

12.01 hrs.

Title: Election of Shri Manohar Joshi as the Speaker of Lok Sabha (Motion moved by Shri Atal Bihar Vajpayee).

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव का समर्थन करता हूँ।

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Sir, I second the Motion.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

श्री रामजीवन सिंह (बलिया, बिहार): महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव का समर्थन करता हूँ।

SHRI ASHOK N. MOHOL (KHED): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

SHRI LAXMANRAO PATIL (SATARA): Sir, I second the Motion.

श्री अनंत गंगाराम गीते (रत्नागिरि): महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूँ :

" कि श्री मनोहर जोशी, जो इस सभा के सदस्य हैं, को इस सभा के अध्यक्ष के रूप में चुना जाए। "

श्री प्रकाश परांजपे (ठाणे): महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव का समर्थन करता हूँ।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

SHRI ALI MOHD. NAIK (ANANTNAG): Sir, I second the Motion.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM (THANJAVUR): Sir, I second the Motion.

श्री हरीभाऊ शंकर महाले (मालेगांव): महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूँ :

" कि श्री मनोहर जोशी, जो इस सभा के सदस्य हैं, को इस सभा के अध्यक्ष के रूप में चुना जाए। "

SHRI M. MASTER MATHAN (NILGIRIS): Sir, I second the Motion.

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR (AKOLA): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

श्री थावरचन्द गेहलोत (शाजापुर): महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव का समर्थन करता हूँ।

DR. C. KRISHNAN (POLLACHI): Sir, I beg to move;

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM (VELLORE): Sir, I second the Motion.

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE (CALCUTTA SOUTH): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

SHRI AKBOR ALI KHANDOKER (SERAMPOR): Sir, I second the Motion.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO (JAGATSINGHPUR): Sir, I second the Motion.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, the Motion moved by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and seconded by Shri L.K. Advani is before the House for consideration. I am putting this Motion to the vote of the House.

The question is :

"That Shri Manohar Joshi, a member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I declare that Shri Manohar Joshi has been chosen as the Speaker of this House.

Hon. Members, before I request the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition and other leaders to conduct Shri Manohar Joshi to the Chair, I take this opportunity to heartily congratulate Shri Manohar Joshi on having been elected unanimously to the office of the Speaker of Lok Sabha. With his election, I feel relieved that the onerous responsibility cast upon me consequent upon the death of Shri G.M.C. Balayogi in running the House has lightened! Nevertheless, I can assure him that he will always have my fullest cooperation as his Deputy in running the House.

It is a creditable achievement in the 50th year of Indian Parliament that we have elected our Speaker with oneness of opinion.

Sir, you are a first-timer in Parliament. But, you are not new to parliamentary institutions and parliamentary procedures. You have had a long stint in the Maharashtra Legislature holding various positions. This rich experience in the Legislature and the great traditions maintained by your illustrious predecessors will guide you in running the House smoothly.

As I said at the outset, we are celebrating the fiftieth year of our Parliament. This occasion must instil in us a greater resolve to strengthen Parliament. As the Speaker represents the authority of the House and is the repository of its collective wisdom, we all have a common duty to strengthen his hands in upholding that authority and in reflecting that wisdom.

I appeal to all the hon. Members of this House to extend full cooperation to Shri Manohar Joshi as you have all so kindly extended to me while I was discharging the duties of the Speaker. I am grateful to you all for the cooperation shown to me. I wish all the very best to Shri Joshi as the new Speaker of the Thirteenth Lok Sabha.

Now, the hon. Prime Minister, the Leader of the House, the hon. Leader of the Opposition and other leaders may conduct the Speaker to the Chair.

(Shri Manohar Joshi was conducted to the Chair by the Leader of the House,

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the Leader of the Opposition,

Shrimati Sonia Gandhi.)

12.11 hrs. (Shri Manohar Joshi, Mr. Speaker *in the Chair*)

MR. SPEAKER: *Mitro*, thank you very much for electing me as the Speaker. May I now request the hon. Prime Minister to address the House?