

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, The 21st July, 2015/30th Ashadha, 1937 (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 M. J. Akbar (Jharkhand)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Govindrao Adik, Shri Ghulam Mohammad Mir and Shri Surendra Kumar Singh, former Members of this House.

Shri Govindrao Adik passed away on the 6th of June, 2015, at the age of 76 years.

Born in June, 1939, at Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra, Shri Govindrao Adik was educated at M.E.S. College (now Garware College) and Law College, Pune.

An Advocate by profession, Shri Adik practised law in Shirampur, Maharashtra from 1966 to 1971. He was the Chairman of the Belapur Sugar and Allied Industries Ltd. and Founder of the Consumers' Co-operative, Shirampur, Maharashtra. He served as the President of the Rashtriya State Transport Kamgar Congress, the Government of India Press Employees Union, Delhi and the Indian National Trade Union Congress, Maharashtra. He was also the Director of the Environmental and Consumer Protection Foundation, Delhi.

As a social worker, Shri Adik was actively involved with the workers' movement, rural growth and economic development of backward areas. He was instrumental in establishing the Foundation for Rural Integration, Education, Nutrition and Development Services (FRIENDS) devoted for the development and uplift of the rural masses. Shri Adik was also the Founder and Executive President of the Nav Bharat Abhiyan, Founder Chairman of the Maharashtra Krishak Samaj and the Founder and Chief Editor of the 'Weekly Shirampur Times'. He also served as the Chairman of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation from 1990 to 1992.