्रापको मालूम नहीं है वह किसी के भी जानने लायक नहीं है।

श्रीमन्, मैं उस सूबे का हूं जहां का ग्राप ग्रपने को वोटर मानते हैं।

श्री गंगाशरण सिंहः सिर्म मानते ही नहीं हैं।

प्रो० रामधारी सिंह विनकर : बिहार में पांच वर्षों तक ग्रापकी उपस्थिति से बहुत भ्रच्छा वातावरण पैदा हुग्रा । बिहारियों को भ्रापने जितना प्यार किया वह हम जानते हैं भ्रौर बिहारियों ने ग्रापके प्रति जो भिक्त की वह भी बिहारियों को मालूम है । ग्रसल में, जिस दिन ग्राप पटना से चले वहां वही दृश्य उपस्थित हो गया जो दृश्य दिल्ली से राजेन्द्र बाब के जाने के समय उपस्थित हुग्रा था।

हम बहुत ही ग्राशा में हैं, ग्रापके यहां रहते हुए हमारी बहुत सी कठिनाइयां दूर होंगी, हमारी राह भविष्य के लिये प्रशस्त होगी। हम ग्रपनी भक्ति ग्रापको ग्रपित करते हैं। RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR (Pun

jab): 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 personality your learning and your oratory made on all the foreign delegates assembled 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.

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 $\mathbf{a_s}$ the Chairman of Rajya Sabha. I have had the privilege of knowing you for a number of years and I have followed your carrer as an educationist and as a public man with great interest and with very admiration. I know that you have been taking a very leading part the public life. You have never been a mere politician. You have been great patriot and you have served your country well. To use an 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

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?

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Mr. CHAIRMAN. Mr. Leader and friends, how can I ever adequately thank you for the most generous words in which you have welcomed me. I 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 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 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 the 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 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 ioice of their life, for it is education tnat can critically appraise our great heritage, distinguish between the heritage that helps and the heritage preserve that hampers, one and discard the other. It is education, again, that can give us a common vision of the future we are striving to tashion and generate in us the intellectual and moral energy to rashion 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 who has so far done nothing more important than the work of a school teacher, as the Vice-President of India the ex-officio 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 life.

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 Par-These set the aims of liament. national life and prescribe its proce-A two-fold influence is dures. 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 blessing. The differences of between the Government and the Opposition are manifestations of this blessing and should, therefore, welcome. I hope and trust that in this House will be as tolerant of divergent views as we have

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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 that all honest demands and deserves. 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 co-operation, a standard of discussion and debate conducted with decorum and dignity, which would contribute 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, publishing 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 Economic 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. Library. [Placed in See No. LT-2973/61.]