

[23 July, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

**RAJYA SABHA**

Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2001/1 Sravana, (1923) Saka

The House met at eleven of the clock,

Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

**(The National Anthem, 'Jana Gana Mana', was played)**

---

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members, that I have accorded recognition to Dr. Manmohan Singh, a Member and Leader of the Indian National Congress Party in the Rajya Sabha, as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2001, consequent upon his re-election to the Rajya Sabha on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2001.

---

**MEMBERS SWORN**

- |    |                         |                 |
|----|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Dr. Manmohan Singh      | (Assam)         |
| 2. | Shri Indramoni Bora     | (Assam)         |
| 3. | Rao Man Singh           | (Haryana)       |
| 4. | Shrimati Gurcharan Kaur | (Punjab)        |
| 5. | Shri Kalraj Mishra      | (Uttar Pradesh) |

---

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members, this House wishes to place on record its heartfelt condolences on the tragic and untimely demise of their Majesties King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Shah and other Members of the Royal Family of Nepal on Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2001.

King Birendra was a visionary who will be remembered for his role in ushering in a peaceful political change and multi-party democracy in Nepal. This House recalls with deep appreciation his invaluable contribution