

## Regarding the celebration of Mirabai's 525th Janmotsav

श्रीमती हेमामालिनी (मथुरा): सभापति महोदय, बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद। सबसे पहले मैं बधाई देना चाहती हूँ कि तीनों राज्यों में हमें अपार सफलता मिली है।

माननीय सभापति: तो फिर सभी को बधाई देनी चाहिए। आप अपनी बात कहिए।

श्रीमती हेमामालिनी : महोदय, मैं अपने नेता नरेन्द्र मोदी जी और उनके साथ सभी नेताओं और कार्यकर्ताओं को बधाई देती हूँ।

जाके सिर मोर मुकुट, मेरो पति सोई।

मेरे तो गिरिधर गोपाल, दूसरो न कोई।

I would like to draw the attention of this august House to the excitement with which Mirabai's 525<sup>th</sup> *Janmotsav* was celebrated in my constituency Mathura on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023. On behalf of my *Brijwasis* and myself, I would like to thank our hon. Prime Minister for making the event so memorable by his solemn visit and presence.

It was a privilege to have our hon. Prime Minister who released a commemorative stamp on Mirabai and also a coin that marks her 525<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary. Mathura being such a culturally vibrant and dynamic region, we had to have a cultural presentation. And I am grateful to Modi ji for witnessing a dance ballet on Mira, on her life by my troupe and myself. It was a humble offering, but his appreciation and words of encouragement overwhelmed each one of us. So, we are truly fortunate. In fact, his presence at the *Janmotsav* brought alive the bhakti of our people towards Mira, who was given less importance in general by the seekers of the Lord.

Sant Mirabai's sojourn and stay in Vrindavan in the 16<sup>th</sup> century had contributed immensely towards the rejuvenation and enrichment of the Bhakti movement that would last for ages to come. Her unwavering devotion to Lord Krishna, despite facing great hurdles, is legendary and is a subject of folklore in our country.

The hon. Prime Minister in his brief address on the occasion had rightly captured Sant Meera Bai's impact on the cultural-religious significance in the country when he said that Mirabai had nurtured the consciousness of India with her devotion and spiritualism. The People of Braj are proud that our hon. Prime Minister has

expressed his desire to support the all-round development of the land of Braj. My heartfelt gratitude to Modi ji for his consistent efforts and his tireless work for the people of Bharat. With his kind bhakti each one of us is certain that our rich heritage will be forever preserved.

Thank you so much.

**13.00 hrs**