

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 4th December, 2024 / 13 Agrahayana, 1946 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

श्री जावेद अली खान (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, आपको बधाई, आपने किसानों के लिए आवाज उठाई है।

†جناب جاوید علی خان: سر، آپ کو بدھائی، آپ نے کسانوں کے لیے آواز اٹھائی ہے۔

श्री सभापति: आदमी को हमेशा चिंतित होना चाहिए, जब उसकी बड़ाई हो रही है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I am pleased to extend greetings to hon. Member of Parliament, Shri Milind Murli Deora, on his birthday today.

Shri Deora is a Member of this august House since April, 2024, representing the State of Maharashtra and is serving currently as the Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation of Rajya Sabha. A two-term Member of Lok Sabha consecutively...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH (Karnataka): From which party?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a good question. Shri Deora had the distinction of being one of the youngest Members of Parliament at the age of 27 when he was first elected in 2004 and later in 2009 from Mumbai South, a constituency represented in Lok Sabha three times by his late father, Shri Murli Deora. In his second term, Milind rose to become the Union Minister of State for Communication and Information Technology with an additional portfolio of Shipping. A Business Graduate from Boston University, Shri Deora is also the founder of Sparsh, the NGO dedicated to empowering underprivileged students through ICT skills. He is an accomplished guitarist with several public performances to his credit, and you would do much better, Milind, to know what your name means in Sanskrit. Find out?

† Transliteration in Urdu script.

Shri Deora comes from an illustrious family. His father, Shri Murli Deora had remarkable public life making monumental contributions in various positions, a former Cabinet Minister, a Member of this House as well as also of Lok Sabha and he kept his relations across all parties, something which is fundamental. I have had the good occasion and fortune to be a Member of Parliament along with his father and known the family for over four decades.

Shri Milind Deora is married to Shrimati Pooja Shetty, a successful entrepreneur in the entertainment industry and the couple is blessed with daughter - Miraya.

On behalf of this House, I wish him a long, healthy and happy life and extend greetings to his family members.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24) of STARS Project, Himachal Pradesh; STARS Project, Maharashtra and various Samagra Shiksha Programmes for various years and other related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers: -

- (i) (a) Annual Report of the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project, Himachal Pradesh, for the years 2022-23.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Project.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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- (ii) (a) Annual Report of the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project, Maharashtra, for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Project.
- (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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