

11.35 hrs.

# INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Mr, Speaker, Sir, may I introduce the new Ministers who have joined my Council of Ministers?

MR. SPEAKER: Yes.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: The Ministers of State:

(1) Shri H. K. L. Bhagat—Minister of State in the Ministry of Works and Housing and in the Department of Parliamentary affairs.

(2) Shri Pattabhi Rama Rao—Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance.

(3) Shri Virbhadra Singh—Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry.

## The Deputy Ministers

(1) Shri Ashok Gehlot—Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Tourism.

(2) (2) Shri Digvijay Singh—Deputy Minister in the Department of Environment.

(3) Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad—Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs.

Sir, I am sorry I left out Mr. R. C. Rath. He had fever and had thought that he would not be able to come. But I see he has come. I have pleasure in announcing that he is Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East): He was afraid that you may drop him from the Council.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: No such fear.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, Question No. 1 and Question No. 19 can be clubbed together. If you read Question No. 1 you will find it is identical to Question No. 19.

MR. SPEAKER: There is no objection, if the Minister agrees.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): Sir should I read out the reply to Question No. 1 only or should I read out reply to Question No. 19 also together?

MR. SPEAKER: It depends upon you. If you agree, I have no objection.

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: I will read out both the replies. I have no objection.