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Shri Nitin Gadkari	The Minister of Road Transport and Highways; Minister of Shipping and Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
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Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	The Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Shri Piyush Goyal	The Minister of Railways and Minister of Coal

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Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman

The Minister of Defence

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

The Minister of Minority Affairs

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Dr. Mahesh Sharma	The Minister of State of the Ministry of Culture and Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Shri Giriraj Singh	The Minister of State of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
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Shri R.K. Singh	The Minister of State of the Ministry of Power and Minister of State of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

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Shri Hardeep Singh Puri

The Minister of State of the Ministry
of Housing and Urban Affairs

Shri Alphons Kannanthanam

The Minister of State of the Ministry
of Tourism and Minister of State in
the Ministry of Electronics and
Information Technology

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Shri Vijay Sampla	The Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
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[HON. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

NATIONAL ANTHEM

(The National Anthem was played.)

11.01 hours

MEMBER SWORN

HON. SPEAKER: Secretary-General may now call the name of newly elected Member in recent bye-election to take the oath.

SECRETARY GENERAL: Shri Sunil Kumar Jakhar.

Shri Sunil Kumar Jakhar - Oath - Punjabi
(Gurdaspur)

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11.02 hours

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

[Translation]

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Prime Minister may introduce the Council of Ministers to the House now.

PRIME MINISTER (SHRI NARENDRA MODI): Hon. Speaker sir, with your due permission, through you, I would like to introduce the Council of Ministers to the House.

CABINET MINISTER

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways and Minister of Coal.

Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Defence.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of Minority Affairs.

MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

Shri R.K. Singh, Minister of State of the Ministry of Power and Minister of State of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Shri Kannanthanam Alphons, Minister of State of the Ministry of Tourism and Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.

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MINISTER OF STATE

Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

Dr. Virendra Kumar The Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development and Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Shri AnantkumarHegde The Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat The Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Dr. Satya Pal Singh The Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Minister of State in the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank You.Congratulations to all of you.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
Appointment of Secretary General, Lok Sabha

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House that Shrimati Snehlata Shrivastava has been appointed as Secretary General of the Lok Sabha and Lok Sabha Secretariat w.e.f. 1st December, 2017. Shrimati Shrivastava has the administrative experience of more than 35 years. She has also worked as Secretary in the Department of Justice, Government of India. I believe that the House will benefit from the vast experience of Shrimati Shrivastava and she will discharge her responsibilities and duties as the first woman Secretary General of Lok Sabha with dedication and integrity.

I also have to inform the House that Shri Anoop Mishra has relinquished the office of the Secretary General of the Lok Sabha after completing his tenure on 30th November, 2017. Shri Mishra's vast knowledge of Parliamentary work, procedures and constitutional matters helped the Presiding Officers and the Members on the Panel of Chairpersons in conducting the proceedings of the House smoothly. Through his efficient administrative skill, he successfully performed the work related to administration and the welfare of the officers and the staff of the Secretariat.

In recognition of his services, I have immense pleasure in announcing that Shri Anoop Mishra has been nominated as Honorary Officer of the House.

On behalf of myself and the Hon. Members, I wish him good health and success in the future.

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OBITUARY REFERENCES

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of our three current colleagues namely, Shri Sultan Ahmed, Shri Chand Nath and Shri Taslimuddin and seven former Members, namely, Shri Vikram Mahajan, Shri Ram Singh, Shri R. Keishing, Shri P.C. Barman, Shri Dhanraj Singh, Shri Amal Dutta and Shri PriyaRanjanDasmunsi.

Shri Sultan Ahmed was a sitting Member representing the Uluberia Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal. He was also a Member of the 15th Lok Sabha.

He was a Union Minister of State of the Ministry of Tourism from the year 2009-2012.

Shri Ahmed was a member of the Committee on External Affairs during the 15th Lok Sabha and a member of the Committee on Estimates, Committee on Commerce and Committee on Energy during the 16th Lok Sabha.

Earlier, Shri Ahmed was a Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly for two terms.

Shri Sultan Ahmed passed away on 4th September, 2017 in Kolkata, West Bengal at the age of 64.

Shri Chand Nath was a sitting Member representing the Alwar Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan.

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Shri Chand Nath was a Member of the Committee on Human Resource Development.

Shri Chand Nath was also a Member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly from 2004 to 2008.

Shri Chand Nath passed away on 17th September, 2017 in New Delhi at the age of 61.

Shri Taslimuddin was a sitting Member representing the Araria Parliamentary Constituency in Bihar. He was also a Member of the 9th, 11th, 12th and 14th Lok Sabha.

Shri Taslimuddin was a Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs in 1996 and was also a Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution from the year 2004 to 2009.

Shri Taslimuddin was also a member of various Parliamentary Committees during his long Parliamentary career.

Earlier, he was also a Member of the Bihar Legislative Assembly for eight terms and served as Minister of Housing in the Government of Bihar from 2000 to 2004.

Shri Taslimuddin passed away on 17th September, 2017 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 74.

Shri Vikram Mahajan was a Member of the fourth Lok Sabha from Chamba Parliamentary Constituency in Himachal Pradesh and represented

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the Kangra Parliamentary Constituency in Himachal Pradesh during the fifth and seventh Lok Sabha.

He was a Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Energy from 1980 to 1983.

Shri Mahajan was Chairman of Committee on Subordinate Legislation and Joint Select Committee on Separation of Judiciary from Executive. He was a member of the Committee of Privileges and Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.

Shri Vikram Mahajan passed away on 11th August, 2016 in Delhi at the age of 84.

Shri Ram Singh was a Member of the ninth Lok Sabha representing the Sultanpur Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Ram Singh was a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1980 to 1984.

Shri Ram Singh passed away on 10th August, 2017 in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 68.

Shri R. Keishing was a Member of the first and third Lok Sabha representing the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency in Manipur.

Shri Keishing was a member of the Committee on Public Accounts during the third Lok Sabha.

He was a Member of the Manipur Legislative Assembly from 1972 to 2002 for seven terms and served as Chief Minister of Manipur for five times. He was also a Member of the Rajya Sabha twice from 2002 to 2014.

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A veteran politician and one of the oldest Parliamentarians, Shri Keishing worked for the educational and economic upliftment of the tribal people and for preservation of their customs and cultures.

Shri R. Keishing passed away on 22nd August, 2017 in Imphal, Manipur at the age of 95.

Shri P. C. Barman was a Member of the third Lok Sabha representing the Coochbehar Parliamentary Constituency in West Bengal.

An active social and political worker, Shri Barman worked for welfare of the backward and downtrodden sections of the society.

Shri P. C. Barman passed away on 27th August, 2017 in Coochbehar, West Bengal at the age of 85.

Shri Dhanraj Singh was a Member of the ninth Lok Sabha representing the Munger Parliamentary Constituency in Bihar.

He was a member of the Committee on Estimates.

Earlier, Shri Dhanraj was a Member of the Bihar Legislative Council from 1980 to 1986.

Shri Dhanraj Singh passed away on 12th October, 2017 in Patna, Bihar at the age of 73.

Shri Amal Dutt was a Member of the 7th to 10th Lok Sabha representing the Diamond Harbour Parliamentary Constituency in West Bengal.

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Shri Dutta was Chairman of the Public Accounts and a member of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation, Committee of Privileges, Business Advisory Committee, General Purposes Committee and the Joint Select Committee on the Lokpal Bill.

A lawyer by profession, Shri Dutta served as an advocate in Kolkata High Court and was a visiting Professor (Guest Professor) at the Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata.

Shri Amal Dutta passed away on 20th October, 2017 in Kolkata, West Bengal at the age of 84.

Shri PriyaRanjanDasmunsi represented the Kolkata South Parliamentary Constituency in West Bengal during the 5th Lok Sabha. He also represented the Howrah Parliamentary Constituency in West Bengal during the 8th and 11th Lok Sabha and the Raiganj Parliamentary Constituency in West Bengal during the 13th and 14th Lok Sabha. Shri Dasmunsi was a Member of various Parliamentary Committees during his Membership in the Lok Sabha. Shri PriyaRanjanDasmunsi was a Union Minister of Water Resources; Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs during the 14th Lok Sabha. He was also a Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce during the 8th Lok Sabha.

A sports enthusiast, Shri Dasmunsi served as President of the All India Football Federation and the Vice President of the Indian Olympic Association and worked for the promotion of sports, particularly football, in the country. A man of letters, Shri Dasmunsi was the editor of a Bengali

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magazine 'DakhineeBaarta' and he got published several books. We all know him very well, he was very popular among all of us.

Shri PriyaRanjanDasmunsi passed away on 20th November, 2017 in Delhi at the age of 72.

We deeply mourn the loss of Shri Sultan Ahmed, Shri Chand Nath, Shri Taslimuddin and seven of our former colleagues. I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families. Now, the House Members will stand in silence for a while.

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The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

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***WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

Starred Question Nos. 1 to 20

*Unstarred Question Nos. 1 to 38, 40 to 198 and 200 to 230

*Unstarred Question No.39 and 199 were deleted due to resignation by the Member.

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[English]

HON. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet on Monday, the 18th December, 2017 at 11 a.m.

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*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Monday,
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