

THE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES
OFFICIAL REPORT

IN THE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE RAJYA
SABHA

Commencing on the 2nd November, 1988 / 11th Kartika, 1910 (Saka)

RAJYA SABHA

*Wednesday, the 2nd November, 1988/11th
Kartika, 1910 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair

**WELCOME TO MEMBERS BY THE
CHAIRMAN**

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY
(Uttar Pradesh): Will it be a cold win-
ter or hot winter?

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO
(Uttar Pradesh): Will it be a cold winter
or hot.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I welcome you all
to the One Hundred and Forty-eighth
Session and wish you a happy Diwali
which is coming and of course happy
Vijay Dashmi and Durga Puja. Now Oath
or Affirmation.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO
JADHAV (Maharashtra): We wish the
same to you, Sir.

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri S. B. Chavan (Maharashtra)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY
(Uttar Pradesh): Will you also clarify
when he is going back to Maharashtra?

2. Shri R. K. Dorendra Singh (Mani-
pur)

3. Shri Baikunthnath Sahu (Orissa)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: I refer with pro-
found sorrow to the passing away of Shri
Anant Prasad Sharma and Shri P. Thanu-
lingam, former Members of this House.

Shri Sharma had retired as a Member
of this House in April last. He was ailing
for sometime but his end was sudden and
unexpected.

Shri Sharma was born in December,
1919 at village Gaudarh in Bhojpur Dis-
trict of Bihar. A freedom fighter and
active trade union worker, Shri Sharma
specially organised the railway workers. He
was closely associated with several Railway
Employees' Unions. He represented Indian
Labour at the Annual Conference of the
International Labour Organisation at
Geneva in 1956 and again in 1969. Shri
Sharma served as the Organising Secretary
and later on President of the Indian
National Trade Union Congress for a
long time. In short, he occupied the centre-
stage of the national trade union move-
ment.

Shri Sharma had a long Parliamentary
career. He was a Member of the Lok
Sabha from 1962 to 1967 and again from
1971 to 1977. He was a Member of this
House from 1968 to 1971, later from 1978
to 1983 and again from August, 1984 to
April, 1988. Shri Sharma served as Union
Minister, holding several important port-
folios with distinction and also served as
the Governor of Punjab and West Bengal.
Shri Sharma was an agile and active Mem-
ber and always participated in the debates
concerning welfare of the labour and ex-
ploited sections of the society.

Shri P. Thanulingam was born at Par-
marthlingapuram in District Nagercoil of
Tamil Nadu in February, 1915 and was