

tating Mr. Mandela has been formed under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. My Government firmly believes that sustained international pressure must continue to be maintained on the South African regime to bring about the early dismantling of apartheid.

52. We pledge our continued support to the valiant people of Palestine in their just struggle for a homeland of their own in a peaceful West Asia. We look forward to President Yasser Arafat's visit to India later this month.

53. Members will be called upon in this session to consider various measures. The Railway Budget and the General Budget will be brought before you. You will also be considering the Finance Bill 1990-91, the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Bill 1989, the Lok Pal Bill 1989, the Wild Life Protection (Amendment) Bill 1990, and various other legislative measures.

54. There is a fresh hope in the atmosphere. My Government is working purposefully for building a strong India, an India based on the dignity of the individual, an India where the benefits of development flow to all, particularly the weaker sections, the poorest of the poor. The task is not easy. The challenges are tremendous. But we shall overcome. We are determined to see that our people shall have a brighter tomorrow.

JAI HIND

12.50 1/2 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTER

[*English*]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Sir, may I introduce to you and through you to the House, the Minister of State for Defence, Dr. Raja Ramanna.

He was here with me. He would be just

coming. He was with me in my office.

12.51 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Members, as we meet today after an interval of about two and a half months, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the demise of two sitting members, namely Sarvashri Jagdev Singh and A.R. Mallu. We have also learnt with great distress of the death of Shri Darbara Singh—a sitting Member of Rajya Sabha and a former Member of Lok Sabha. Today, we also mourn the death of twelve of our former colleagues, namely Saravashri C.L. Narasimha Reddy, C.R. Narasimhan, Shrimati Madhuri Singh, Sarvashri R.R. Diwakar, Bhagbat Sahu, Dr. M. Santosham, Sarvashri M.L. Jadhav, Mahi Lal, Saroj Mukherjee, Gargi Shankar Mishra, K.V. Shankaragowda and Jagdish Chandra Dikshit.

Shri Jagdev Singh was elected to this House from Faridkot constituency of Punjab in the General Elections held in November, 1989. He took his oath as a Member of Lok Sabha on 21 December, 1989.

A renowned social and political worker, Shri Singh served the people of Punjab with deep devotion. After graduating from Khalsa College, Amritsar, he adopted agriculture as his profession. He functioned as the Chairman of Punjab Marketing Board in 1977.

Shri Jagdev Singh's sudden disappearance on 28th December, 1989 shocked the country. Later his body was found in the Rajasthan feeder canal on 3rd January, 1990.

Shri Singh was a man of high integrity and a popular leader of the masses who left the State at a crucial time when his services were most needed. We were looking forward to his contribution to the proceedings of the House when he was snatched away by