

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 23rd 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 15th June, 2001, consequent upon his re-election to the Rajya Sabha on 15th June, 2001.

MEMBERS SWORN

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| 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 1st 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