

PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FLAG

Mr. President: Shrimati Hansa Mehta will now present the National Flag on behalf of the women of India. *(Cheers.)*

Mrs. Hansa Mehta (Bombay: General): Mr. President, Sir, in the absense of Shrimati Sarojini Naidu, it is my proud privilege, on behalf of the women of India, to present this flag to the Nation through you.

I have a list* here of nearly a hundred prominent women of all communities who have expressed a desire to associate themselves with this ceremonial. There are hundreds and hundreds of other women who would equally like to participate in this function. It is in the fitness of things that this first flag that will fly over this august House should be a gift from, the women of India. *(Cheers.)* We have donned the saffron colour, we have fought, suffered and sacrificed in the cause of our country's freedom. We have today attained our goal. In presenting this symbol of our freedom, we once more offer our services to the nation. We pledge ourselves to work for a great India, for building' up a nation that will be a nation among nations. We pledge ourselves for working for a greater cause, to maintain the freedom that we have attained. We have great traditions to maintain, traditions that 'made India so great in the past. It is the duty of every man and woman to preserve these traditions so that India may hold her spiritual supremacy over the world. May this flag be the symbol of that great India and may it ever fly high and serve as a light in the bloom that threatens the world today. My It bring happiness to those who live under its protecting care. *(Cheers.)*

*MEMBERS OF THE FLAG PRESENTATION COMMITTEE

1	Sarojini Naidu	38	Janaki Amma
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4	Hansa Mehta	41	Sophia Wadia
5	Ammu swaminathan	42	Mrinalini Chattopadhyay
6	Sucheta kripalani	43	Sarada Ben Mehta
7	Kudsia Aizaz Rasool	44	Zarina Currimbhoy
8	Durga Bai	45	Prem. Captain
9	Renuka Ray	46	Hemaprabha Das Gupta.
10	Dakshayini velayudan	47	Premavati Thappar
11	puernima Banerji	48	Zora Ansari
12	Kamala chaudhri	49	Jaishri Raiji

13	Malati chaudhary	50	Kitty Shiva Rao
14	Abala Bose	51	Shanoodevi
15	Lakshmi Bai Rajwade	52	Violet Alva
16	Maitreyi Bose	53	Susheela Ilukusing
17	Rameshwari Nehru	54	Bina Das
18	Sherifa Hamid Ali	55	Uma Nehru
19	Goshi Ben Captain	56	Iravati Karve.
20	Dhanavanti Rama Rao	57	Raiban Tyabji
21	Anasuya Bai Kale	58	Asha Arvanayakam
22	Premleela Thakersy	59	Mridula Sarabhai
23	Mani Ben Patel	60	Raksha Saran
24	Sarla Devi Sarabhai	61	Margaret Cousins
25	Avantikabai Gokhaley	62	Kamaladevi
26	Sakine Lukmani	63	Lakshmi Menon
27	Jankiben Bajaj	64	Lavanya Chanda
28	Muthulakshmi Reddi	65	Ayasha Ahmed
29	Charulata Mukerji	66	Krishna Hutheesingh
30	Rukamani Lakshmani Lakshmipathi	67	Rajan Nehru
31	Mithan Tata Lam	68	Indira Gandhi
32	Hannah Sen	69	Suraya Tyabji
33	Aswah Hussain	70	Memubai
34	Radhabai Subbroyan	71	Padmaja Naidu
35	Tarabhai premchand	72	Kiran Bose
36	Jethi Sipahimlani	73	Kusum Sayani
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