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Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

WELCOME TO SPEAKER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF BHUTAN

MR. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, at the outset, I have to make an announcement.

I have great pleasure in welcoming our distinguished guest His Excellency Dasho Shingkar Lam, Speaker of the National Assembly of Bhutan—'Tshogdu'. He, along with his colleagues, is seated in the Special Box. On my own behalf and on behalf of all of you, I extend to him a hearty welcome. I wish him a very happy stay in our country. We also wish through him a long life and good health to the new king His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuk and peace and prosperity to his people.

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri K. Chikkalingaiah (Mandya).
2. Shri Purushottam Ganesh Mavalankar (Ahmedabad).

11.05 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, it is my sad duty to inform the House
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of the sad demise of eight of our friends, four sitting Members, namely Shri C. C. Desai, Swami Ramanand Shastri, Shri Shiva Chandika and Shri M. Rajangam and four former Members, namely Shri Jagannath Das, Shri Manu Subedar, Shri R. S. Vidyarthi and Shri R. Sankar.

Shri C. C. Desai was a sitting Member of this House from Sabarkantha constituency of Gujarat. He had also been a Member of the Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1967-70. Starting as a member of Indian Civil Service, he had a distinguished career as a diplomat, industrialist and Member of Parliament. As a civil servant, he held various important positions with distinction. Later on, he served as India's High Commissioner in Pakistan and Ceylon. He was Chairman and Director of a number of companies. He had a very warm and lovable personality. In Lok Sabha, he used to take active interest in various national issues, particularly matters pertaining to industrial and agricultural production. He also served on a number of Parliamentary Committees and made useful contributions. His last speech in Lok Sabha which coincidentally was on the Bill pertaining to service conditions of ICS officers is still fresh to many of us. He passed away at New Delhi on the 22nd September, 1972 at the age of 72.

Swami Ramanand Shastri was a sitting Member of this House from Bijnor constituency of Uttar Pradesh. He had been a Member continuously since 1952 and was one of the senior-