

RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 29th November, 2024 / 8 Agraahayana, 1946 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members, I am pleased to extend greetings to Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Dr. Bhim Singh whose birthday is tomorrow, the 30th of November; and Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha whose birthday is on Sunday, the 1st of December.

Dr. Bhim Singh is serving his first term in this august House since April, 2024, representing the State of Bihar. He has served two consecutive terms in the Bihar Legislative Council (2006 to 2015) and held key Ministerial portfolios, including Rural Works, Panchayati Raj, Industries and Road Construction. He had served as a Mechanical Engineering Lecturer in Government Polytechnic, Bihar. He is also a graduate in Law and a Doctorate in Labour Studies. He has authored several books, one of them being '*Mahan Karmayogi: Jananayak Kapoori Thakur*', honouring the life and legacy of *Jananayak Bharat Ratna Kapoori Thakurji*, and this has earned a special place in literary circles.

Hon'ble Members, I vividly remember, in April this year, Dr. Bhim Singh took oath as a Member of Rajya Sabha in Sanskrit. Married to Shrimati Malti Singh, and the couple is blessed with daughters, Neha and Nisha.

Hon'ble Members, on my own and your behalf, I wish him a happy, long and healthy life and extend greetings to his family members.

Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha is serving his first term in this august House since April 2024, representing the State of Bihar. He is currently the floor leader of Janata Dal (United) and serves as the Chairperson of the Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture. He is a post-graduate in Medieval History from the prestigious Jawahar Lal Nehru University.

Shri Sanjay Jha served two terms in Bihar Legislative Council (2006 to 2012 and 2019 to 2024) and held key Ministerial roles in Water Resources and Information & Public Relations. During his tenure, he oversaw transformative projects like the Ganga Water Supply Scheme and the construction of India's largest rubber dam at

Vishnupad temple, ensuring year-round water availability in the Falgu river. A champion of *Mithila*'s cultural heritage, Hon'ble Members, I noticed joy on his face when the Constitution was released in *Maithili* language on 26th November.

Married to Shrimati Enakshi Jha, the couple is blessed with son, Aadi, and daughters, Satya and Adya.

Hon'ble Members, on my own and your behalf, I wish him a happy, long and healthy life and extend greetings to his family members.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

- I. Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry**
- II. Reports and Accounts (2023-24) of CSEZA, Cochin, Kerala; VSEZA, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh and CPPRI, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JITIN PRASADA): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

I. (i) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce), issued under Section 3 and Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992: -

- (1) S.O. 3027(E) ., dated the 29th July, 2024, regarding export of Non-Basmati White Rice under ITC(HS) Code 10063090 to Namibia through National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL).
- (2) S.O. 3069(E) ., dated the 1st August, 2024, regarding inclusion of Kandla and Vishakhapatnam Sea Ports for Export of Essential Commodities to Maldives during FY 2024-25.
- (3) S.O. 3503(E) ., dated the 20th August, 2024, amending Export Policy of De-Oiled Rice Bran.
- (4) S.O. 3509(E) ., dated the 20th August, 2024, regarding Export of Non-Basmati White Rice under ITC(HS) code 10063090 to Malaysia through National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL).
- (5) S.O. 3764(E) ., dated the 3rd September, 2024, regarding Export of Red Sanders wood by Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department,