
**THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES OFFICIAL
REPORT**

**IN THE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVENTH
SESSION OF THE RAJYA SABHA**

*Commencing on the 21st October, 1999/29 Kartika, 1921
(Saka)*

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 21st October, 1999/29 Kartika, 1921 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, the Deputy Chairman in the Chair.

(The National Anthem, "Jana Gana Mana", was played.)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Oath or Affirmation.

MEMBERS SWORN

Dr. (Smt.) Joyasree Goswami Mahanta (Assam)
Shri Eduardo Faleiro (Goa)
Shri Lalitbhai Mehta (Gujarat)
Shri Ahmed Patel (Gujarat)
Shrimati Savita Sharda (Gujarat)
Shrimati Sarla Maheshwari (West Bengal)
Shri Pranab Mukherjee (West Bengal)
Shri Abani Roy (West Bengal)
Shri Jibon Roy (West Bengal)
Shri Shankar Roy Chowdhury (West Bengal)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It gives me great pleasure to congratulate all the newly-elected and re-elected Members and to extend to them a warm welcome on behalf of this House and on my own behalf. The new Members, I am sure, will soon acquaint themselves with the spirit and content of Parliamentary procedure and practice. We look forward to their valuable contribution in promoting and enhancing the dignity and prestige of this august House. I once again welcome the new Members and wish them success.