

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 17th March, 2025 / 26 Phalguna, 1946 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Happy Holi to everyone. Now, Birthday Greetings. Hon. Members, pleased to extend greetings to the hon. Member of Parliament, Shri Jaggesh, his birthday today. Shri Jaggesh, a Member of this august House since July 2022, had also been a Member of Karnataka Legislative Assembly (2008-2009) and Legislative Council (2010-2016). Popularly known as 'Navarasa Nayaka', Shri Jaggesh, is an award winning Kannada cinema actor. In a career spanning over four decades and still counting, he acted in lead roles in more than century-and-a half - 150 films - to the admiration of lakhs all over.

Married to Shrimati Parimala, the couple is blessed with sons Gururaj and Yathiraj both promising and budding talents in Kannada film industry.

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

सभा के नेता (श्री जगत प्रकाश नड्डा) : सभापति जी, मैं सबसे पहले अपनी ओर से और सारे हाउस की तरफ से आपको होली की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं देता हूँ। आप स्वास्थ्य लाभ लेकर आज पहली बार सदन में आए हैं। मैं सदन में सबकी ओर से आपके स्वास्थ्य लाभ के लिए और आपने सकुशल आकर फिर से अपना जो कार्यभार संभाला है, इसके लिए आपको बहुत-बहुत शुभकामनाएं और बधाई देता हूँ। मैं हाउस के सभी सदस्यों की ओर से यह कामना करते हुए कि आपका जीवन स्वस्थ, लम्बा और मंगलमय रहे, आपका पुनः हार्दिक अभिनंदन करता हूँ।

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन खरगे) : सर, आपको सबसे पहले होली की हार्दिक बधाई! जैसा कि नड्डा साहब ने भी कहा, हम सभी की ओर से यह चाहते हैं कि आपकी लम्बी आयु रहे और आप हमारे साथ हँसते-मुस्कुराते रहें, लेकिन आज आपको थोड़ा रेस्ट भी लेना है। मैंने तो यह सोचा था कि आप कम से कम 5-6 दिन नहीं आएंगे, लेकिन आपका उत्साह और आपका enthusiasm देखने के बाद मुझे ऐसा लग रहा है कि आपका जो यह काम करने का तरीका है या अपना कर्तव्य निभाने का जो तरीका है, इसको आप बहुत ही लगन से कर रहे हैं। आपको पुनः होली की मुबारकवाद देते हुए और आपकी लंबी आयु की अपेक्षा करते हुए मैं आपको धन्यवाद देता हूँ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I am greatly touched, and concern was expressed. That contributed to my speedy recovery. The Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition were the first ones to get in touch with my family. Shrimati Sonia Gandhi got in touch with my wife, as did the Chief Ministers of several States, including West Bengal. That was enlightenment to me, when it comes to a situation, how our hearts are connected. This will be a source of inspiration and enlightenment to me. The hon. Prime Minister and others visited the hospital, that was restricted; many wanted to come. I express my deep sense of gratitude. I would not like to name those who have shown gratitude because there is hardly anyone who has not shown. Shri Derek O'Brien, irrepressible, as usual, when I called him on his birthday, during this period, he said, 'Shut up! Take rest.' I take up the Items of Business now. Papers to be laid on the Table.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Statements showing action taken by the Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. L. MURUGAN): Sri, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Statements showing action taken by the Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings given during the Session shown against each: -

1.	Statement No. XV	Two Hundred Thirty Ninth, 2016
2.	Statement No. XXII	Two Hundred Fortieth, 2016
3.	Statement No. XXI	Two Hundred Forty Fifth, 2018
4.	Statement No. XXIV	Two Hundred Forty Sixth, 2018
5.	Statement No. XVI	Two Hundred Fifty Fourth, 2019
6.	Statement No. XV	Two Hundred Fifty Sixth, 2022
7.	Statement No. X	Two Hundred Fifty Seventh, 2022
8.	Statement No. IX	Two Hundred Fifty Ninth, 2023
9.	Statement No. VI	Two Hundred Sixty Second, 2023
10.	Statement No. III	Two Hundred Sixty Fifth, 2024
11.	Statement No. I	Two Hundred Sixty Sixth, 2024

[Placed in Library. For (1) to (11), See No. L. T. 2562/18/25]