

## RAJYA SABHA

*Monday, 16th December, 2013/25th Agrahayana, 1935 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

### MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Pramod Kumar (Uttar Pradesh).
2. Shrimati Kanak Lata Singh (Uttar Pradesh).

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### OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Sis Ram Ola, Minister of Labour and Employment, and sitting Member of the Lok Sabha, on the 15th December, 2013, at the age of 86 years.

Born in July, 1927, in Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan, Shri Sis Ram Ola, was educated at the Education Board, Rajasthan. An agriculturist, political and social worker, he was associated with several social welfare organisations and was President of Indira Gandhi Balika Niketan. He was awarded the Padma Shri in the year 1968 for social work.

Shri Sis Ram Ola started his legislative career as a Member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly in 1957. He was a Member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1990, and again from 1993 to 1996. He held several ministerial portfolios in the Government of Rajasthan like Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, irrigation and others spanning over ten years.

He was also a Member of the Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and the current Fifteenth Lok Sabha. In the Union Government, he served as Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers from 1996-97, as Minister of Water Resources (Independent Charge) from 1997-98, as Minister of Mines from 2004-09 and as Minister of Labour and Employment from June, 2013, till his sad demise.

In the passing away of Shri Sis Ram Ola, the country has lost an able administrator and a distinguished Parliamentarian.