

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 31st January, 2024 /11 Magha, 1945 (Saka)

The House met at fifty-five minutes past twelve of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair*.

(The National Anthem, "Jana Gana Mana", was played.)

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

MR. CHAIRMAN: Oath or Affirmation.

Shri Satnam Singh Sandhu (Nominated)

Shri Narain Dass Gupta (NCT of Delhi)

1.00 P.M.

MS. SWATI MALIWAL: *

MR. CHAIRMAN: One minute. ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): Sir, this vitiates the Oath itself. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You will have to take it again.

MS. SWATI MALIWAL: I will say it again.

MR. CHAIRMAN: One minute. Swatiji, please take your seat. Please take your seat.

MS. SWATI MALIWAL: So, should I go back?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat. I will call you again. Hon. Members, this is a very solemn occasion and there have been instances earlier when there have been

* Not recorded.

diversions to oath in the country and outside also, and corrections had to be made. She is a young Member of the House. She will bear with it. Now, Ms. Swati Maliwal, please.

Ms. Swati Maliwal (NCT of Delhi)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The earlier one will not go on record. ...(*Interruptions*)... Keshavaji, I am the guardian. The earlier one will not go on record. ...(*Interruptions*)...

DR. K. KESHAVA RAO (Telengana): The right one will be there. ...(*Interruptions*)... We had objected and you upheld it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will react... One minute. I congratulate all the three Members on my behalf and on your behalf for being a part of the world's most important theatre of democracy, namely, the Council of States which is the Upper House, the House of Elders.

Now, a copy of the President's Address to be laid on the Table.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS*

SECRETARY GENERAL: Sir, with your kind permission, I rise to lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the President's Address to both the Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 31st January, 2024.

[Text of the address delivered by the President (Shrimati Droupadi Murmu)]

माननीय सदस्यगण,

इस नए संसद भवन में यह मेरा पहला संबोधन है। आज़ादी के अमृतकाल की शुरुआत में यह भव्य भवन बना है। यहां एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत की महक भी है। भारत की सभ्यता और संस्कृति की चेतना भी है। इसमें, हमारी लोकतांत्रिक और संसदीय परंपराओं के सम्मान का प्रण भी है। साथ ही, 21वीं सदी के नए भारत के लिए, नई परंपराओं के निर्माण का संकल्प भी है। मुझे पूरा विश्वास है कि इस नए भवन में नीतियों पर सार्थक संवाद होगा। ऐसी नीतियां जो आज़ादी के अमृतकाल में विकसित भारत का निर्माण करेंगी। मैं आप सभी को अपनी शुभकामनाएं देती हूं।

* Laid on the Table.