

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

(LOK SABHA)



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March 20, 1967

My dear Masani,

It has been decided by the whole Opposition, as you told me, to propose my name as Deputy Speaker of the House of the People and I gave my consent to the same under the impression that I would be free to take part in the proceedings of the house as a member when I was not in the chair and also that I would be free to carry on my political activities outside in the country. This impression of mine was based on enquiries which I made with persons who have been closely connected with the working of Parliament and also the persons who are generally in the know of such things. Again, the practice in the States has been that the Deputy Speaker, though he does get a salary, is able to carry on his political activities and even in some cases he has, to my knowledge, either practised law or followed some other avocation.

On further inquiry, I have received a copy of the proceedings of the House of the People dated 28th April 1953. I am attaching a copy thereof for your ready reference as the same has raised doubts in my mind as to whether my assumption when I agreed to ^{the} proposal, is correct.

Anyway, I would like the position to be clarified before my name is proposed as I would not like to stifle my liberty to carry on political/work outside or to take part in the proceedings of the House.

Thanking you,

Yours

Sincerely
D.K. Kunte

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