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Title: Mr. Speaker congratulated Sarvashri A.R. Rahman, Gulzar and

Resul Pookuty on winning Oscar Awards for the film "slumdog Millionaire". Mr. Speaker also made reference about the film "Smile Pinky", a short subject documentary, for winning an Oscar.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, it is a matter of immense pride for us that the film "Slumdog Millionaire" has won eight Oscars including the award for the Best Picture. Three Indians, Sarvashri A.R. Rahman, Gulzar and Resul Pookuty have bagged Oscar awards.

The award for the Best Original Song has been shared by Shri A.R. Rahman and Shri Gulzar; the award for the Best Original Score has been given to Shri A.R. Rahman; and the award for the category of Best Sound Mixing has been shared by Shri Resul Pookuty.

This historic achievement by these artists has warmed the hearts of every Indian. The nation is proud of their achievement. It is a clear acknowledgement by the international community of the high degree of excellence achieved by the Indian artists. Equally exhilarating is the bagging of an Oscar by the documentary film "Smile Pinky" based on Indian background under the Best Short Subject Documentary category.

I am confident, these achievements by our creative legends will inspire the talented youth of the country to realise its infinite potential and prove its mettle globally. I am sure, the House will join me in congratulating the awardees as well as the entire teams of the two films and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Jai ho.

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