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Wednesday, September 5, 1962/Bhadra
14, 1884 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBER SWORN

① **Mr. Speaker:** Secretary may call out the name of the Member who has come to make and subscribe the oath or affirmation under the Constitution.

Secretary: Shri Lal Shamshah.

Mr. Speaker: The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs may introduce the Member to the House.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha): Sir, I have great pleasure in introducing to you and through you to the House Shri Lal Shamshah who has been returned to the Lok Sabha at the last general elections from Chanda constituency of Maharashtra.

Shri Lal Shamshah (Chanda).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

NEPA Mills

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Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government propose to take for increasing the supply of raw materials e.g. Salai, for feeding the NEPA Mills in Madhya Pradesh; and

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(b) whether Government have a plan to create Federal Forests as enjoined in the National Forest Policy?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) According to the information available with us it is understood that M.P., Government have set apart 61,426 acres of forest land for raising plantations of Salai and other fast growing species for feeding Nepa Mills. We have, however, asked the Madhya Pradesh Government to supply us the necessary information.

(b) The National Forest Policy resolution of 12th May 1952 does not enjoin the creation of federal forests but only national forests. Under the Constitution, 'Forests' are a State subject.

Shri H. P. Chatterjee: Will the Minister be pleased to state how much paper pulp, that is, the material for preparing papers, is required in NEFA Mills, how much is being produced and how much is being imported?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: It comes under 'Industries'. I require notice.

Shri H. P. Chatterjee: Is it a fact that the FAO expert body appointed by the India Government reported that today we shall require one lakh tons and in 1975 we shall require 3 lakh tons? If so, what is the Government doing about it?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: We are trying to grow some fast-growing species there. The area or the forest around NEPA Mill is not so suitable for the growth of salai, because the