

[English]

DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Madurai) : Sir, I beg to move :

"That Shri P.M. Sayeed, a member of this House, be chosen as the Deputy-Speaker of this House."

SHRI SURENDER SINGH (Bhiwani) : Sir, I second the motion.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Madras Central) : Sir, I beg to move

"That Shri P.M. Sayeed, a member of this House, be chosen as the Deputy-Speaker of this House."

SHRI MADHUKAR SIRPOTDAR (Mumbai North-West) Sir, I second the motion.

MR SPEAKER : Shri R.S. Gavai - not present.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN (Coochbehar) : Sir, I beg to move

"That Shri P.M. Sayeed, a member of this House, be chosen as the Deputy-Speaker of this House."

SHRI P R KYNDIAH (Shillong) Sir, I second the motion.

MR SPEAKER Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal - not present

SHRI E AHAMED (Manjeri) : Sir, I beg to move :

"That Shri P.M. Sayeed, a member of this House, be chosen as the Deputy-Speaker of this House."

MR SPEAKER Shri Francisco Sardinha - not present.

Now the motion moved by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and seconded by Shri Sharad Pawar is before the House for consideration; and I am putting this motion to the vote of the House

The question is

"That Shri P.M. Sayeed, a member of this House, be chosen as the Deputy-Speaker of this House."

The motion was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER : I declare that Shri P.M. Sayeed has been chosen as the Deputy Speaker of this House.

(Shri P.M. Sayeed, was conducted to his seat by the Leader of the House Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Leader of the Opposition, Shri Sharad Pawar, and Leaders of some other Parties and Groups)

12.15 hrs.

[Translation]

FELICITATIONS TO DEPUTY SPEAKER

PRIME MINISTER (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE) :

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I very much congratulate and welcome Shri Sayeed on his being elected as Deputy Speaker. It is never too late to mend. But late was not due to any question related with the personality of Sayeed Saheb. Delay was caused because there was a difference of opinion on how to follow the tradition. I got the opportunity to establish relations with Sayeed Saheb inside and outside the House. He is very humorous, introvert and sweet spoken. He knows when to be firm and when to be flexible. The beautiful Island to which he belongs, he has brought beauty of that main land also. He has been elected ninth time. I was elected in 1957 for the first time after which he came to the scene. He shouldered many responsibilities, he had been Minister, discharged responsibilities as members and chairman of committees and attempted to take all alongwith himself in which he got success. Now a new responsibility has come to him. I wish him a success. Mr. Speaker, Sir, you would also be relieved of some burden. I once again, congratulate Sayeed Saheb.

SHRI SHARAD PAWAR (Baramati) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am on my legs here to welcome Sayeed Saheb. Shri P.M. Sayeed has achieved many rewards as Prime Minister said that he had been a Member of the House nine times. Once he also got an opportunity to come to the House unopposed. At the age of twentysix he came to this House and since than as a member of the House he has been doing excellent works, Perhaps it may be an another record to his credit that the number of voters in his constituency is 34 thousand. This may be yet another record of the House. I do not know, he has got an another speciality and that is that he has been elected continuously since 1967 and since then only one candidate has been contesting against him.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : That too from Janta Dal.

SHRI SHARAD PAWAR : From different parties, the strength of whichever party get better, he stands from that party. Therefore, after reviewing the present situation, one has to take all alongwith one. His whole political career in his constituency is based on taking all into confidence.

I am confident that he will get success on this post. I am personally happy because from 1967 he started his political career and in the same year I also started my career from that year we both came to the Parliamentary field and till today we have been able to continue it. I feel happy because he started with Lok Sabha while I started with Legislative Assembly. Today I got the opportunity to