

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 8th June, 2009/18 Jyaishta, 1931 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Lokanath Misra, a former Member of this House, on 27th of May, 2009, at the age of 86 years.

Born at Banpur in Puri district of Orissa, in November, 1922, Shri Misra had his education at Godavaris Vidyapitha, Banpur and Ravenshaw College, Cuttuck.

A social worker, Shri Lokanath Misra, took keen interest in the uplift of backward areas and its people. He was the President of All Orissa Artistes Association and was a member of Reviewing Committee of the National Akademies and the ICCR.

Shri Misra worked for the production of films and acted as hero in an Oriyan film "Lalita."

Shri Misra represented the State of Orissa in this House for three terms from April, 1960 to April, 1966, April, 1966 to April, 1972 and from April, 1972 to April, 1978. Shri Misra was Chairman of Committee on Petitions from 1972 to 1974. Shri Lokanath Misra also served as the Governor of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland.

In the passing away of Shri Lokanath Misra, the country has lost a distinguished Parliamentarian and a noted administrator.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Lokanath Misra.

I request the hon. 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 family our deep sense of sorrow and sympathy.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

SECRETARY-GENERAL : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following Reports† (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce :-

†These Reports were presented to the Chairman, Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 2009, when the Rajya Sabha was not in session.