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INTRODUCTION OF PRIME MINISTER, LEADER OF THE HOUSE, AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Title: Mr. Speaker introduced the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition to the House of Fourteenth Lok Sabha.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have great pleasure in introducing to the House, the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. He needs no elaborate introduction. We extend to him our good wishes and wish him all success in his task.

Also, I have the pleasure in introducing the Leader of the House Shri Pranab Mukherjee, and the Leader of the Opposition Shri L.K. Advani.

The hon. Prime Minister may now introduce his Council of Ministers.

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी (गांधीनगर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मतदान की घोणा होते ही और परिणाम आते ही प्रधान मंत्री श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी जी ने अपना त्याग पत्र दे दिया क्योंकि हमने इस बात को स्वीकार किया कि एनडीए सरकार को फिर से जनादेश नहीं मिला। उसके कुछ दिन बाद जब राष्ट्रपति जी ने डाक्टर मनमोहन सिंह जी को प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में आमंत्रित किया तो मैं मानता हूँ कि साधारणतः किसी भी लोकतांत्रिक देश में जितने भी मतभेद होते हैं, उनके बावजूद सब लोगों के मन में यह खुशी हुई कि एक बेदाग शख्सियत ने प्रधानमंत्री का पद भार सम्भाला है। मैं प्रधान मंत्री जी से विनम्रतापूर्वक कहना चाहता हूँ कि जब मंत्रिमंडल का गठन हुआ, उस समय बहुत सारे लोगों को काफी निराशा हुई क्योंकि इतना बेदाग प्रधान मंत्री ~~आएँ~~ (व्यवधान)

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: May I request the hon. Members to please take their seats?

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I earnestly appeal to you to please take your seats.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am there to protect everybody. Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. I will request the Leader of the Opposition to be very brief on this because this is not the usual time when we take this up. However, I have allowed him because he wanted to be very brief. Please make a very brief point.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Prime Minister will introduce his Ministers.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, please cooperate.

If the Leader of the Opposition wants to say something briefly, let him speak. Then, I will also give you the opportunity to reply.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will give you full opportunity. Hon. Members, please take your seats.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Raghunath Jha, I earnestly request you to please cooperate with the Chair. Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Advaniji, please briefly submit your point.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: We know that it is the prerogative of the Prime Minister to choose his colleagues. But if the Leader of the Opposition wants to make a brief submission, I will allow him to do so. Then the hon. Prime Minister will speak.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, why are you standing? I have allowed him to speak.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please, let us start with the new way of functioning. I know, Shri Advaniji, you are articulate. I would request you to be brief in making your submission.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI : I have said only two sentences...(Interruptions) I have not said anything...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, I know that.

May I request you all to please cooperate with the Chair. All of us are aware that the hon. Prime Minister has absolutely the discretion to choose his Council of Ministers. But I cannot ignore the Leader of the Opposition if he wants to make a brief submission. I would request him to make a very brief submission.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am allowing Shri L.K. Advani to make his submission.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Prime Minister will no doubt present his Council of Ministers, and if he wants to add anything on this, certainly he can do that.

Yes, now Shri L.K. Advani.

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपका बहुत आभारी हूँ कि आपने मुझे इस अवसर पर एक ऐसी बात उठाने का मौका दिया, जिसमें न केवल विपक्ष बल्कि मैं समझता हूँ कि जो पार्टियाँ इस सरकार का समर्थन कर रही हैं, उनको भी यह बात अच्छी नहीं लगी कि जब यह निर्णय हुआ कि आपसे अधिक इस सच्चाई को कौन जानता है, (व्यवधान) इसलिये कल दोनों सदनों के 200 से अधिक सदस्य महामहिम राष्ट्रपति जी के पास गये थे और इसी संदर्भ में जिक्र किया (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: आपके लीडर बोल रहे हैं। Your leader is speaking now. Why are you interrupting?

...(Interruptions)

SHRI L.K. ADVANI : They are interrupting...(Interruptions) If they keep on interrupting, how can I speak?...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, please cooperate with the Chair. Let the Leader of the Opposition make his submission.

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : अध्यक्ष जी, शुरु से लेकर आज तक मंत्रिमंडल अनेक बार गठित हुये हैं (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Please be brief.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI L.K. ADVANI : I cannot be brief if they go on interrupting like this...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, please cooperate. It would have been over by this time. Please allow him to speak.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am earnestly appealing to all of you to cooperate. It would be over in two minutes.

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : अध्यक्ष जी, यहां एक स्थापित परम्परा रही है कि मंत्रिमंडल का गठन करते समय प्रधान मंत्री का यह प्रैरोगेटिव है कि किसे लिया जाये और किसे न लिया जाये लेकिन यह भी परम्परा है कि यदि किसी का क्रिमिनल बैकग्राउंड है, तो मंत्रिमंडल उसे स्वीकार नहीं करता रहा है। (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: I would again appeal to all of you. All of you had been extremely gracious enough to offer your cooperation to the Chair. I am only requesting you to please hold patience for two minutes. I know that this is not a usual thing.

...(Interruptions)

श्री मानवेन्द्र सिंह (मथुरा) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इन्हें ऐसा कहने का कोई अधिकार नहीं है। (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. I will not allow interruptions when the Chair is speaking. Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will not allow violations of the 'code of conduct'. Please be rest assured about that. If you do not allow the House to function in an orderly manner, at least 'this Chair' will not tolerate that. I had been requesting all the hon. Members.

The hon. Prime Minister has absolute right to choose his Council of Ministers. I had called him to present his Council of Ministers here. But a request has been made by the Leader of the Opposition. I also felt that we should start a new chapter of cooperation and consensus. Now, I would again request Shri Advani, the Leader of the Opposition, to be very brief and try to avoid any controversies.

...(Interruptions)

श्री राम कृपाल यादव (पटना) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, ये परम्परा के विपरीत काम कर रहे हैं। (व्यवधान)

श्री मानवेन्द्र सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इन्हें ऐसी बात कहने का कोई अधिकार नहीं है। (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: You may please sit down. Kindly do not force me to take unpleasant action.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You have to sit down when I am standing.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: When I am standing, you have to sit down. Please sit down.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You may please take your seat. Otherwise, I will have to take unpleasant action on the first day itself. Please do not do that.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: All of you may please take your seats, when the Speaker is on his feet. Let us not take too many liberties.

...(Interruptions)

डॉ. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दक्षिण दिल्ली) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, अगर लीडर आफ दि अपोजीशन को नहीं सुना जाएगा, तो उधर से भी कोई नहीं बोल सकेगा। (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: I had requested, Shri Malhotra. Your leaders have said earlier. Let us find out what is the response.

Shri Advani, I will request you to kindly be very brief.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: आप मुझे बोलने दीजिए। Let him say what he wants to. Why are you interrupting?

Shri Advani, I would earnestly appeal to you to please conclude.

...(Interruptions)

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : अध्यक्ष जी, स्वतंत्र भारत में 14-15 प्रधान मंत्री हुए हैं। अगर श्री नन्दा जी को माना जाए, तो आप 15वें प्रधान मंत्री हैं, लेकिन अभी तक किसी प्रधान मंत्री ने अपने मंत्रिमंडल में ऐसे लोगों को शामिल नहीं किया। â€ (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Now, the hon. Prime Minister.