

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, January 22, 1980/Magha 2,
1901 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[THE SPEAKER pro tem. (SHRI JAGJIVAN
RAM) in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

- Shri S. M. Krishna (Mandya)
Shri P. J. Kurien (Mavelikara)
Shri A. A. Rahim (Chirayinkil)
Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil (Kopar-
gaon)
Shri More Ramkrishna Sadashiv
(Khed)
Shri Patil Vasant Rao Banduji (San-
gli)
Shri Narayan Sahu (Deogarh)
Shri Kamakhya Prasad Singhdeo
Mahindra Bahadur (Dhenkanal)
Dr. R. Rothuama (Mizoram)
Shri Fateh Bhanu Singh (Dhar)

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond
Harbour): Sir, I have a point of order
under Rule 376 to be read with Direc-
tion 2.

There is a motion before the House
for the election of the Speaker. Accord-
ing to Direction 2, adjournment
motions and calling attention notices
have a precedence over this motion.
There is a Calling Attention given by
my party on what is happening in
Assam and Meghalaya and also there
are adjournment motions on serious
rise in prices and scarcity of kerosene

and diesel oil all over the country. I
would like to have your ruling in this
regard as to whether the motion can
be taken up for discussion by the
House. (Interruptions) I have started
drawing daily allowance of Rs. 51/-
from yesterday.

AN HON. MEMBER: That will not
solve the problem! (Interruptions)

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Accord-
ing to Direction 2, these things have a
precedence over the motion. If you
read Rule 56 also, it gives a clear in-
dication that these motions should be
taken up adjourning the other business
of the House. I would request you to
be good enough to give your ruling so
that we can proceed with the business.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member
is an old member and an experienced
member of the House. He is aware of
the rules. I presume, he is aware of the
conventions as well. . . .

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: There
should be either a rule or a direction
to say that conventions will have pre-
cedence over the rules and the direc-
tions. That also should be put in black
and white and I shall be bound by that.

MR. SPEAKER: That will be put in
black and white in due course. But
the fact remains that the House ob-
serves certain conventions. On this
occasion also, the convention is to be
observed.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: These
are very serious things. My party
has given a Calling Attention notice on
happenings in Assam and adjournment
motions on serious rise in prices and
non-availability of kerosene and diesel
oil all over the country. These are very
important matters. I want your ruling
on that.

MR. SPEAKER: The convention does not detract from the merit of the motions which the hon. Member proposes to move. If he will have the patience, he will observe the convention and, after the President's Address he will move all these motions.

11.15 hrs.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: Shrimati Indira Gandhi may now move the motion.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Sir, I beg to move:

"That Shri Bal Ram, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Bali Ram Bhagat may second the motion.

SHRI BALI RAM BHAGAT (Sitamarhi): I second the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Narayan Datt Tiwary may now move the motion standing in his name.

श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी (नेनीताल) :
श्रीमान् मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूँ :

"कि श्री बल राम को, जो इस सभा के सदस्य हैं, इस सभा का अध्यक्ष चुना जाये।"

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (Shri P. Shiv Shankar): I second the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: I shall now put the first motion that is, the motion moved by Shrimati Indira Gandhi and seconded by Shri Bali Ram Bhagat to the vote of the House.

The question is:

"That Shri Bal Ram, a Member of this House, be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

Those in favour may say "Aye".

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Those against may say "No".

I think the Ayes have it; the Ayes have it. The motion is unanimously adopted.

The motion was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER: I declare Shri Bal Ram duly elected as the Speaker of the House. Now, I have great pleasure in inviting Shri Bal Ram to occupy the Chair.

(Shri Bal Ram was conducted to the Chair by the Prime Minister and Shri Charan Singh.)

[MR. SPEAKER (SHRI BAL RAM) in the Chair]

15.18 hrs.

FELICITATIONS TO THE SPEAKER

THE PRIME MINISTER (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I congratulate you on your assumption of the high office of Speaker. May I also take this opportunity of extending my congratulations to all Hon'ble Members of the House on their elections?

Sir, traditionally today is the first day of spring, a day of new beginnings, a day devoted to learning and to culture. It is a coincidence that your election, Mr. Speaker, has taken place today. But that does not detract from the day or the event; rather it gives it added significance.

India is known for its adherence to the ancient. Yet, it is ever ready to meet new situations and new challenges. In a fast-changing world, the need is for a fresh outlook, not just periodical or occasional but constant and continuing.

You, Sir, are a son of the soil with personal experience of the difficulties of the largest section of our people, one on which we are all dependent for our survival. The Indian farmer is known not only for his sound