

## RAJYA SABHA

*Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 /13 Magha, 1945 (Saka)*

*The House met at eleven of the clock,*

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I am extremely pleased to extend my greetings to hon. Members of Parliament, Shri Sant Balbir Singh, Shri Prem Chand Gupta and Shri Naresh Bansal on their birthdays. Shri Sant Balbir Singh's birthday is today and, of the other two, it is tomorrow, the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. For them, advance birthday greetings!

Shri Sant Balbir Singh has been a Member of this august House since July, 2022, representing the State of Punjab. He is a renowned environmentalist, social reformer and a spiritual leader. He has also been *Sarpanch* of his native village, Seechewal, twice and has won the Nirmal Gram Award for his village in 2008. He has been honoured with several prestigious awards including Padma Shri in 2017 for his pivotal role in conserving holy rivulet Kali Bein.

Shri Prem Chand Gupta, currently a Member of this House since April, 2020, is in his fifth term in the House of Elders. He is a former Union Minister also. He is also the Leader of the Rashtriya Janata Dal in Rajya Sabha, a former Union Minister, and Shri Gupta is a trained pilot. Am I right?

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA (Bihar): Yes, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is married to Shrimati Sarla Gupta and is blessed with two sons, Mayur Gupta and Gaurav Gupta and one daughter, Shalini Aggarwal.

Shri Naresh Bansal has been a Member of Rajya Sabha since November, 2020. Shri Bansal had served in various capacities in Uttarakhand before entering political life. He is married to Shrimati Akshma Bansal and is blessed with two sons, Kunal Bansal and Siddharth Bansal and one daughter, Megha Bansal.

Hon. Members, on behalf of this House, I wish them a long, healthy and happy life and extend greetings to their family members.

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