

1.00 P.M.

[THE VICE CHAIRMAN (PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA) *in the Chair*]

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIR**

**सभा के नेता (श्री थावरचन्द गहलोत):** उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं सदन से और आपसे निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि भोजनावकाश देने के बजाय, रेल मंत्रालय के कार्यकरण पर भोजनावकाश में भी चर्चा करा लें तो उचित होगा। मेरी आनन्द शर्मा जी से बात हुई है, सुखेन्दु दादा से बात हुई है और राम गोपाल यादव जी से बात हुई है। वे सब इसके लिए सहमत हैं।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA): That is the sense of the House, shall we proceed? The Railway Minister is here. I was looking for the Minister.

The next speaker is Shri R. S. Bharathi, not there; Shri K. Somaprasad, not there; Shri Vaiko, not there, Shri Veer Singh, not there; Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya, not there, Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha, not there, Shri Neeraj Shekhar.

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Sir, nobody is here.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA): The Minister is here, the Leader of the House has made a request, he has the assent of all the parties.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Sir, nobody knew about this. This is the last minute thing.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA): The Leader of the House has consulted with the leaders of various political parties, has got their assent, so, we have decided to go ahead. Mr. Neeraj Shekhar, not speaking; Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha, are you ready to speak?

PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Sir, I am just worried about the quorum. I must say that the leaders did not consult us, then, what kind of consultation is this? You speak to two-three people and then say. ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA): The leaders of the House. ...(*Interruptions*)... thank you very much Jairamji, I got your point. The leaders of the parties have been consulted by the Leader of the House.

PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Sir, there is no downward communication.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Sir, the Members are not here, Members are superior to the leaders. How come the Members not here?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA): The Business of the House is decided in cooperation with the leaders and the Leader of the House. So, as far as I am concerned, this can proceed, we just need to ensure that the speakers are ready to speak.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Sir, then, you should have announced this at 11 a.m.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA): The next speaker is Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha.

श्री थावरचन्द गहलोत: जयराम जी, आनन्द शर्मा जी ने सहमति दी है। क्या आप इससे असहमति व्यक्त कर रहे हैं? ...(व्यवधान)...

उपसभाध्यक्ष (प्रो. एम. वी. राजीव गौड़ा): मनोज झा जी, आप शुरू कीजिए। ...(व्यवधान)...

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#### DISCUSSION ON THE WORKING OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA (BIHAR): Sir, even the mike has gone for lunch. मैं कल से इस रेल मिनिसट्री पर चर्चा के लिए बैठा हुआ हूँ, सबको सुना है और कमोबेश मैंने उपस्थिति की संख्या यही देखी है। अगर मंत्रालयों की चर्चा जैसे गम्भीर विषय पर यह उपस्थिति है, तो यह सूचकांक है, सूचकांक में सदन की प्रतिबद्धता है। Sir, can I expect the House to be in order with whatever few Members we have? सर, अभी तो कोरम भी नहीं है। ...(व्यवधान) ...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA): Hon. Members, please be on your seats. We have a request from the Member to ensure order in the House.

श्री संजय सिंह: सर, हाउस का कोरम देख लीजिए। ...(व्यवधान)...

उपसभाध्यक्ष (प्रो. एम. वी. राजीव गौड़ा): देखेंगे। Please continue your speech. ...(Interruptions)...

श्री संजय सिंह: सर, कोरम तो देख लीजिए, हाउस का कोरम पूरा है या नहीं। ...(व्यवधान)...

PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Sir, I want my time to be revised in view of the conversation that we had in between. मैं कल से बैठा हुआ हूँ और एक चीज़ जो मैं आपके माध्यम से सदस्यों को कहना चाहता हूँ कि रेलवे पर चर्चा के दौरान—माननीय मंत्री जी, न जाने क्यों मुझे लग रहा है कि हम रेलवे की विदाई का समारोह मना रहे हैं। It is a farewell to the Indian Railways. It seems to me, and I will come to it point by point.