

# THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

## OFFICIAL REPORT

### IN THE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIRST SESSION OF THE RAJYA SABHA

*Commencing on the 23rd July, 1997/1 Shravana, 1919(Saka)*

#### RAJYA SABHA

*Wednesday, the 23rd July, 1997/1  
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The House met at eleven of the clock, THE  
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

*(The National Anthem was played.)*

#### OBITUARY REFERENCES

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Dr. M. Aram and Shri N. Giri Prasad, sitting Members of this House and Shri Anand Narain Mulla, Shrimati Ratan Kumari and Shri A. Nallasivan, former Members of the Rajya Sabha.

Dr. M. Aram, who passed away on the 24th May, 1997, was born at Kulasekharanpatnam in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu in January, 1927 and was educated at Madras University and Ohio State University. An educationist, Dr. Aram was associated with several institutions engaged in the uplift and welfare of the weaker sections of the society. He was Principal of the Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Coimbatore, from 1950 to 1963. Dr. Aram worked extensively for world peace and was Secretary, World Peace Brigade (Asian Region) from 1964 to 1966. He was Convenor of the Nagaland Peace Mission and was instrumental in bringing

about the Shillong Peace Accord. He was , also Director, Nagaland Peace Centre, from 1966 to 1980 and was President of the World Conference on Religion and Peace. Dr. Aram served as Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural University from 1980 to 1986. He was also a Member of the Central Board of Life Insurance Corporation of India.

In recognition of his services to the nation, Dr. Aram was awarded the Padma Shri. He was also awarded the Defender of Peace Award by the Sarvodaya Movement and the Niwano Peace Award by the Niwano Peace Foundation of Japan. He had also several publications to his credit.

Dr. Aram was nominated to this House in August, 1993 and he took keen interest in the proceedings of the House.

In the passing away of Dr. M. Aram, the country has lost an eminent educationist, a true Gandhian and a crusader for world peace.

Shri N. Giri Prasad, who represented the State of Andhra Pradesh in this House, passed away on the 24th May, 1997. Born at village Thondala Gopavaram in Khammam district of Andhra Pradesh in April, 1931, Shri Giri