

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 2nd August, 2018/11th Shravana, 1940 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

FELICITATIONS BY THE CHAIR

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, as you are all aware, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Member and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, former Member and Deputy Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, along with Shri Hukmdev Narayan Yadav, Shri Dinesh Trivedi and Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, Members of the Lok Sabha, were conferred the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award, in a function held yesterday, the 1st of August, 2018, in the Central Hall of the Parliament House.

This House has been witness to the political and administrative acumen, deep insight into various social issues, command over the Rules and Procedure of the House and simple but effective way of oratory of Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad and Dr. Najma A. Heptulla.

It is indeed a matter of great pride for this House that one sitting Member and one former Member have been conferred with this prestigious award.

The rich experience of Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad in public life and as Legislator and Minister, including that of Parliamentary Affairs, lends weight to his present role in this august House as the Leader of the Opposition. Shri Azad, as Leader of the Opposition, has been a great source of support to me in resolving many difficult situations. There are two people, if I have to mention, who are always instrumental in resolving the issues and in helping the Chairman whenever there is a problem. One is the Leader of the Opposition and the other is the Leader of the House. I am happy, though Leader of the House is not here today, that both have been recognised as Outstanding Parliamentarians. Earlier, the Leader of the House, Shri Arun Jaitley, was also conferred the same. At the meeting of the Leaders of various parties convened by me on the 17th of last month, that was a day before the start of this Session, Shri Azad made it clear that all together shall ensure smooth functioning of the House. Referring to the last two unproductive Sessions, Shri Azad noted with concern that people's esteem for legislators is going down. I am glad that this Session got off to a good start.

[Mr. Chairman]

On behalf of the whole House and my own behalf, I congratulate all the Members on their achievements and do hope that they continue to serve the Parliament and the nation for a long time with grace and distinction. I would also like to urge other Members, particularly, the new Members, to emulate them and always conduct themselves in accordance with the parliamentary etiquette and make meaningful contributions to the polity and nation.

SHRI D. RAJA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, we all associate ourselves with the Chair in congratulating our colleagues.

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE; AND THE MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): Sir, all of us associate ourselves with this.

SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, we also associate ourselves with this.

SHRI A. NAVANEETHAKRISHNAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, we also associate ourselves with this.

MS. DOLA SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with this.

SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV (Rajasthan): Sir, I also associate myself with this.

SHRI C.M. RAMESH (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with this.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA (Himachal Pradesh): Sir, we also associate ourselves with this.

KUMARI SELJA (Haryana): Sir, I also associate myself with this.

SHRI SANJAY RAUT (Maharashtra): Sir, I also associate myself with this.

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with this.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA (Assam): Sir, I also associate myself with this.

PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA (Bihar): Sir, I also associate myself with this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is a good thing. Now, Parliamentary Affairs Minister.

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री; तथा सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विजय गोयल): सभापति महोदय, यह इस सदन के लिए बड़े गर्व की बात है कि डा. नजमा हेपतुल्ला जी, जो 16 साल तक इस सदन की डिप्टी चेयरमैन रहीं, हमारी सरकार में मंत्री रहीं और अभी वे मणिपुर की गवर्नर हैं। उनको उत्कृष्ट सांसद के पुरस्कार से नवाजा गया है। महोदय, यह हम सभी के लिए गर्व की बात है। उससे भी ज्यादा गर्व की बात यह है कि नेता विपक्ष, गुलाम नबी आजाद जी को भी उत्कृष्ट सांसद का अवॉर्ड मिला है। उनको अगर मैं एक आदर्श सांसद कहूँ, तो अतिशयोक्ति नहीं होगी। नेता विपक्ष के रूप में मैंने उनको देखा है कि वे अपनी बात को बड़े ही सौम्य तरीके से, समय पर और प्रभावी रूप से रखते हैं। वे कम बोलते हैं, पर प्रभावी रूप से बोलते हैं और जब आनन्द शर्मा जी हमको दिक्कत में डालते हैं, तो वे दिक्कत से निकालते हैं, इसलिए मैं एक संसदीय कार्य राज्य मंत्री होने के नाते भी उनके प्रति आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ। हमने केवल गुलाम नबी आजाद जी की मधुरता ही नहीं देखी है, बल्कि वे लोक सभा और राज्य सभा, दोनों जगह हम सांसदों के लिए प्रभावी रूप से एक आदर्श बने हैं। उन्होंने एक छोटे ब्लॉक स्तर के ऊपर से राजनीति शुरू की, जम्मू-कश्मीर यूथ कांग्रेस के प्रेजिडेंट बने, फिर ऑल इंडिया के बने, देश के हेल्थ मिनिस्टर बने और देश के सिविल एविएशन मिनिस्टर बने। वे केवल मिनिस्टर ही नहीं बने, उन्होंने अपनी अपनी छाप भी छोड़ी। इसके साथ-साथ उन्होंने जम्मू-कश्मीर के मुख्य मंत्री के रूप में भी प्रभावी रूप से शासन किया। आज हम सबको इस बात की बड़ी खुशी है कि हमारे सदन में विपक्ष नेता को राष्ट्रपति जी से उत्कृष्ट सांसद का अवार्ड मिला है। इसके लिए मैं आप सबकी ओर से उनको बहुत-बहुत बधाई देता हूँ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. The entire House agrees with that.

Papers to be Laid on the Table.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री (श्री थावर चन्द गहलोत): महोदय, मैं अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति (अत्याचार निवारण) अधिनियम, 1989 की धारा 23 की उपधारा (2) के अधीन अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति (अत्याचार निवारण) संशोधन नियम, 2018 को प्रकाशित करने वाली सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय (सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता विभाग) की अधिसूचना सं. सा.का.नि. 588 (अ) दिनांक 27 जून, 2018 की एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ। [Place in Library. See No. L.T. 9452/16/18]

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