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Title: Regarding World Marathi Language Day.

✳️**SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT (MUMBAI-SOUTH)** : Hon. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank you from the core of my heart. Today is World Marathi Language Day. It is birthday of great Marathi poet Kusumagraj who had also won Jnanpeeth Award. His birthday is celebrated as Marathi Bhasha Divas by Marathi speaking people as well as residents of Maharashtra. I would like to recite two lines written by him. On completion of fifty years of our independence, he wrote a poem.

His poem is a guiding light for all of us, especially for rulers, representatives of people as well as government officers. I would read out four lines for you

"पन्नाशीची उमर गाठली, अभिवादन मज करू नका,

मीच विनविते हात जोडूनी वाट वाकडी धरू नका

वेतन खाऊंनी काम टाडणे हो दशावा द्रोह असे,

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कस्तीत दुसरे, बघतील तिसरे असे सांगूनी सुटू नका

जनसेवेसाठी असे कचेरी

ही डाकूंची नसे गुहा

मेजाखवती मेजाखातूनी द्रव्य कुणाचे लुटू नको

This can be a guiding poem for entire country. This poem should be translated and circulated throughout the nation for the benefit of all. Hence, he got Jnanpeeth award. I salute him once again on his birthday. I would like to recite a few more lines :

लाभले आम्हास भाग्य बोलतो मराठी

जाढलो खरेच धन्य ऐकतो मराठी

बोलतो मराठी, ऐकतो मराठी

जानतो मराठी, मानतो मराठी

दंगले मराठी, रंगले मराठी

स्पंदते मराठी, स्पर्शते मराठी

गुंजते मराठी, गर्जते मराठी

गुंजते मराठी, गर्जते मराठी

In short, it means that we are fortunate that we speak Marathi, we listen Marathi. We know Marathi, we understand Marathi. We regard Marathi from the bottom of our hearts. Marathi has occupied every space of our life. I salute this great Marathi language of saint Gyaneshwar and Tukaram on its birthday.

I wish it may progress constantly. Thank you very much Jai Hind Jai Maharashtra.

HON. SPEAKER: Dr. Kirit Somaiya is permitted to associate himself with the issue raised by Shri Arvind Sawant.

