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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBER SWORN

Shri A. E. T. Barrow (Nominated—
Anglo-Indian)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as we meet today after an interval of two months, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the passing away of one of our colleagues, Shri S. B. Giri and three former Members, Shri Girija Sankar Guha, Shri Hem Barua and Shri K. C. Neogy.

Shri S. B. Giri was a sitting Member of this House from Warangal constituency of Andhra Pradesh. He had also been a Member of the Fifth Lok Sabha during the years 1971—77. He was a trade unionist and freedom fighter. After Independence, he played a prominent role for the merger of erstwhile Hyderabad State in the Indian Union. He was associated with trade union activities for a long time and held some of the top positions in All India Railwaymen's Federation and Hind Mazdoor Sabha. He will be remembered for long for his devotion to the cause of the Labour. A widely travelled man, he had endeared himself to a large

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circle of friends by his amiable nature. He used to take active part in the proceedings of the House. He suddenly passed away at Secunderabad on the 23rd April, 1977 at the age of 55.

Shri Girija Sankar Guha was a Member of the Constituent Assembly and Provisional Parliament during the years 1947—52. Earlier he had served as a Minister in the Tripura State in 1945. He passed away at Shillong on the 2nd March, 1977 at the age of 83.

Shri Hem Barua was a Member of the Second, Third and Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1957—70. During the Fourth Lok Sabha, he represented Mangaldai constituency in Assam. Starting his career as a Lecturer in English Literature, he very soon entered active politics and joined the 1942 Quit India Movement. A seasoned Parliamentarian he took keen interest in the proceedings of the House and his views were heard with great respect. The issues that interested him most were foreign affairs and economic development. Besides this, he was an eminent author, journalist and an educationist. A prolific writer, he wrote a large number of books on varied topics in English, Assamese and Hindi languages. He was associated with several educational institutions and served as Member of the Courts of Banaras and Gauhati Universities. He was a member of some of the Parliamentary delegations sent abroad during his membership of Lok Sabha. He passed away at Gauhati on the 9th April, 1977 at the age of 62.