RAJYA SABHA

Monday, 25th April, 2016/5th Vaisakha, 1938 (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 Ripu Bora (Assam)

Shrimati R anee Narah (Assam)

Shri Anand Sharma (Himachal Pradesh)

Shri K. Somaprasad (Kerala)

Shri Partap Singh Bajwa (Punjab)

Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo (Punjab)

Shri Naresh Gujral (Punjab)

Shri Shwait Malik (Punjab)

Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya (Tripura)

WELCOME TO NEW AND RE-ELECTED MEMBERS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, on behalf of the entire House and on my own behalf, I extend a very cordial welcome to the newly elected and re-elected Members of this House.

Those who have been re-elected are familiar faces and are well-conversant with the procedures, conventions and traditions of this House. The newly elected Members, who have taken their seats in the House, today, for the first time, I am sure, will soon acquaint themselves with the intricacies of Parliamentary practices and procedures and the conventions of this House. We eagerly look forward to their valuable contribution in making the functioning of parliamentary democracy more effective, people-oriented and purposeful. I am sure that they will work assiduously for enhancing the dignity and prestige of this august House.

I once again extend my felicitations to the newly elected and re-elected Members and wish them success.