

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, The 23rd April, 2015/3rd Vaisakha, 1937 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

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

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Abdul Wahab (Kerala)

Shri K.K. Ragesh (Kerala)

Shri Vayalar Ravi (Kerala)

RE. ISSUE RAISED ABOUT FAREWELL TO RETIRED MEMBERS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, ...(Interruptions)... One minute. ...(Interruptions)...

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल (उत्तर प्रदेश): माननीय सभापति जी, जो मेम्बर्स रिटायर हुए हैं, वे अपनी फेयरवेल स्पीच ही नहीं दे पाए हैं। यह पहली बार हुआ है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am coming to that.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, former Prime Minister and Founding Father of Singapore, on the 23rd of March, 2015.

Mr. Lee was a great statesman and a visionary, who had dedicated himself to the transformation of the city-state of Singapore into a global trade and financial centre in the ASEAN region. His death is an irreversible loss to Singapore, its people, and also to the world at large.

This House joins the bereaved family, the Government and the people of Singapore in mourning the passing away of Mr. Lee Kuan Yew and conveys its heartfelt condolences to them in this hour of grief. I also refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Manubhai Patel, Shri Ghufuran Azam, Shri Lalit Kishore Chaturvedi, Shri Jerlie E. Tariang, and, Shri Ghulam Rasool Kar, former Members of this House.