

S. RANGANATHAN SWORN IN

New Auditor-General

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NEW DELHI, August 14: Mr. S. Ranganathan was today sworn in as Comptroller and Auditor-General of India at a ceremony held in the Ashoka Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

President Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office. Mr. Ranganathan, who was Secretary in the Ministry of Industry till recently, resigned from the Indian Civil Service yesterday to assume charge of the new office.

The Vice President, Dr. Zakir Hussain, the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, and some of her colleagues, besides the retiring Comptroller and Auditor-General Mr. A. K. Roy, were present at the swearing-in ceremony.

Mr. Saurirajan Ranganathan was born in Madras on November 12, 1908. After a distinguished academic career at the University of Madras, he passed the competitive examination for the Indian Civil Service in India in 1930.

Mr. Ranganathan returned to India in November, 1932, after two years' training in England and was posted to the U.P. cadre of the civil service. For the next seven years he served the State in various executive and magisterial capacities.

In 1939, he came over to the Central Government to serve in the Ministry of Finance. Later, he became a permanent officer of the finance and commerce pool in which capacity he held several senior positions in the Ministries of Finance, Commerce and Works, Housing and Supply.

In September, 1956, he became Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and in June, 1964, Secretary, Ministry of Industry.