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Wednesday, March 13, 1985/
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Bhimreddy Narasimha Reddy
(Miryalguda)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Since Shri Jamilur Rahman is not well, he may take the oath from his seat while sitting.

MEMBERS SWORN—*Contd.*

Shri Jamilur Rahman (Kishanganj)

Shri Indrajit Gupta (Basirhat)

Shri Appayyadora Hanumantu (Srikakulam)

Shri Palakondrayudu Sugavasi (Rajampet)

Dr. Biharilal Shailesh (Chail)

Shri Salahuddin (Godda)

11.10 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, as we meet today after an interval of one and a half months, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Mr. Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko, General Secretary of the

Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party and Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of U.S.S.R. and three of our former colleagues, namely, Sarvashri T. Channaiah, Deen Bandhu Parmar and Dr. V.A. Seyid Muhammad.

Mr. Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party and Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. passed away on 10th March, 1985 at the age of 73 years.

Born in September, 1911, he spent his childhood as a farm-hand hired by wealthy peasants. He knew the hardships and how to get along with work ; he also knew the hardships of a peasant. He soon dedicated his life to the Communist Party work and rapidly rose in the party ranks. He displayed great courage and fortitude in fighting during his service in the Red Army which he voluntarily joined in 1930. He enjoyed high prestige and respect among his fellow frontier guards.

Recipient of several of the highest awards, he was four times winner of 'Order of Lenin' and was twice conferred the coveted title of 'Hero of Socialist Labour'.

Besides being the General Secretary of the Central Committee of Soviet Communist Party, he was elected as the Head of the State in 1984. During his brief period in office of Head of State he made valuable contributions to the progress and prosperity of the country. He restarted the super power dialogue for containment of nuclear arms race.

He initiated new concrete measures for mutually beneficial cooperation with India and began preparing the Nation for the coming computronics century. Mr. Chernenko will be remembered in India for the unprecedented Politbureau Resolution of