LOK SABHA

Monday, July 9, 1979/Asadha 18, 1901 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

भी राजनारायण (राय बरेली) : श्रीमन् मै नियम 388 के तहत एक व्यवस्था का प्रश्न उठाना चाहता हूं ।

MR. SPEAKER: The new Members have to take the oath or affirmation.

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Ravinandan Singh (Sidhi)
Shri S. Singaravadivel (Thanjavur).
Shri K. Murugaiyan (Nagapattinem).

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as we meet today after an interval of about two months, it is my unpleasant duty to inform the House, with profound sorrow, of the passing away of two of our colleagues, Shri K. Raghuramaiah and Shri Annasaheb Nagar and three former Members, Shri B. S. Murthy, Shrimati Sangam Laxmibai and Shri Joachim Alva.

Shri K. Raghuramaiah passed away at New Delhi on 5th June, 1979 after a heart attack, at the age of 67. An active Parliamentarian, Shri Raghuramaiah represented Guntur constituency of Andhra Pradesh and had a long parliamentary career. He entered Parliament as a Member of the First Lok Sabha in 1952 and since then he had been a member of all the Lok Sabhas.

Shri Raghuramaiah made his mark early in Lok Sabha. He was the Chairman of the Petitions Committee from 1955 to 1957; besides being a Member of several Parliamentary Committees.

An able Barrister-at-law administrator, Shri Raghuramaiah was inducted as a Minister in the Central Government as early as 1957. As a Deputy Minister/Minister of State from 1957-1967 he held various portfolios of Defence, Defence Production, Labour and Employment, Supply, Law, Petroleum and Chemicals, Planning and Social Welfare etc. He was made Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Shipping and Transport in February 1969 and elevated to the Cabinet position in June 1970 in which capacity he served till March, 1971.

He was again sworn in as a Cabinet Minister of Parliamentary Affairs in February, 1973 and held charge of various portfolios including that of Works, Housing and Tourism and Civil Aviation till the dissolution of Fifth Lok Sabha.

Deeply interested in the welfare of Scheduled Castes, Labour classes, workers and weaker sections of so-Civil Aviation till the dissolution of Secretary, Harijan Sevak Sangh, Madras prior to 1942. He was President, P&T Workers' Union (Andhra Circle) in 1954, Andhra Pradesh Life Insurance Salaried Officers Association in 1956 and All India Postal Employees' Union, Andhra Circle in 1956.

He was the Leader of the Indian Delegations to the 21st and 22nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences in 1975 and 1976.

He represented India at the I.P.U. Council meetings in 1957 and 1966.

He led several Government delegations to the International Conferences including the International Highway Conference held in Montreal in 1970, the (Housing' Ministers' Conference