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Monday, March 11, 1974/Phalguna 20,
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*The Lok Sabha met at
Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Noorul Huda (Cachar).
- 2 Shri Aravinda Bala Pajanoor (Pondicherry).

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri T T Krishnamachari who passed away at Madras in the afternoon of the 7th March, 1974 at the age of 75.

Shri Krishnamachari had a long Parliamentary career spread over 25 years at a stretch. He started his Parliamentary career when he was elected to the Madras Legislative Assembly in 1937 and he remained a Member there till 1942. In 1942 he entered the Central Legislative Assembly and continued to be a Member till independence. He was also a Member of the Constituent Assembly and thereafter of the Provisional Parliament during the years 1946-52. He was a founding father of our Constitution and in his capacity as a member of the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly he made outstanding contributions. From 1952 to 1967 he was Member of the First, Second and

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Third Lok Sabha. An eminent economist and an outstanding patriot, he adjourned a number of high Offices with distinction. He was the Minister of Commerce and Industry during 1952-55, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel during 1955-56, Minister of Finance and Iron and Steel during 1956-57, Minister of Finance during 1957-58, Minister of Economic and Defence Co-ordination during 1962-63 and again Minister of Finance during 1964-65. He was a member and Chairman of a number of Parliamentary Committees and made useful contribution to our procedures and practices and important matters of public interest. A man of great erudition and culture, his advice was always heard with care and given due respect. He was a man of firm decisions and great ideas, he always spoke with a soft tone but all his speeches were full of deep knowledge and showed great learning behind them. In his passing away the nation has lost a true patriot and a great statesman.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am overwhelmed with grief at the sad news of Shri T T Krishnamachari's passing away last Thursday. I rise with a heavy heart to express my deep sorrow and that of my colleagues in Government and in this House.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari was well-known to Parliament, where he