

अंत में, मैं अपने प्रोफेशन के बारे में एक छोटी, लेकिन महत्वपूर्ण बात कहना चाहता हूँ। मैं स्वयं सोशल वर्क के क्षेत्र से आता हूँ। There is a position in hospitals called Medical Social Worker. सर, इसकी pay parity नहीं है। उसको एक बार दिखवा लीजिएगा। कई ऐसे एम्स हैं, उदाहरण के लिए, भुवनेश्वर एम्स, जो DU के हमारे डिपार्टमेंट की डिग्री को मान्यता नहीं देते। यह स्थिति कैसे चलेगी? सर, इसे सुधारने की ज़रूरत है। अगर छोटी-मोटी टिप्पणी से किसी को कष्ट हुआ हो, तो मैं माफी चाहता हूँ।

(MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*)

सर, आप अच्छे वक्त में आए हैं, जय-हिन्द!

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any time is good time. Hon. Members, I am indeed honoured and so would the Members of this august House with the felicitation, I am indicating from the Chair.

FELICITATIONS BY THE CHAIR

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, it is a privilege to honour Shri Ilaiyaraaja, the legendary composer whose music has shaped Indian Cinema for over five decades. Revered as *Isaignani*, the musical genius, his extraordinary mastery of blending classical traditions with contemporary sounds has given rise to timeless melodies that transcend generations and borders. His compositions are much beyond songs. These are deeply felt emotions that have touched millions.

He has composed over 8,600 songs besides being the only composer in the world to have composed music for about 1,523 feature films and in over nine languages.

Shri Ilaiyaraaja's unparalleled contributions to music have been accoladed and recognized with numerous honours, including five National Film Awards -- three for the Best Music Direction and two for Best Background Score. A gold medallist in classical guitar from Trinity College of Music, London, he has elevated Indian music to global recognition. In 2010, he was conferred the *Padma Bhushan*, followed by *Padma Vibhushan* in 2018, and, in 2022, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji, in recognition of his remarkable legacy.

Hon. Members, I join you in proudly announcing that Shri Ilaiyaraaja is the first Indian to compose, record and perform live, a full English Classical Symphony Music titled 'Valiant' this month, in London with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra on March

8, 2025. This symphony was composed by him in 34 days which is a very unique achievement, and the whole nation and people beyond are proud of this. The achievement is yet another testament to his enduring brilliance and global appeal.

Beyond his musical achievements, Shri Ilaiyaraaja's presence in this august House since July 2022 as a nominated Member enriches our collective discourse. On behalf of this House, I extend my heartfelt felicitations to him. May his legacy continue to inspire, motivate, and may his melodies captivate the world for generations to come!

I will now revert to continuation of the debate. It is on these occasions the world recognizes the sublimity and depth of Bharat. And, in the same line, with equal recognition, I now invite Jayaji to take the floor. What a pleasant coincidence, after Ilaiyaraaja's felicitations, we have Jayaji here contributing!

DISCUSSION ON THE WORKING OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE — *Contd.*

SHRIMATI JAYA AMITABH BACHCHAN (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, we wish you good health. *Vanakkam periyanna*, Ilaiyaraajaji. I have had the opportunity of spending a lot of time with him. In fact, we have had the opportunity to work with his son as one of the composers in one of our films. I am very happy and thankful to the Government for bringing such illustrious people from this industry into this House. They are truly the representatives of the Upper House, the House of intellectuals. It makes me extremely happy. I congratulate the Government for doing so. आपको शारीरिक स्वास्थ्य के लिए शुभकामनाएं। सर, सब्जेक्ट बहुत अच्छा है — जैसे तो प्रो. राम गोपाल यादव जी को बोलना चाहिए था, क्योंकि वे हेल्थ कमेटी के चेयरमैन हैं, लेकिन मैंने हाइजेक कर लिया है।

महोदय, कितना अच्छा लगता है, जब इस हाउस में खड़े होकर एमपीज़ अपने स्टेट की उन्नति के बारे में बात करते हैं, बढ़ाई करते हैं, लेकिन दुर्भाग्यवश हम ये नहीं कर सकते हैं। ...**(व्यवधान)**... सर, अगर डायलॉग बोल भी दूंगी, तो अच्छा ही बोलूंगी, आप लोगों से तो अच्छा ही बोलूंगी।

[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI) *in the Chair.*]

Sir, respecting the lives of people who bring us to this position is a very, very important duty. Let us together give them that respect that they have given us, to speak for them, to speak on behalf of them and to take care of them. I am sure that for any Government that comes to power, the basic interest is to provide good