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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Chow Chandret Gohain (Nominated-N. E. F. T. Assam)
2. Shri Dhote Jambuantrao Bapurao (Nagpur)
3. Shri Virbhadra Singh (Mandi)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER : I have to inform the House of the sad demise of three of our friends, namely Chowdhury Abu Talib, Shri P. Muthiah and Shri Deven Sen.

Chowdhury Abu Talib was a sitting Member of this House from Murshidabad Constituency of West Bengal. He was an educationist and used to take interest in the uplift of backward communities. He passed away at Calcutta on the 20th May, 1971 at the age of 57.

Shri P. Muthiah was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha during the years 1962-67 representing Tirunelveli constituency of Tamil Nadu. He was a very amiable person and took active interest in the welfare of Harijans. He passed away at Tirunelveli on the 15th April, 1971 at the age of 65.

Shri Deven Sen was a Member of the

Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1967-70 representing Asansol constituency of West Bengal. He was a vigilant and active parliamentarian, deeply interested in the welfare of the labour and working classes. In spite of bad health he used to attend the last Lok Sabha regularly. He took active interest in the proceedings of the House. He passed away at Asansol on the 29th April, 1971 at the age of 71.

We deeply mourn the loss of these distinguished friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

PRADHAN MANTRI, PARAMANU URJA MANTRI, GRIH MANTRI TATHA SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRI (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the beginning of every session brings a reminder that although law-making is a ceaseless process, law-makers themselves are mundane.

We mourn the passing away of three former colleagues who served Parliament and the country, each in his own quiet and dedicated manner. Shri Deven Sen was with us in the Fourth Lok Sabha only a few months ago. He commanded respect as a veteran labour leader. Trade union work, as we all know, makes exhausting demands on a person's time, energy and nerves. Shri Sen rose to become President of one of the important national organisations of labour, the Hind Mazdoor Sabha. He was a patriot and a socialist, he sacrificed during the Quit India Movement, and his work as a leader of the PSP and SSP is well known. He leaves a large circle of friends among industrial workers and political co-workers in Bengal and throughout the country.