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OFFICERS OF LOK SABHA

THE SPEAKER*

Shrimati Meira Kumar

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

Shri Karia Munda

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN***

Shri Basu Deb Acharia

Shri Arjun Charan Sethi

Shri Biren Singh Engti

Smt. Sumitra Mahajan

SECRETARY GENERAL

Shri P.D.T. Achary

* Elected on 03.06.2009.

** Elected on 08.06.2009

*** Nominated on 29.05.2009

The following two separate orders were issued by the President of India on 29.05.2009 :

1. Whereas the office of the Speaker will become vacant immediately before the commencement of the first sitting of the House of the People on June 1, 2009 and the office of the Deputy Speaker is also vacant.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Clause (1) of Article 95 of the Constitution of India, I hereby appoint Shri Manikrao Hodlya Gavit, a Member of the House of the People to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker from the commencement of the sitting of the House of the People on June 1, 2009 till the election of the Speaker by the said House.

Pratibha Devisingh Patil

PRESIDENT OF INDIA

2. I hereby appoint **Shri Basu Deb Acharia, Shri Arjun Charan Sethi, Shri Biren Singh Engti and Smt. Sumitra Mahajan** to be the persons before any of whom Members of the House of the People may make and subscribe the oath or affirmation in accordance with the provisions of Article 99 of the Constitution of India.

Pratibha Devisingh Patil

PRESIDENT OF INDIA

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

CABINET MINISTERS

Dr. Manmohan Singh The Prime Minister and also in-charge of the Ministries/ Departments not specifically allocated to the charge of any Minister viz.:

(i) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;

(ii) Ministry of Planning;

(iii) Department of Atomic Energy;

(iv) Department of Space;

(v) Ministry of Culture; and

(vi) Ministry of Water Resources

Shri Pranab Mukherjee The Minister of Finance

Shri Sharad Pawar The Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Shri A.K. Antony The Minister of Defence

Shri P. Chidambaram The Minister of Home Affairs

Kumari Mamata Banerjee The Minister of Railways

Shri S. M. Krishna The Minister of External Affairs

Shri Virbhadra Singh The Minister of Steel

Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh The Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad The Minister of Health and Family Welfare.

Shri Sushilkumar Shinde The Minister of Power

Shri M. Veerappa Moily The Minister of Law and Justice

Dr. Farooq Abdullah The Minister of New and Renewable Energy

Shri S. Jaipal Reddy The Minister of Urban Development

Shri Kamal Nath The Minister of Road Transport and Highways

Shri Vayalar Ravi The Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs

Shri Dayanidhi Maran The Minister of Textiles

Shri A. Raja The Minister of Communications and Information Technology

Shri Murli Deora The Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Shrimati Ambika Soni The Minister of Information and Broadcasting

Shri Mallikarjun Kharge The Minister of Labour and Employment

Shri Kapil Sibal The Minister of Human Resource Development

Shri B.K. Handique The Minister of Mines and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region

Shri Anand Sharma The Minister of Commerce and Industry

Dr. C.P. Joshi The Minister of Rural Development and Minister of Panchayati Raj

Kumari Selja The Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Tourism

Shri Subodh Kant Sahay The Minister of Food Processing Industries

Dr. M.S. Gill The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

Shri G.K. Vasan The Minister of Shipping

Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

Shri Mukul Wasnik The Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment

Shri Kantilal Bhuria The Minister of Tribal Affairs

Shri M.K. Alagiri The Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers

MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

Shri Praful Patel The Minister of State of the Ministry of Civil Aviation

Shri Prithviraj Chavan The Minister of State of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Ministry of Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Shri Shriprakash Jaiswal The Minister of State of the Ministry of coal and Minister of State of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Shri Salman Khursheed The Minister of State of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Minister of State of the Ministry of Minority Affairs

Shri Dinsha Patel The Minister of State of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Shrimati Krishna Tirath The Minister of State of the Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shri Jairam Ramesh The Minister of State of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

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MINISTERS OF STATE

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Shri Srikant Jena The Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Shri E. Ahamed The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways

Shri Mullappally Ramachandran The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs

Shri V. Narayanasamy The Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia The Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Smt. D. Purandeswari The Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development

Shri K.H. Muniyappa The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways

Shri Ajay Maken The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs

Smt. Panabaka Lakshmi The Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles

Shri Namu Narain Meena The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

Shri M.M. Pallam Raju The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence

Shri Saugata Ray The Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban Development

Shri S.S. Palanimanickam The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

Shri Jitin Prasada The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Shri A. Sai Prathap The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel

Shrimati Preeti Kaur The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs

Shri Gurudas Kamat The Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

Shri Harish Rawat The Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment

Prof. K.V. Thomas The Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Shri Bharatsinh Solanki The Minister of State in the Ministry of Power

Shri Mahadeo S. Khandela The Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Shri Dinesh Trivedi The Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Shri Sisir Adhikari The Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development

Shri Sultan Ahmed The Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism

Shri Mukul Roy The Minister of State in the Ministry of Shipping

Shri Choudhury Mohan Jatua The Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Shri D. Napoleon The Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Dr. S. Jagathrakshakan The Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Shri S. Gandhiselvan The Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Shri Tusharbai Chaudhary The Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shri Sachin Pilot The Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

Shri Arun Yadav The Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Shri Pratik Patil The Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

Shri R.P.N. Singh The Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Shri Shashi Tharoor The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs

Shri Vincent H. Pala The Minister of State in the Ministry of Water Resources

Shri Pradeep Jain The Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development

Kumari Agatha Sangma The Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development

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Monday, June 1, 2009/ Jhaistha 11, 1931 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER PRO-TEM Shri Manikrao Hodlya Gavit in the Chair]

NATIONAL ANTHEM

(The National Anthem was played)