

THE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE
OFFICIAL REPORT

IN THE HUNDRED AND SIXTH SESSION OF THE RAJYA SABHA

Commencing on the 17th July 1978/the 26th Asadha 1900 (Saka)

RAJYA SABHA

*Monday, the 17th July, 1978/the 26
Asadha, 1900 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock. **Mr. Deputy Chairman** in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Rotom Tama (Arunachal Pradesh)
2. Shri Lalsawia (Mizoram)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shrimati Ammu Swaminadhan and Shri Pratul Chandra Mitra, ex-Members of our House.

Shrimati Ammu Swaminadhan was born in 1894 at Anakara, South Malabar. She joined the Indian National Congress in 1930. A noted social worker, Shrimati Swaminadhan was connected with several organisations for the welfare and education of women and children. She was the founder-member of the All India Women's

Conference and was for some time President of the Women's Indian Association. She was a member of the Madras Corporation from 1934 to 1939. In 1945 she became a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly and thereafter Member of the Constituent Assembly of India and Provisional Parliament. During her tenure as a Member of this House from 1957 to 1960, she took active part in the proceedings of the House specially in discussions relating to welfare and upliftment of women and the down-trodden.

Shri Pratul Chandra Mitra was the son of the late Dr. Purna Chandra Mitra who was also a Member of this House. Born in 1908 at Midnapore, Shri Mitra started participating in the non-co-operation movement from his school days. A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Mitra was imprisoned between 1932 and 1945 several times aggregating to about ten years for active participation in freedom movement. He was also an active trade union leader and was associated with several labour unions. Shri Mitra was a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1960 to 1972. Mild-mannered and soft-spoken, he took keen interest in the day-to-day proceedings of the House and made valuable contribution to the debates.