

When Harman was bowled over by Lalu's wit

Bollywood newcomer Harman Baweja, who debuts in the much-hyped futuristic film 'Love Story 2050', was bowled over by Railway Minister Lalu Prasad's wit when they met on the sets of 'Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass Se Tez Hain'.

'He is the ultimate entertainer,' Harman told IANS after his interaction with the minister on the reality game show hosted by superstar Shah Rukh Khan.

Lalu was invited to the show along with Harman and Priyanka Chopra as guests for a special celebrity episode.

'When I saw him get together with Shah Rukh, I realised what constitutes superstardom. It's just a quality that you have or you don't have,' Harman said.

When Harman came to know that Lalu Prasad was in the studio to record for the same show, he made it a point to meet and greet him.

'The hello turned out to be quite an experience. Lалуji knew Priyanka. But he also knew me. He knew about my father as well. I found that surprising since I have not yet been seen in any film.

'He asked me about my film and when I described the film, he wondered if it is a love story set in 2050 or 3050,' Harman narrated.

On the show, the railway minister won a grand prize of Rs.10 million.

Harman said: 'I wouldn't like to comment on what Lалуji won. But, yes, Priyanka and I felt a twinge for not being able to go right up to the grand prize. The bell ruined us. We knew the last answer. But time was up. So we came away with Rs.5 million. Not bad for my first television recording, no?'

Harman and Priyanka played the game as a pair, so how would they divide the money?

'Oh, Priyanka can have it all and do what she likes with the money. I got my prize on the show when I met Lалуji. Now, if he could only come for my premiere, I'd be quite happy.'

The former Bihar chief minister and Harman apparently got along well on the sets.

In 'Love Story 2050', which is set to release July 4, Harman pairs up with Priyanka Chopra. Directed by Harman's father Harry Baweja, the film's promos are on air and are catching the fancy of cine buffs.

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