

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 30th July, 2002/8 Sravana, 1924 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

MEMBER SWORN

Shri Padinjarethalakkal Cherian Alexander (Maharashtra)

OBITUARY REFERENCE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri R.M. Desai, a former Member of this House on the 26th July, 2002, at the age of 81.

Born at village Vadahalli, district Bijapur in Karnataka, Shri Desai had his education at Yadahalli, Bijapur, Dharwad and Belgaum. an agriculturist by vocation, Shri Desai served as the Commandant, Home Guards, in Taluka Bilgi, from 1947 to 1956. He also served as the Chairman of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation from April 1976 to April 1982. He was also associated with various welfare organisations.

Shri R.M. Desai started his legislative career as a Member of the Mysore Legislative Assembly in 1957, and remained its Member till 1969. He represented the State of Karnataka in this House from April, 1976 to April, 1982.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri R.M. Desai.

I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute.)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved family our sense of profound sorrow and deep sympathy.