

## RAJYA SABHA

*Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2012/18<sup>th</sup> Vaisakha, 1934 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

### MEMBER SWORN

Shri Pradip Kumar Balmuchu (Jharkhand)

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### OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Patitpaban Pradhan, a former Member of this House on the 6th of May, 2012, at the age of 77 years.

Born at Jarachhat in Sambalpur District of Odisha in June, 1934, Shri Pradhan had his education at Bangabasi College, Kolkata, St. Paul's College, Kolkata and University College of Arts and Law, Kolkata.

An agriculturist, social worker and a trade unionist, Shri Pradhan worked for the upliftment of the working class and stood for the nationalization of the Coal Mining Industry in the country. He was also President of many trade unions in Sambalpur and Dhenkanal districts of Odisha.

Shri Patitpaban contributed articles of public importance to daily and weekly newspapers and monthly magazines of Odisha.

Shri Patitpaban Pradhan represented the State of Odisha in this House from July, 1977 to April, 1982.

In the passing away of Shri Patitpaban Pradhan, the country has lost a noted trade unionist, a dedicated social worker and a distinguished parliamentarian.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Patitpaban Pradhan.

I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

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

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

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