

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, 8th August, 2012/17th Sravana, 1934 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

(The National Anthem, "Jana Gana Mana", was played.)

MEMBER SWORN

Shri Alok Tiwari (Uttar Pradesh)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Niranjana Varma, Shri Ratan Tama, Shri Dipankar Mukherjee, Shri Dara Singh and Shri Balavant *alias* Bal Apte, former, Members of this House; Shri Rajesh Khanna and Captain Lakshmi Sehgal; and Chaudhary Harmohan Singh Yadav, former Member of this House.

Shri Niranjana Varma passed away on the 17th of March, 2012, at the age of 97 years.

Born at Pipalkhera village, in Vidisha District of Madhya Pradesh in October, 1914, Shri Varma had his education at Victoria College, Gwalior and Agra University.

An advocate by profession, Shri Niranjana Varma had been actively associated with the uplift of downtrodden sections of the society. He was also President of the District Bar Association, Vidisha and Director of the District Cooperative Bank Ltd., Vidisha.

Shri Niranjana Varma started his legislative career when he was nominated to the Constituent Committee of the then Gwalior State in 1946. He was elected to the