

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 3rd February, 2025 /14 Magha, 1946 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair*

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, pleased to extend Birthday Greetings to hon. Members of Parliament- Shri Prem Chand Gupta, Shri Naresh Bansal.

Shri Prem Chand Gupta is currently in his fifth term in Rajya Sabha since April, 2020 representing the State of Bihar. He is also the leader of the Rashtriya Janata Dal in the House. Shri Gupta had served as Union Minister of Corporate Affairs under Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. He is widely travelled and has the distinction of representing India at the United Nations General Assembly thrice- 2000, 2002 and 2011.

He is married to Shrimati Sarla Gupta and is blessed with two sons, Mayur Gupta and Gaurav Gupta, and one daughter, Shalini Aggarwal.

Shri Naresh Bansal is a distinguished Member of Rajya Sabha representing the State of Uttarakhand, since November 2020. Shri Bansal had served in various capacities in Uttarakhand before entering national scene. He was General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party in the State for seven years from 2002 to 2009 and was also Chairman of Housing Development Council, Uttarakhand from 2009 to 2012.

He is married to Shrimati Kshama Bansal and is blessed with two sons, Kunal Bansal and Siddharth Bansal, and one daughter, Megha Bansal.

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

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of **Shri Palavalasa Rajasekharam**, a former Member of this House, on the 13th of January, 2025. Shri Rajasekharam served as a Member of this House representing the State of Andhra Pradesh, from April, 1976 to 1982.