

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 20th June, 2019/30th Jyaishta, 1941 (Saka)

The House met at forty minutes past twelve of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

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

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya (Assam)

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa (Assam)

INTRODUCTION OF PRIME MINISTER

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have great pleasure to introduce Shri Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have to inform you that I have received a communication from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs informing me that Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment has been nominated as the Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha by the hon. Prime Minister.

Shri Gehlot, a veteran Parliamentarian, has vast legislative experience, first, as Member of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly for three terms, from 1980 to 1984, 1990 to 1992, and 1993 to 1996, and then, as Member of the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Lok Sabha. This is his second term in Rajya Sabha. His commitment towards serving the exploited and downtrodden sections of the society and his efforts to eradicate social evils and conservatism from the society are all well known. This