

RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 15th December, 2017/24th Agrahayana, 1939 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

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

INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL, RAJYA SABHA

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have great pleasure in introducing to the House the new Secretary-General, Shri Desh Deepak Verma.

Shri Verma joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1978 and held several important positions, both at the State and Central level. He served in most sensitive districts of Uttar Pradesh as District Magistrate, Almora, Aligarh, Bareilly and Agra, and also as Divisional Commissioner in Lucknow and Allahabad. He had also served as Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India. He assumed the office of the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha in September, 2017. He is a keen sportsman and lover of music and poetry. His articles have been published in prominent English and Hindi newspapers and journals.

I welcome Shri Desh Deepak Verma and wish him good luck for his new assignment.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of **Shri Khamsum Namgyal Pulger**, **Shri S. B. Ramesh Babu**, **Shri Rishang Keishing**, former Members of this House, **Shri Arjan Singh**, Marshal of the Indian Air Force, **Shri Jayantilal Barot**, **Shri Makhan Lal Fotedar**, **Shri Gaya Singh**, **Dr. Ishwar Chandra Gupta**, **Shri Mirza Irshadbaig** and **Shri Sukomal Sen**, former Members of this House.

Shri Khamsum Namgyal Pulger passed away on the 7th of July, 2017 at the age of 91 years. Born in October, 1926 at Darjeeling in West Bengal, **Shri Pulger** was educated at the St. Roberts School, Darjeeling.

A social worker, **Shri Khamsum Namgyal Pulger** represented the State of Sikkim in this House for a brief period, from the 20th of October, 1987, to the 1st of March, 1988.