

## RAJYA SABHA

*Monday, the 22nd April, 2013/2nd Vaisakha, 1935 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

### MEMBERSWORN

Shrimati Wansuk Syiem (Meghalaya)

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### OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Lady Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Shri Surjit Singh Atwal and Shri R.P. Goenka, former Members of this House and Shrimati V.S. Rama Devi, former Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha.

Lady Margaret Thatcher passed away on the 8th April, 2013. Lady Thatcher was a leader of great eminence and is remembered for her notable contributions to the evolution of relations between India and the United Kingdom.

The House joins the leaders and the people of the United Kingdom in mourning the passing away of Lady Margaret Thatcher and conveys deep condolences to her family.

Shri Surjit Singh Atwal passed away on the 4th April, 2013, at the age of 92 years.

Born in January, 1921, in Pharala of District Jullundur, Punjab, Shri Atwal was educated at St. Vincent De-Paul's School, Asansol.

A businessman by profession, Shri Atwal was associated with various social welfare organisations and educational institutions. He served as the President of the Gurudwara Committee, Asansol.

Shri Atwal represented the State of Punjab in this House from April, 1962 to April, 1968.

In the passing away of Shri Surjit Singh Atwal, the country has lost an able parliamentarian and a dedicated social worker.