

RAJYA SABHA

*Thursday, the 11th July, 1996/the 20th
Asadha 1918 (Saka)*

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER, THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

MR. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, I have great pleasure to introduce the Prime Minister, Shri H.D. Deve Gowda.

I would now like to introduce the Leader of the House, Shri Inder Kumar Gujral.

I should like to introduce Shri Sikander Bakht, the Leader of the Opposition, but he is not here.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE (Maharashtra):
In absentia.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL
(Rajasthan): He is not well.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTER BY THE PRIME MINISTER

MR. CHAIRMAN: I request the Prime Minister to introduce his Council of Ministers.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI H.D. DEVE GOWDA): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I introduce to you and, through you, to the House, my colleagues:

Cabinet Ministers:

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| 1. Shri Beni Prasad Verma | — Minister of Communications |
| 2. Shri Chaturanan Mishra | — Minister of Agriculture |
| 3. Shri Devendra Prasad Yadav | — Minister of Food and Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution |
| 4. Shri Indrajit Gupta | — Minister of Home Affairs |
| 5. Shri Janeshwar Mishra | — Minister of Water Resources |
| 6. Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav | — Minister of Defence |
| 7. Shri Murasoli Maran | — Minister of Industry |
| 8. Shri P. Chidambaram | — Minister of Finance and Minister of Company Affairs |
| 9. Shri R.L. Jalappa | — Minister of Textiles |
| 10. Shri S.R. Bommai | — Minister of State Human Resource Development |
| 11. Shri Srikanta Jena | — Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Tourism |
| 12. Shri T.G. Venkatraman | — Minister of Surface Transport |
| 13. Shri K. Yerram Naidu | — Minister of Rural Areas and Employment |
| <i>Ministers of State (Independent Charge)</i> | |
| 14. Shri Bolla Buli Ramaiah | — Minister of State of the Ministry of Commerce |
| 15. Shri Dilip Kumar Ray | — Minister of State of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries |