

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 12th December, 2024 / 21 Agrahayana, 1946 (Saka)

*The House met at eleven of the clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.*

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon Members, I am pleased to extend greetings to hon. Members of Parliament -- Shri Sharad Pawar and Shri Harsh Mahajan on their birthdays.

Shri Sharad Pawar, Padma Vibhushan Awardee, a four-time Chief Minister of Maharashtra, -- 1978 to 1980, 1988 to 1990, 1990 to 1991 and 1993 to 1995 -- former Union Defence and Agriculture Minister, is serving his second term in this august House since April, 2020. Shri Pawar comes with extensive legislative experience of having served in Lok Sabha for seven terms, six terms in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and one term in the Maharashtra Legislative Council. His long and distinguished career reflects his leadership and deep influence in both State and national politics. His multifaceted personality and his administrative qualities have been witnessed while he had been the President of the ICC, the BCCI and the Mumbai Cricket Association. His book, "On My Terms", is a rich, insightful and remarkable memoir of his contributions to public life.

Shri Sharad Pawar is married to Shrimati Pratibha Pawar and the couple is blessed with daughter, Shrimati Supriya Sule, who was a former Member of this House, from 2006 to 2009 and, since then, continually she is in her fourth term in the Lok Sabha, having been recently elected in 2024.

Hon. Members, on my own and on behalf of this House, I wish him a happy, long and healthy life and extend greetings to his family members. I cherish a strong personal bond with the family for the last over three decades.

Hon. Members, Shri Harsh Mahajan is serving his first term in Rajya Sabha since April, 2024. Shri Mahajan served for three terms in Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.(Interruptions).... Are you saying something?

श्री जयराम रमेश (कर्नाटक): सर, इंडियन नेशनल कांग्रेस, आपके माफिक...

श्री सभापति: आप तो रिश्तों को बहुत जल्दी भूल जाते हैं, आपको रिश्ते याद ही कहाँ रहते हैं! रिश्तों की अहमियत समझिए थोड़ा। इन रिश्तों की तिलांजलि नहीं दी जाती है, इन रिश्तों को पूजा जाता है, सृजन किया जाता है। चोट करनी है, तो दिमाग पर कीजिए, दिल पर नहीं।

Shri Harsh Mahajan has been Cabinet Minister of Animal Husbandry in the Government of Himachal Pradesh from 2003 to 2008. He has been a recipient of Himachal Kesri Award in 2007 for his exemplary contributions to public life.

He is married to Shrimati Uma Mahajan and the couple is blessed with son Viraj Mahajan and daughter Subhadra.

Hon. Members, on my own and on behalf of this House, I wish him a happy, long and healthy life and extend greetings to his family members.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table.

- I. **Heritage Bye-Laws for Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains**
- II. **Reports and Accounts (2022-23 and 2023-24) of Tibet House, New Delhi; Indian Museum, Kolkata; Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi; and Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

- I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Heritage Bye-laws of the Ministry of Culture, under sub-section (6) of Section 20E of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958:-
 - (1) Heritage Bye-Laws for The Bridge over Beta (Behta) River and the temple attached to it, Tikaitganj, (Tehsil - Malihabad, District — Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh).
 - (2) Heritage Bye-Laws for Hammam Khana, Chowk Mohalla, Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh.
 - (3) Heritage Bye-Laws for “Two tombs, viz., the first octagonal and known as the tomb of Muhammad Momin, the ‘Ustad’, now empty, and the other square and known as the tomb of Haji Jamal, his pupil; the latter contains 5 graves inside and one on a platform outside” Nakodar, District Jalandhar,