

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Thursday, February 20, 1986/Phalguna
1, 1907 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at thirteen of the
clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Sudarsan Das (Karimganj)
Shri Sontosh Mohan Dev (Silchar)
Shri Biren Singh Engti (Autonomous District)
Shri Abdul Hamid (Dhubri)
Shri Samar Brahma Choudhury (Kokrajhar)
Shri Ata-ur Rahman (Barapet)
Shri Dinesh Goswami (Guwahati)
Shri Saifuddin Ahmed (Mangaldai)
Shri Bipin Pal Das (Tezpur)
Shri M. R. Saikia (Nowgong)
Shri Bhadreswar Tanti (Kaliabor)
Shri Parag Chaliha (Jorhat)
Shri Haren Bhumij (Dibrugarh)
Shri Gakul Saikia (Lakhimpur)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : I think all have been sworn in and it is complete. Now, I must congratulate the new Members as well as the House because, for the first time, in the last six years, we are in full strength now, 544.

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13.15 hrs.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

[*English*]

SECRETARY-GENERAL : I lay on the Table a copy of the President's Address to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 20th February, 1986.

Address

*Honourable Members. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this first session of Parliament in 1986. I felicitate the new members.

2. The year has seen Parliament transact its business in a purposeful manner and in an atmosphere of cooperation. I extend to you all my best wishes for the successful completion of the budgetary and legislative business that lies ahead.

3. In July, 1985, the Government took a major initiative to resolve the complex and difficult problems in Punjab. Our prime concern was to strengthen the forces of unity and integrity. Policy was governed by the perspective of serving the highest national interest. The democratic process triumphed over terrorism. The peaceful elections in Punjab testified to the desire of the overwhelming majority of the people for peace and normalcy in the State.

4. A great responsibility rests on those who have secured the mandate of the people. Their supreme task is to isolate those who are resorting to violence to disturb communal harmony and peace. In this task they will

*The President delivered his Address in Hindi.