

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am very glad to extend a warm welcome to the newly elected Members of the Rajya Sabha. The Members who have been re-elected may need no introduction to the procedure, conventions and traditions of the House, and those who are new to the House will. I am sure, very soon acquaint themselves with the spirit and the content of parliamentary procedure and practice.

With these few words I once again welcome the new Members and wish them every success in the months and years ahead.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Ganesh Lal Mali and Shri Monoranjan Roy, former Members of the Rajya Sabha.

Shri Ganesh Lal Mali, who passed away on the 13th May 1992 at the age of 68 years, was born in January 1924 at Nathdwara in Udaipur district of Rajasthan and was educated at Nathdwara, M.B. College, Udaipur and Christian College, Indore. A lawyer by profession, Shri Mali was deeply involved in the problems of Adivasis and worked for their welfare and uplift.

Shri Mali was closely associated with several cooperative societies and served on many local and Government organizations in various capacities. He took keen interest in the progress of sports and was a player of all-India level. Shri Mali was closely associated with several educational and sports organizations.

Shri Mali was a Member of this House from April 1972 to April 1978, representing the State of Rajasthan, and took keen in-

terest in the proceedings of the House, particularly relating to Youth Affairs, Sports and Cooperative movements.

In the passing away of Shri Ganesh Lal Mali, the country has lost a dedicated social worker, an educationist and a sportsman.

A veteran freedom fighter and Trade Union leader, Shri Monoranjan Roy passed away on the 13th June 1992 at the age of 83 years. Born in 1909 at Faridpur now in Bangladesh, Shri Roy had his higher education at Presidency College, Calcutta. Shri Roy was earlier associated with the Indian National Congress but later joined the Communist Party of India. He took active part in the freedom struggle and was imprisoned for several years in connection with the Chittagong Armoury Raid by the Revolutionary Party as well as for his trade union activities. Shri Roy was closely associated with several labour and trade union organizations in various capacities and was a delegate to the World Federation of Trade Unions meeting in Hungary in 1969. Shri Roy was a Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and represented the State of West Bengal in Rajya Sabha from July, 1969 to July, 1975 and always espoused the cause of labour and working class.

In the passing away of Shri Roy, the country has lost a political worker and a trade union leader committed to socialist philosophy.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Ganesh Lal Mali and Shri Monoranjan Roy.

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)

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