

authority are based upon and spring from the people, has endured and grown in strength. The policies and achievements of my Government and of our people have strengthened our democracy and continue to import into it economic and social content in increasing measure.

57. We are fortunate in the historic background that our national struggle developed and the inspiration that the life and example of the Father of the Nation gave to us. In this eleventh year of our young Republic, we may look back as well as forward, with pride and confidence, though not with complacency. The tasks ahead of us are stupendous. They call for constant vigilance, greater determination and discipline and a sense of purpose both among our people and in our administration. This alone will make our democracy a reality in terms of the masses of our people.

58. Our vast resources and the qualities of our people have become engaged in the tremendous tasks of conduction and progress that lie ahead of us. In these, the quality of our administration into which must be imported an ever-increasing sense of urgency, rationalisation of procedures, the emergence and development of greater confidence at all levels, and the avoidance of waste of manpower and time, must be an urgent consideration.

59. It will continue to be the constant endeavour of my Government to initiate and further, efforts and plans to bridge the gaps between the time of formulation of policies and their implementation, to enable our people to participate at all levels in our economic and social developments, and for them to feel a sense of function and dignity which Independence has brought to us.

60. My Government seeks to uphold the dignity and independence of our land and people, to promote out unity and social well-being, and to build a

democratic and socialist society in which progress is sought and attained by peaceful means and by consent,

61. Members of Parliament: I bid you to your labours in this new session and wish you all success. I earnestly trust that wisdom and tolerance and a spirit of co-operative endeavour will guide you. May your labours bear fruit for the good of our country and people and the world whom we are all privileged to serve.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN; I have to refer to the passing away of Mr. M. C. Shah. He took a leading part in our national struggle and was the Chairman of the Ahmedabad Municipality, and all who know of his work speak of the great efficiency and honesty with which he conducted the affairs of that Municipality. He was also Minister of Revenue and Civil Expenditure here, a man of quiet, unostentatious nature with strong convictions. We have lost a very good person in him. May, I ask you to stand up for one minute as a mark of respect to his memory?

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

RESIGNATION OF SHRI PURUSHOTTAM DAS TANDON

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform you that Shri Purushottam Das Tandon has resigned his seat in the Rajya Sabha with effect from the 1st January, 1960.

STATEMENT OF BILLS ASSENTED TO BY THE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY: Sir, I beg *to lay on* the Table a statement showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Twenty-seventh Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President.