

श्री मधु लिमये (मुगेर) : मेरे प्रस्ताव का क्या हुआ ? मैंने प्रस्ताव का नोटिस दिया है। सदन के नेता इस के बारे में बयान दें।

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SHRI SHRIPATI MISRA (Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh)

SHRI NATH PAI (Rajapur) : A tradition was being established by your predecessor, I mean our distinguished previous Speaker, that every new Member was to be introduced properly. Have we discontinued this tradition ?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : That is all right.

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OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our friends, namely, Dr. Gopalrao Bajirao Khedkar and Shri N. Ramaseshaiah.

Dr. Gopalrao Bajirao Khedkar was a Member of First and Second Lok Sabha during the years 1952—60. At the time of his death he was Minister for Rural Development in the Maharashtra Government. He passed away at Amravati on the 25 May, 1969 at the age of 69.

Shri N. Ramaseshaiah was a Member of First Lok Sabha during the years 1952—57. At the time of his death he was Minister of Health in the Orissa Government. He passed away at Bhubaneswar on the 31st May, 1969 at the age of 71.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir may I join you in expressing my deep regret that we should begin this session mourning the death of two of our distinguished erstwhile colleagues in parliament who have passed away since we

last met ? You have mentioned their names—Dr. Gopalrao Bajirao Khedkar and Shri N. Ramaseshaiah.

Dr. Khedkar was an old soldier in our struggle for freedom having courted the first imprisonment in the early thirties. He remained throughout a prominent and distinguished leader from his part of the country and had to his credit a long record of public service. He served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh at the time of independence and was Member of the First and Second Lok Sabha. Although essentially a political worker, Dr. Khedkar's field of interest was wide and varied. He was a journalist and he was interested in the cause of education. He worked for the uplift of our villagers. In his death we have lost an old and valued colleague.

Shri Ramaseshaiah was an independent Member of the First Lok Sabha. He was a prominent public figure of Tamilnadu. We mourn the death of these two distinguished colleagues and I would request you, Sir, to convey to the bereaved families our sincere condolences.

SHRI RANGA (Srikakulam) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am extremely sorry that these two distinguished public workers have passed away. I associate myself with what has been stated by you, Sir, and the Prime Minister.

I have known Shri Ramaseshaiah since 1927. He was a distinguished poet in Telugu and he belonged to Andhra and not Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : I am sorry, I meant Orissa.

SHRI RANGA : He rose to prominence in Orissa. He was a member of this House. He worked as an independent member and also as a democrat under the leadership of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerji in that first democratic opposition party we had in this House from 1952 to 1957. He was a member of the Ganatantra Parishad also. In that capacity he served the people of Orissa for more than ten years. Thereafter, he joined our party, the Swatantra Party, and rose to be the Minister of Health and as a Minister for two years he distinguished