

RAJYA SABHA

*SYNOPSIS OF DEBATE

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Announcement regarding Leader of the House

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform you that I have received a letter dated 2nd April, 2018 from Shri Ananth kumar, the Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, and, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs informing me that the Prime Minister has appointed Shri Arun Jaitley, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Corporate Affairs to be the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha.

Welcome to New Members

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am happy that today oath-taking by Members of this august House reflected the rich linguistic diversity of our great country. Members took oath in almost nine languages, out of which eight are Indian languages and mother tongues of hon. Members. I am happy that they have all taken oath mostly in their respective mother tongues or Indian languages.

Hon. Members, on behalf of the whole House and on my own behalf, I extend a very cordial welcome to the newly-elected and re-elected Members of this House. Some of them have joined the House today by making and subscribing the oath or affirmation, and the

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remaining Members will be joining us in the coming days. I think, I need not highlight the fact that to be elected to this House is a rare distinction and a privilege which should humble you.

Election to the Upper House of Parliament has cast upon you heavy responsibilities and duties to strengthen the cause of democracy and, by your conduct, to prove yourselves worthy of the faith and trust reposed in you by the people and the nation. Eighteen Members who have been re-elected are familiar faces, well conversant with the Rules, practices, procedures and nuances of the functioning of this House. The other Members, who are new to this House, I am sure, will make good use of this opportunity and soon familiarize themselves with the Rules of Procedure, etiquette, practice and convention of this House as well as learn from the rich and vast experience of veteran Members who followed good practices. We look forward to the valuable contribution of newly-elected Members in the functioning of the House and in raising people-oriented issues more effectively and purposefully. I have no doubt that they would work assiduously to enliven the debates of the House with their knowledge and expertise and conduct themselves with dignity and grace through a dispassionate discussion in the House, and with the goodwill and willingness to understand each other's points of view we shall achieve our objects better. I hope, all Members would endeavour to enhance the dignity and prestige of this august House, thus strengthening our parliamentary institutions

I once again extend my felicitations to the newly-elected and re-elected Members and wish them all the success.

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