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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

"पञ्चाशीची उमर गाठली, अभिवादन मज करू नका,

मीव विनविते ठाट जोडूनी वाट वाकडी धरू नका

पेतान खांडनी काम टाडणे हो ठशाचा द्रेष असे,

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करतील दुर्से, बघतील तिसरे असे सांबूली सुटु नका

जनसेवेयाठी असे काहेठी

ही डांगूंदी नसे गुडा

मेजारवरती मेजारातूनी दूऱ्य कुणावे लुट 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 :

ताआतो आमळास आन्य बोलतो मराठी

जाहलो खरेच धन्य ऐकतो मराठी

बोलतो मराठी, ऐकतो मराठी

जानतो मराठी, मानतो मराठी

दंगतो मराठी, रंगतो मराठी

रंगदतो मराठी, रपश्तो मराठी

नुंजतो मराठी, नर्जतो मराठी

नुंजतो मराठी, नर्जतो 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.

