

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 2nd July, 2009/11 Asadha, 1931 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

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

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Hemant Soren (Jharkhand)

Shri Ganga Charan (Uttar Pradesh)

Shri Shriram Pal (Uttar Pradesh)

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have to refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Prof. Naunihal Singh, a former Member of this House on the 25th June, 2009, at the age of 86 years.

Born at village Sohajna Rani in Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh in January, 1923, Prof. Singh had his education at Aligarh Muslim University, Christ Church College, Kanpur, Agra University, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom and La Sorbonne University, Paris.

A multifaceted personality, Prof. Naunihal Singh, actively participated in the Quit India Movement in 1942 during his student days. He joined the Government of India in 1958 and retired as Director in 1975. Prof. Naunihal Singh also taught MBA classes in universities of USA and practised law at the High Courts of Allahabad and Delhi. He was associated with various social welfare and cultural organisations and worked for the upliftment of untouchables, backward classes and tribal people. Prof. Singh launched a campaign against rural indebtedness, dowry system, alcoholism, communalism and against divisive forces in the country.

Prof. Singh was a delegate to the United National Economic Commission for Asia and Far East (ECAFE), organised the Indian pavilion in the International Trade Exhibition at Addis Ababa and negotiated trade with several firms in Japan on the occasion of EXPO'70. The House congratulated him when he brought a new technology from abroad for generation of electricity called 'Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion' and arranged for free foreign exchange of US \$ 1 billion to generate 600 MW of electricity.