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HON. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, with profound grief, I have to inform the House about the passing away of two of our former colleagues, Shri D. N. Patodia and Shri Brijraj Singh Kotah and renowned Kathak dancer, Pandit Birju Maharaj.

Shri D. N. Patodia was a member of the 4th Lok Sabha representing the Jalore Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan. Shri Patodia was a member of the Rules Committee. Shri D. N. Patodia passed away on 24th January, 2022 in Gurugram at the age of 94 years.

Shri Brijraj Singh Kotah was a member of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Lok Sabha representing the Jhalawar Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan. He was a member of the Estimates Committee. Shri Brijraj ji remained committed life long for the all round development of Rajasthan including Hadoti. He also made a remarkable contribution in the field of Education, Medicines, Social Service, Human Welfare, Tourism, Art and Culture. Shri Brijraj Singh passed away on 29th January, 2022 in Kota at the age of 87 years.

Pandit Birju Maharaj was a renowned *Kathak* dancer of the Lucknow Gharana. Pandit Birju Maharaj who got the Indian dance art achieve a special recognition across the world, was a very respected figure in the world of art. Pandit Birju Maharaj was awarded the Padma Vibhushan and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his extraordinary achievements in performing arts. He had also been bestowed with the National Award for

Choreography in 2012. Pandit Birju Maharaj passed away on 17th January, 2022 in New Delhi at the age of 84 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of our former colleagues and Pandit Birju Maharaj. The House conveys our condolences to their bereaved families.

Hon'ble Members, with profound sorrow, I also have to inform the House of the passing away of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Mpilo Tutu of South Africa and His Excellency Mr. David Sassoli, the then serving President of the European Parliament.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Tutu was a global leader and human right activist who always emphasized the importance of equality and human dignity. He was awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize in 2005 in recognition of his invaluable contribution towards social and political transformation in South Africa and for his invaluable contribution to World Peace. Influenced by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, he incorporated spiritual values to the anti-apartheid struggle. Archbishop Desmond Tutu passed away on 26th December, 2021 at the age of 90 years.

His Excellency **Mr. David Sassoli**, was the erstwhile President of the European Parliament. He will always be remembered for his efforts to deepen India-EU Parliamentary engagement. Mr. David Sassoli passed away on 11th January, 2022 in Italy.

We express deep condolences on the passing away of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mr. David Sassoli and this House convey our deep condolences to their bereaved families, their followers and admirers.

Then, the House stood in silence for a short while.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Re: Laying of papers by Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform that I have received a request from the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, that due to the current Covid-19 situation, the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs may be permitted on behalf of all the Ministers to lay the Papers listed under the head to be laid on the Table of the House in the List of Business during the Eighth Session of 17th Lok Sabha. I have accepted his request.

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- (1) **SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to establish a Sainik School, Sainik Canteen and Sainik Welfare Board in Aurangabad district, Bihar.
- (2) **SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI** laid a statement regarding need to categorise yarn manufactured by Solar Charkha as 'Khadi'.
- (3) **SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL** laid a statement regarding need to provide stoppage of certain trains at Dhanera Railway Station in Banaskantha Parliamentary Constituency, Gujarat.
- (4) **SHRI DEVAJI PATEL** laid a statement regarding improvement of healthcare services in Jalore and Sirohi districts, Rajasthan.
- (5) **SHRI RANJEETSINHA HINDURAO NAIK- NIMBALKAR** laid a statement regarding construction of railway line between Faltan and Pandharpur in Maharashtra.
- (6) **SHRI KRISHNAPALSINGH YADAV** laid a statement regarding improvement of healthcare facilities in Guna Parliamentary Constituency, Madhya Pradesh.
- (7) **SHRI SANJAY SETH** laid a statement regarding need to set up a Regional Office of Railways in Jharkhand.
- (8) **DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY** laid a statement regarding need to address the problem of shortage of drinking water in Godda Parliamentary Constituency, Jharkhand.
- (9) **SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH** laid a statement regarding improvement and restoration of railway services in Haryana.
- (10) **SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL** laid a statement regarding need to develop Raibareilly-Prayagraj road in Uttar Pradesh as four lane.
- (11) **ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH** laid a statement regarding victimization of tribal girls by drug peddlers in Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala.
- (12) **SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN** laid a statement regarding implications of Kasturirangan Committee Report.
- (13) **SHRI HIBI EDEN** laid a statement regarding need to sanction the detailed estimates for railway track doubling project in Ernakulam Parliamentary

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Chair.

Constituency, Kerala.

- (14) **DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY** laid a statement regarding need to construct railway level crossings in Tamil Nadu.
- (15) **PROF. SOUGATA RAY** laid a statement regarding proposed amendments in IAS Cadre Rules, 1954.
- (16) **SHRI N. REDDEPPA** laid a statement regarding need to include agriculture labour costs under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.
- (17) **SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE** laid a statement regarding need to ensure time bound investigation of bank frauds by Enforcement Directorate.
- (18) **SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV** laid a statement regarding decision to shutdown Doordharsan Kendra in Saharsa in Madhepura Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar.
- (19) **KUNWAR DANISH ALI** laid a statement regarding need to provide adequate irrigation facilities in Amroha Parliamentary Constituency, Uttar Pradesh.
- (20) **DR. G. RANJITH REDDY** laid a statement regarding need to fix procurement target of rice for entire year for each state and also increase the pace of procurement.
- (21) **SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE** laid a statement regarding need to post a team of NDRF in Mahad, Raigad, Maharashtra on permanent basis.
- (22) **DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT** laid a statement regarding need to provide free LPG connections to all the eligible women under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Nandurbar Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI moving the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address, said: "That the Members of the Lok Sabha assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the President for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on January 31, 2022."

Hon. President has highlighted many significant points in his Address. Keeping in mind the basic mantra of this government, "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas", he also spoke about the various basic facilities being provided by this government to the villages, poor, farmers and labourers. Along with this, the Hon'ble President has also mentioned the National Education Policy of the Union Government. Apart from this, various types of welfare schemes formulated by this government for the poor have also been highlighted. This year Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is being celebrated in India as 75 years of independence of our country is about to be completed. During this Amrit Mahotsav, this Government has done many important works with a view to developing the country's historical and religious places in order to honour the great men of the country. I would like to say that only this Government has honoured all such great men who sacrificed their lives for the independence of this country and laid down their lives for the unity and integrity of this country. I would also like to say that this government has got the world's largest monument constructed in consonance with the great personality of Sardar Patel in Kevadiya. Apart from this, a grand memorial of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is being built near the India Gate in Delhi. The Bhartiya Janata Party led Union Government is honouring the freedom fighters. On assuming the post of Prime Minister, the respected Prime Minister had said that our government will be dedicated towards the welfare of poor, farmers and labourers, youth and women of the country. The Prime Minister has also set the goal that we will provide electricity to every poor household in India. For this purpose, this government has completed the work of providing electricity to every village under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana. The work of providing free electricity connections and meters was done by launching 'Saubhagya Yojana' in the homes of crores of poor. This government has formulated the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana and provided free houses to more than two crore poor people under it. Apart from this, this government has built more than ten crore toilets all over the country. Along with this, the Honorable Prime Minister has made gas connections available to more than 8 crore women all over India under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. This government is working towards providing free ration to every poor under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Anna Kalyan Yojana. Also, free medicines to more than 50 crore poor people has been provided by this government under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Not only this, 12 crore soil health cards have been made by the government to double the income of the farmers. The government has also done the work of providing funds to the farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. Apart from this, this government has abolished 35A and Article 370 by bringing a Bill in this Lok Sabha on August 5, 2019. Also, on August 5, 2020, the foundation stone of the Ram Mandir was laid in Uttar Pradesh and a grand Ram Mandir

is being constructed there. Along with this, our honourable Prime Minister has also developed the Kashi Vishwanath temple complex by constructing Baba Kashi Vishwanath Corridor and made it a 6 lakh square feet complex. In Vindhyachal too, development has been made by making a corridor of the temple of Maa Vindhyavasini. Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, work has been done to construct 1 lakh 40 thousand kms of National Highway during India in the last seven and a half years. This government has also resolved that 84 Kos Parikrama Marg will be made a Mahamarg. This government has constructed Purvanchal Expressway, Bundelkhand Expressway and the foundation stone of Ganga Expressway has also been laid. Our government has also done the work of providing employment to 16 crores poor youth under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana. Our government has worked in the interest of villages, poor, farmers, labourers, youth and women. The Prime Minister has given the slogan of Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao. The age of marriage for girls has been increased from 18 years to 21 years. Apart from this, during the Corona epidemic, this government has provided a package of more than 20 lakh crore rupees under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana. Also, this government has done the work of providing free ration to more than 80 crore people. Two vaccines were manufactured by providing 35 thousand crore rupees for vaccine production in our country and more than 165 crore doses were provided. Vaccines are also being manufactured for the children between the age of 15 years to 18 years and now people are also getting booster doses. Also, with the help of the Government of India, a medical college has been set up in every district of Uttar Pradesh. I can proudly say that a medical college has also been built in my Basti district. Apart from this, all the cities of India have been connected with the airport under the UDAN scheme. Our government is running the Khelo India scheme for sportspersons. Our government has provided opportunities to more than 50 thousand sportspersons from rural backgrounds in various sports. Similarly, 4621 Shramik trains have been operated on the occasion of Labour Day. Also, under the Har Ghar Nal Yojana, our government has set a target to provide potable water to every poor household in India by the year 2024. A provision of Rs 3 lakh 50 thousand crores has been made for this purpose. Our government has also opened the Jan Dhan account of 50 crores poor people free of cost.

If the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Nidhi has been credited to the accounts of beneficiary farmers flawlessly, it is in Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh Government has cleared the outstanding dues of sugarcane to the tune of 152000 crore rupees which was outstanding against the previous Governments. Our Government is clearing the present sugarcane dues in time. Uttar Pradesh has given free electricity connections to thirty eight lakh households under the Saubhagya Yojana. Uttar Pradesh Government has also constructed more than 43 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Nirman Yojana.

Uttar Pradesh happens to be the first state in the country to have set up Women Help Desks in all Police Stations. Uttar Pradesh Government has also built four Express Ways and five International Airports in the state. Uttar Pradesh has achieved the first place by setting up 44 new medical colleges and by giving pension to thirty six lakh and sixty thousand seven hundred fifteen beneficiaries under Atal Pension Yojana. Uttar Pradesh Government has also given more than 4.5 lakh Government jobs to the youths. I, again support the motion of thanks on the President's Address and thank my party to have given me a chance to speak on this momentous occasion .

SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN *seconding the motion presented by hon. Member Shri Harish Dwivedi, said:* We are celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav of our Independence on completion of 75 years of our independence. We are also facing the severest pandemic of the century, Covid-19. Under the able leadership of our hon. Prime Minister, the country has faced the challenges of medical facilities and food grains successfully. As many as hundred thirty crore people have been administered free vaccines. It is highly praiseworthy of our hon. Prime Minister for bailing out the country from this serious crisis. Our hon. Prime Minister is perhaps the first person after Mahatma Gandhi ji to have given emphasis on sanitation. Earlier, only wealthy people had toilets in their houses in the villages. Our Government has constructed toilets in all the households in the country. The whole country rejoiced the construction of grand Kasi Vishwanath corridor. The Ujjawala Scheme is the flagship scheme of this Government which has eased the difficult life of women in countryside. Uttar Pradesh has witnessed unprecedented all round development in last four and a half years, which had never happened before. I have been an MLA in Uttar Pradesh. We did not get power supply for more than seven hours in Uttar Pradesh earlier. Today, there is 24X7 supply of electricity in Uttar Pradesh. If I talk about law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh then I am certainly reminded of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar who was our guide.

SHRI RAHUL GANDHI: I feel that Presidential Address should have been a strategic address. Unfortunately, the Presidential Address was a long list of things that the Government claims to have done but did not really contain the deeper strategic issues. Also, the Presidential Address did not touch a couple of central challenges facing our country. Your government continuously attacked the unorganized sector and small and medium enterprises during the last seven years. The support required during the Corona crisis was not given. As a result 84 per cent people of India saw their income declined. UPA government had alleviated poverty of 23 crore people in 10 years. It is a fact. Look at any sector, we see two monopolists. This government has destroyed the whole small and medium industry. There is 46 per cent drop in manufacturing jobs in India. It is

because that the government has destroyed unorganized sector. Today, top hundred richest persons of India have more assets than that possessed by 55 crore Indians. It is because of this government. Their leadership have no idea of history. Our country is like a bouquet of flowers. This is our strength. What is happening as a result of their flawed vision of the country? Two Indias are being created. No power in the world has ever been able to challenge this bouquet of flowers. There is another vision- a centralising vision, the vision of a king. That idea of a king has come back. The farmers of Punjab do not have a voice in their framework. Only the king has the voice. A particular organization has captured the institutional framework of the country and is attacking the voice of different states of the country. My grandmother as well as my father sacrificed their lives for the sake of this nation. What they are fiddling with is extremely dangerous and it demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of history. They cannot disrespect the people of this country. My understanding is that RSS and BJP are weakening the foundations of our country. We are surrounded by Sri Lanka, Nepal, Burma, Pakistan, Afghanistan and China. The Chinese are very very clear about what they want to do. The single biggest strategic goal of India's foreign policy has been to keep Pakistan and China separate. This Government brought them together. Do not underestimate the power that stands in front of us. We are all nationalists, so, let us discuss properly. We have made huge strategic mistake in our foreign policy. We have made a massive blunder and we need to make absolutely sure that we can defend ourselves against the Chinese. It is important that as a nation, please listen to what we say because we have experience; we have understanding. The nation is at risk both from outside and inside. I am very uncomfortable with my nation standing completely isolated on the outside, fighting on the inside, institutions captured, States are not able to speak to one another. You are putting this wonderful nation and its people at huge risk.

SHRI T.R. BAALU: I would like to speak on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address made by the hon. President of India on 31st January, 2022. The hon. Prime Minister had also mentioned in the election manifesto that two crore jobs would be provided for the youth every year. Now, seven and a half years have been over and more than 15 crore jobs should have been created by the hon. Prime Minister, but I cannot forget that issue. I cannot forget even the thing he had promised on the floor of the House and also outside the Parliament, that Indian farmers would be provided MSP shortly. The Government, which is now coming forward through the President's Address to say that they are going to bring the local languages once again, denied the opportunity of conducting examination in the local languages in respect of competitive examination for the Railways and the Postal Department. Since the DMK agitated in both the Houses of Parliament, they have given the opportunity to write the competitive examinations in the

local languages. The competitive examination, NEET is a menace to Tamil students. More than 30 young students have committed suicide in Tamil Nadu because they lost the ranks after writing the NEET examination. This matter was taken into consideration when my leader, Dr. Stalin, came to power and he had established a judicial committee headed by Justice A K Rajan. Justice A K Rajan decided to abolish the NEET examination forthwith. Tamil Nadu Assembly brought a resolution to abolish the NEET examination and have brought a Bill also. As a matter of fact, the Governor is sitting over the Bill for the past five months. As per articles 200 and 201, this should have been referred to the President of India for his assent. Thus, the issue of NEET still pending. The State of Tamil Nadu was in heavy floods three times and because of the floods, many houses, many farmlands have perished. Even the paddy fields are destroyed. The farmers have lost crores and crores of rupees. The Central Committee came there, but the National Disaster Restoration and Relief Fund has not come so far. A demand of Rs. 6,230 crore has been sent to the Government of India by my leader, but so far nothing has been received by the Government of Tamil Nadu. All these things should be considered properly by the hon. Prime Minister and the Home Minister.

PROF. SOUGATA RAY: I rise to speak on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address and I oppose the Motion of Thanks and support all the Amendments which are brought on this Motion of Thanks. There is nothing new unfortunately in the President's Address. But there are many things which are not mentioned in the President's Address, which I want to. Why West Bengal's Netaji's tableau was cancelled on the Republic Day parade? With that BJP's love for Netaji has vanished because Netaji and BJP would never be together. All the great leaders of India had held Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in high esteem. Bengal has sacrificed a lot for the freedom struggle. In Andaman, three quarters of the Cellular Jail detainees were Bengalis. Kudhram was one of the first martyrs who died on the gallows. This is the Bengal that this Prime Minister is insulting. The hon. Prime Minister is hitting out at two of the basic principles - one is 'secularism and the other is 'federalism'. Why should we impose a National Eligibility cum Entrance Test? Why can the states not have their own medical admission test? Recently, the Central Government issued a circular that is the IAS officers are asked to join Central deputation, they must do. No permission from the State Government is needed. Is it not an assault on the federalism itself? Hon. President has made mention neither of the farmers who were killed during the agitation nor of Jammu and Kashmir. The Government has disinvested the Air India and disinvestment of LIC is also on the cards but the hon. President has not made a mention of that either. Six people were killed by the police in Nagaland. There is no mention of the incident in the Address. When

TMC cadres go to Tripura, they face attacks everyday. Ever increasing prices of petrol and diesel have also found no place in the Address.

SHRI MARGANI BHARAT: The hon. President of India in his Address has effectively laid down the challenges faced by India in the past year, the vision of the Union Government for its future and its on-going achievements. I would like to thank the Government for facilitating an inclusive and broad-based recovery by keeping a strong focus on the capital expenditure and infrastructure and connectivity projects. My State Andhra Pradesh was unscientifically bifurcated in 2014. The mandated projects are moving at a slow pace. At the time of bifurcation, the State of Andhra Pradesh was left with a revenue deficit of Rs. 22,000 crore. The Government had promised to compensate the revenue deficit but only Rs. 4,000 crore has been given to the State. I would request the Government to give the balance of Rs. 18,000 crore to my state. We are requesting the Government of India for the timely release of the funds for the Palavaram project and other projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Rs. 1 lakh crore of funds are being given to the States for capital expenditure. We hope to get the Centre's approval and also the financial support to establish the semiconductor and electronic equipment manufacturing zone at Mannavaram. The Government of India should drop the decision of disinvesting the Vizag Steel Plant. I would urge the Minister of Road Transport and Highways to consider and expedite the work of Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor. Besides, The Polavaram Project Authority should be shifted to Rajahmundry. From the Presidential Address, we can sense the commitment of the Modi Government for the well-being of farmers' and women. The PM Kisan Samman Nidhi is giving Rs. 6,000. The Kodanda Rama Swamy temple of Vontimitta town in Kadapa district and the Havelock bridge in Rajahmundry should be recommended to the UNESCO for consideration as a world heritage site.

SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT: After listening to the Address of the hon. President, the people of the country are angry and so are the representatives who are expressing their views in this House. We thank the Government for early development of vaccine to save the country from Corona. Several health schemes have been introduced in the country after Covid. Maharashtra government proposed four government colleges and also proposed Sindhudurg government medical college in my area. But after giving approval to Sindhudurg Government Medical College, it was disapproved. The Maharashtra government has given 50 thousand rupees to the families of those who have died due to corona, but how many such families of the country have been given financial assistance by the central government? I want complete information in this regard. If not given, arrangements should be made to provide that assistance. The state government has

issued an ordinance for OBC. The question of OBC is there in the whole country. The Central Government had given a relief package to improve the financial health of the private telecom company of the country. BSNL is a public sector telecom company in the country. BSNL should be strengthened. Maharashtra's 30 thousand crore rupees GST has not been given till date. According to the GST law, about three and a half thousand crore rupees have not been given to the corporations in the metropolitan city for the last three years. Out of the revenue being collected in this country, about 40 percent of the revenue is coming only from Mumbai and Maharashtra state. My point is that whatever should be given for a metropolitan city like Mumbai, it should be given as a duty.

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE: We have to take concrete steps in public health spending. We have to see health as a fundamental right of the countrymen. We have to seriously consider the two consequences of the Corona period. One result is the economic effect and the other is the educational effect. About 6.5 crore people have been pushed below the poverty line, 54 percent of the people have lost their income and more than 60 lakh small industries have been locked down. We have to think seriously about this section of people. There are plans for the poor, but the middle class people of the country are not thought about. We have to think seriously about this. Along with this, the second indirect result is the educational effect. It is as if two years of education and development have disappeared from the lives of children due to the Corona period. We also have to think about the children who are being deprived of this education due to the digital divide in the country. Today 5 crore youth are unemployed in the country, that is why alternatives like strengthening of MNREGA and urban Version of MNREGA should be considered. Our country has slipped to 142nd position out of 180 countries in the World Press Freedom Index. In the year 2020, 67 journalists have been arrested and 200 journalists have been attacked. The number of journalists who have lost their jobs is separate. A very ambitious project of MRIDC in Maharashtra is Pune-Nashik Semi High Speed Railway which has been approved by Maharashtra Government. Despite that, it is not getting green signal from the central government. The project connecting Pune, Nashik and Mumbai in Maharashtra, which we call the Golden Tri Angle, is a very ambitious project, so I request that such ambitious projects should not be ignored.

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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