



Text of the felicitation remarks delivered by the Hon'ble Chairman on the election of Shri Harivansh as Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha on 17-04-2026.

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CHAIRMAN: I extend my heartiest congratulations to Shriman Harivansh ji on his election as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. His unopposed election today is not merely a procedural outcome; it is a resounding affirmation of the deep trust, confidence, and respect that he enjoys across party lines and among all sections of this House.

Shri Harivansh ji's re-election to this high constitutional office for the third time is, in itself, a rare distinction. It reflects not only continuity but also consistency in the discharge of duties marked by fairness, restraint, and an unwavering commitment to the highest traditions of parliamentary democracy. His stewardship of the Chair has, over the years, been characterized by sobriety, balance, and a quiet authority that commands respect without ever demanding it.

I would also like to place on record my appreciation for the collective wisdom of this House in electing him unopposed. In a vibrant democracy such as ours, contestation is natural and, indeed, essential. Differences of opinion enrich our deliberations. Yet, moments such as these, when the House speaks in one voice, underscore the shared commitment of all Members to uphold the dignity, decorum, and institutional strength of Parliament.

Hon'ble Members are aware that Shri Harivansh ji brings to this august Office a rich and diverse experience of public life. His ever-courteous demeanour and characteristic smile, even in moments of intense debate and occasional provocation, have lent a reassuring sense of stability to the proceedings of this House.

Presiding over a House as dynamic, diverse, and robust as the Rajya Sabha is no easy task; yet, he has discharged this responsibility with remarkable composure, patience, and impartiality.

As we have several newly elected Members in this House, I am confident that they will find in him a guide and a source of inspiration in understanding the nuances, conventions, and responsibilities that come with parliamentary functioning.

I am certain that he will continue to adorn this high Office with distinction and will discharge his responsibilities with the same zeal, dedication, impartiality, and sense of duty that befits the stature and dignity of this august House.

I wish him every success in his tenure.

The Deputy Chairman may now respond to the sentiments expressed by the Members.

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