

**THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES**  
**OFFICIAL REPORT**  
**IN THE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SEVENTH SESSION**  
**OF THE RAJYA SABHA**  
*Commencing on the 24th May 1996/3rd Jyaistha 1918 (Saka)*

## RAJYA SABHA

*Friday, the 24th May 1996/3rd Jyaistha  
1918 (Saka)*

The House met at thirty one minutes past twelve of the clock. **Mr. Chairman** in the Chair

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

(The National Anthem was played.)

### ANNOUNCEMENT RE.

#### The Leader of the House and The Leader of the Opposition

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** First of all, I have to inform Members that the Prime Minister has nominated Shri Sikander Bakht to be the Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha.

I have also to inform Members that I have recognised the Congress (I) party in Rajya Sabha as the Opposition party and its leader, Shri S.B. Chavan as the Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha with effect from the 23rd May, 1996.

### MEMBERS SWORN

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shri Sikander Bakht (Madhya Pradesh)</li> <li>2. Shri S.B. Chavan (Maharashtra)</li> <li>3. Dr. Y. Lakshmi Prasad (Andhra Pradesh)</li> <li>4. Dr. Y. Radhakrishna Murty (Andhra Pradesh)</li> <li>5. Shri D. Venkateshwar Rao (Andhra Pradesh)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Shri Solipeta Ramachandra Reddy (Andhra Pradesh)</li> <li>7. Shri Saifulla (Andhra Pradesh)</li> <li>8. Shri Karnendu Bhattacharjee (Assam)</li> <li>9. Shrimati Basanti Sarma (Assam)</li> <li>10. Maulana Obaidulla Khan Azmi (Bihar)</li> <li>11. Shri Prem Chand Gupta (Bihar)</li> <li>12. Shri Gyan Ranjan (Bihar)</li> <li>13. Shri Jagdambi Mandal (Bihar)</li> <li>14. Shri Nagendra Nath Ojha (Bihar)</li> <li>15. Shri Shatrughan Prasad Sinha (Bihar)</li> <li>16. Shri Ranjan Prasad Yadav (Bihar)</li> <li>17. Shri Bangaru Laxman (Gujarat)</li> <li>18. Shri Brahmakumar Bhatt (Gujarat)</li> <li>19. Shri Anantray Devshanker Dave (Gujarat)</li> <li>20. Shri Gopalsinh G. Solanki (Gujarat)</li> <li>21. Shri Banarsi Das Gupta (Haryana)</li> <li>22. Shri Lachhman Singh (Haryana)</li> <li>23. Shrimati Chandresh Kumari (Himachal Pradesh)</li> <li>24. Shri Ramakrishna Hegde (Karnataka)</li> <li>25. Shri C.M. Ibrahim (Karnataka)</li> <li>26. Shri S.M. Krishna (Karnataka)</li> </ol> |
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