

RAJYA SABHA

*Friday, the 22nd March, 1974/the 1st
Chaitra, 1896 (Saka)*

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

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shrimati Sita Devi, a sitting Member of the Rajya Sabha.

Shrimati Sita Devi, born in Lahore in 1910, was educated at Dehra Dun. A great social worker and a Trade Unionist, she joined the Indian National Congress in 1928. She took active part in the Freedom struggle and 'Quit India Movement' and counted arrest and was jailed thrice. Shrimati Sita Devi was a Member of many social educational and trade union organisations. A member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly from 1946 to 1957 and of the Punjab Legislative Council from 1964 to 1970. Shrimati Sita Devi was elected to the Rajya Sabha only two years back in the month of April 1972.

She took keen interest in the proceedings of the House and always spoke with force and conviction. She received admiration from all sections of the House. We deeply mourn the sad passing away of Shrimati Sita Devi.

I would request Members to rise in their places and observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved family our sense of grief and profound sorrow.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, I direct that the House will rise and will adjourn for the day. It will reassemble at 11 A.M. on Monday, the 25th March, 1974.

The House then adjourned at three minutes past eleven of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 25th March, 1974