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*Commencing on the 12th November, 1973 21st Kartika
1895 (Saka)*

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*Monday, the 12th November, 1973/
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The House met at eleven of the clock,
R. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN

Shrimati Kumudben Manishanker Joshi
(Gujarat).

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is with profound feelings of sorrow that I have to refer to the passing away of Shri Lalji Pendse, Shri Barkatullah Khan, Dr. Tara Chand, Shri Krishnakant Vyas and Diwan Chaman Lall, our former Members.

Shri Lalji Pendse, who was born in 1900, left studies to join the Non-Cooperation movement in 1921. He was convicted five times and detained twice for his political activities. Founder-member of (i) Bombay Mill Mazdoor Union, (ii) Progressive Writers Association and (iii) Marathi Journalists Association. Shri Pendse had a colourful political career as a trade unionist and leader of mass movements. He was a member of this House from 3rd April 1958 to 2nd April, 1964 and was always listened to with great attention whenever he spoke in the House.

Shri Barkatullah Khan, born in 1920, was educated at Bombay and Lucknow. Shri Khan was actively associated with various social activities and the Kisan movement in Jodhpur and became a Special Minister and Acting Prime Minister of the Jodhpur State in December, 1948. He was later appointed as the Resident Representative of the Jodhpur State in New Delhi in 1949. He was elected to this House in April, 1952. On his election to the Rajasthan Assembly he resigned his seat in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1957. After serving for some years as a Minister in Rajasthan, Shri Barkatullah Khan became the Chief Minister of the State on the 9th July, 1971 and held that position till his death. In fact, only two or three days before his passing away he was with me for some time. He appeared to be in good health and I never realised that his end was so near. He was well known for his simplicity and high integrity. His sudden and untimely death has cut short a very promising career.

Dr. Tara Chand born in 1888 was educated at Delhi, Meerut, Allahabad and Oxford. A brilliant scholar, Dr. Tara Chand rose to be a Professor of Politics at Allahabad University in 1945 and later Vice-Chancellor of that University in 1947. From 1948 to 1951 he was Secretary and Educational Adviser to the Government of India. He was our Ambassador in Iran from 1951 to 1956. A noted Historian, Dr. Tara Chand was the Chairman