

सभा में चुनकर आता था। मैं जब 2014 में मोदी साहब के साथ आया, तब अगर मैं आग्रह करता कि मुझे लोक सभा के लिए लड़ना है - मैं तीन बार लोक सभा में चुनकर आया था और चौथी बार मैं इसलिए नहीं जा रहा था ,क्योंकि मैंने सोचा कि और पांच साल के बाद क्षेत्र बदलना ठीक नहीं है, इसीलिए मैंने बीजेपी से राज्य सभा की सीट मांगी और बीजेपी ने मुझे राज्य सभा में भेजा, नहीं तो मैं लोक सभा से आता था। राज्य सभा में आने के बावजूद भी माननीय नरेन्द्र मोदी जी ने मुझे उनके मंत्रिमंडल में ले लिया है और मुझे सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय की जिम्मेदारी दी है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

श्री रामदास अठावले: हमारी 2024 की तैयारी चल रही है और हम आगे बढ़ते रहेंगे।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, hon. Minister.

OBSERVATION BY THE CHAIR

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, we now come to the end of a very fruitful and constructive discussion on the nation's glorious journey in space exploration. I heard the hon. Members' views, in the House and outside, observations and assessment with rapt attention. One common thread was evident in the speeches - national interest and that it is glorious, concerted effort. There was resonance of a shared sense of pride and accomplishment in our space odyssey, made possible by the brilliant minds of our scientists and technicians and visionary leadership on appropriate occasions.

The vast expanse of space has enchanted humanity since time immemorial. Members have reflected on that in terms of poem also. Bharat, one of the oldest civilizations in the world, has nurtured a strong tradition of space science and astronomy. There are contributions of our earliest scholars like Aryabhatta, Varahamihira, Brahmagupta, Bhaskara among others are recognized not just by Bharat, but by the world at large! In recognition of their contribution, the very first Indian spacecraft named after the mathematician and astronomer of Gupta era about 1500 years old, Aryabhatta, was launched in 1975.

The spirit of exploration, built upon our scientific heritage, fuelled by courage and innovation, has propelled us to explore the uncharted territories of space with renewed vigour! While doing so, on the one hand, we are showcasing our technological prowess. On the other hand, we remain firmly dedicated towards reaping its benefit for social good, and to enhance the lives of our countrymen.

Hon. Members, you may recall, during the Mission Chandrayaan-2, our hon. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, was personally present to encourage and motivate the scientists at ISRO headquarters in Bengaluru.

This consistent support and belief of leadership in scientific community has undoubtedly been a vital factor in the success of Chandrayaan-3 and our earlier missions.

India's space programme is a source of national pride. It is a befitting testament to the country's scientific and technological self-reliance. It is our duty, as the custodians of people's aspirations and stakeholders in their future, to provide steadfast support to the new frontiers of space exploration. Let us be resolved to stand by Bharat as it marches to regain its past glory in the *Amrit Kaal*.

RESOLUTION

Recognition and appreciation of scientists for successful soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 on South Pole of the Moon

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, various leaders, Shri Tiruchi Siva, Dr. K. Keshava Rao, Shri Jairam Ramesh and others, -- I can name all of them -- they said that it is an occasion and the temper of the debate was very high. It was contributory. Brilliant speeches were made by Shri Jairam Ramesh, by the hon. Minister and by the hon. Finance Minister. But, I can tell you that I have listened to each and every speech. Every speaker has contributed a perspective to the issue. In that view, I place the following Resolution before the House. I am quoting the Resolution.

"India's Space programme is a source of national pride. It is a continuing testimony to the nation's inherent scientific and technological prowess.

Affirmative ecosystem and visionary leadership has enabled our scientists to fully realize their potential, unleash their energy and attain this historical milestone.

This House recognizes and appreciates the scientists, including, particularly, the women scientists, for achieving this arduous feat with the successful soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 near unconquered South Pole of Moon. This accomplishment, along with the other space missions, will usher in long-lasting economic and social upliftment."

May I take that this Resolution is adopted unanimously?