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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
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June 11, 2020

Hon'ble Speaker,

Sub: Request to invite His Holiness 14th Dalai Lama to address a joint session of the Indian Parliament

I draw your attention to my request in 2013 i.e. 7 years ago, to invite HH Dalai Lama to address our Parliament. I am enclosing copies of my letters for your information.

The Indian Parliament has accorded this privilege to leaders from around the world and His Holiness Dalai Lama is a spiritual leader of great stature recognized around the world.

Importantly, India has a deep historic spiritual and cultural connect with both Tibet and Buddhism over centuries and HH Dalai Lama represents both- as a great Spiritual leader.

On January 28, 2020, The Tibetan Policy and Support Act of 2019 passed the US House of Representatives was supported by 95 per cent of the Congress. It shows that support for Tibet in the US and even Europe and many Western countries is very strong.

Being the largest democracy, our Parliament is an institution that many other countries and people around the world look upto. Having His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama address a joint session of Parliament will go a long way in supporting and spreading His Holiness' message of peace, tolerance and harmony in India, our region and around the world.

Sincerely,

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

Shri Om Birla

Hon'ble Speaker - Lok Sabha
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1. Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
2. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India & Chairman of Rajya Sabha
3. Dr. S Jaishankar, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India



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Our country has always shown care and compassion for the cause of the Tibetan people. In fact, my state Karnataka created the first ever Tibetan exile settlement way back in 1960, and today, is home to one of the largest Tibetan refugee population in India. As the world's largest democracy, we also have a moral responsibility to the Tibetan people.

The Tibetan youth turn to self-immolation - a painful form of protest - in their bid to draw the attention of the international community towards their suffering. The lack of freedom drives the Tibetan youth to take such drastic steps. Over 100 Tibetan youth have self-immolated to demand the return of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and freedom in Tibet.

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Yours Sincerely,

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