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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

SECRETARY: I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the President's Address to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 19th February, 1973.

President's Address

Honourable Members,

You have assembled to perform the exacting tasks which lie ahead of you. Not only have you to transact the formal legislative business but also to take stock of the problems that the nation faces and give guidance to the Government and the people.

2. Barely had the country overcome the extraordinary challenges of 1971, when we were confronted with fresh problems. The after-effects of the influx of refugees and the war were aggravated by drought in several parts of the country. Our hearts go out to all those who have been affected by drought and in certain other areas by cyclone and floods. Works on a large scale have been undertaken in all affected areas to provide employment and relief. Our buffer stock of foodgrains, along with the strengthening of the public distribution system, enabled the Government to meet the

situation. In 1972, about 10.6 million tonnes of grains were distributed through the public system.

3. Inevitably, the drought led to a fall in food production, particularly in the areas of rain-fed cultivation and this, in turn, influenced prices, which have registered a sharp increase since May last year. This has been a matter of grave concern to my Government. In addition to strengthening the public distribution system, as mentioned above, an emergency programme was launched to increase *rabi* and summer foodgrains production to offset the loss of *kharif* output. We expect a good *rabi* crop this year. None the less, we must husband all available food resources and avoid waste.

4. Prices of food articles can be brought under check and the interests of the common people safeguarded by taking over the surplus of wheat and rice, by eliminating wholesale traders and by organising distribution of foodgrains, especially to scarcity areas and the vulnerable sections of the population. The wholesale trade in wheat will be taken over from the coming wheat marketing season. This will be followed by the take-over of wholesale trade in rice. The success of this programme calls for the wholehearted co-operation of surplus as well as deficit States.

5. The emphasis on credit policy continues to be one of restraint, consistent with the need to maximise production, meet priorities and attend to hitherto neglected sectors. The Government's programme of market borrowings during the year was designed to absorb the surplus liquidity of the commercial banking system.

6. The relatively sluggish rate of growth of industrial production in 1970 and 1971 gave place to an upward trend in 1972. Industrial production increased by over 7 per cent during the year. It would have been still higher but for the shortage of power in most parts of the country. Government is taking short-term and long-term measures to improve the generation, transmission and distribution of power.

7. Government has recently clarified its Industrial Licensing Policy of curbing monopolies and the concentration of economic power, consistent with the objectives and the priorities of production during the Fifth Five Year Plan. Several measures which should stimulate investment on a wide front have been announced. The larger number of applications and approvals for licences, capital goods, finance from industrial financing institutions, registration of companies and capital issues—all indicate a gathering tempo of industrial activity. Government is also laying emphasis on the active implementation of industrial licences already granted and is devising practical measures to increase the pace of implementation.

8. Government has devoted attention to the problems of textile and engineering units which have been lying closed or are facing serious difficulties due to mismanagement and failure to re-invest surpluses and to modernise the plants. The management of a number of these units has been taken over this year in order to revive production and ensure continuous employment. With the restoration of law and order in West Bengal, industrial recovery is gaining momentum under a 16-point programme.

9. In our steady march towards socialism, an increasingly wide segment of economic activity has been brought under public ownership and management. This covers a major part of transport and communications,

power, coal, steel, heavy engineering, banking, insurance and important segments of external and internal trade. As a result of the vigorous steps taken by Government, a definite improvement was discernible in most public sector units last year. Ultimately, production and the quality of service to the people in all these fields depend on the dedication and sense of involvement of managers and workers. In the changed context, both managers and workers have to give up the traditional concept of their roles. Management has to develop new attitudes and look upon workmen as participants in the service of the people. Workers should not allow trade unions rivalry to prevent them from fulfilling their historic role of being in the vanguard of socialist transformation by making our public enterprises successful and models of service to the people. On its part, Government recognises the central role of the worker in the economic process and will do everything in its power to ensure that his legitimate rights are protected. I appeal to workers, particularly in vital industries and sectors, to place the country first and keep in mind the conditions of the vast multitude of the low paid and the unemployed.

10. Government will continue its efforts to bring about a consensus among trade unions on the critical problems of uninterrupted production, increase in productivity, wages and participation in management.

11. Government has been considering methods of improving the performance of public sector undertakings. Some of these need to be restructured as holding companies so as to combine entrepreneurial vigour with effective public accountability. The Steel Authority of India Ltd. has been set up to reorganise the steel industry on these new lines. Further improvements in management practices and general administrative procedures are under examination.

12. The Approach to the Fifth Five Year Plan has been approved by the National Development Council. The Approach indicates the effort necessary to attain the twin objectives of self-reliance and the removal of poverty within a reasonable period. A number of programmes proposed to be taken up in the Fifth Plan—the National Programme of Minimum Needs, the Employment programme, the accent on the development of backward classes and backward regions and the reorientation of the pattern of production with emphasis on goods of mass consumption—are designed directly to attack the problem of poverty. The Approach is based on Government's considered view that growth and social justice are inter-linked. Social justice needs growth to be meaningful and growth needs social justice to be sustained and durable. The quality and content of growth are more important than growth by itself.

13. The new directions given to the Fifth Plan and the magnitude of its targets call for major efforts on the part of all sections of our people. We have to sustain and transfer the unity, morale and confidence which we demonstrated in meeting external danger to the fields of economic and social transformation of the country. I have no doubt that the people will respond to this challenge. It will be the privilege of this fifth Parliament of our Republic to give shape to the Fifth Five Year Plan and make it the turning point in our advance towards economic independence.

14. A number of programmes intended for the benefit of rural masses have been in operation for the last two to three years—the small and Marginal Farmers' Programme, the programme for Rural Employment, Drought Prone Areas Programme, provision of house sites to landless labour in rural areas and the Nutrition Programme. A special programme to provide employment opportunities for 5 lakh educated persons in the coming

year has been formulated. These schemes for the provision of house sites to landless labour, creation of rural employment as also provision of water supply and electricity to rural areas will be further accelerated. The implementation of land reforms will be expedited.

15. Simultaneously, a programme of advance action for the Fifth Plan has been prepared. It is proposed to increase the production of pulses, oil-seeds, sugarcane and cotton, and to accelerate irrigation projects, improve the working of power stations and hasten the commissioning of those which are nearing completion. The production of steel and fertilisers is also being increased.

16. Realising the significance of education, both for social transformation and economic growth, Government has decided to take steps, in concert with State Governments, for programmes of educational reconstruction and development in the Fifth Five Year Plan.

17. A Science and Technology plan, which will form an integral part of the economic plan, is being prepared. This will help us to harness science and technology in a more purposive way for self-reliance and economic growth. At the same time, we must take measures to preserve the quality of the natural environment.

18. A new Department of Space and a Space Commission have been constituted to utilise fully the benefits that can accrue to the country as a result of the peaceful uses of outer space.

19. Government has been deeply concerned at the recent developments in Andhra Pradesh. The problem in that State has a long history. We view with grave anxiety the resort to violence in an attempt to settle this problem. Such violence is opposed to the basic values we cherish; it has resulted in the loss of valuable lives and

extensive damage to public property. I express my sympathy and sorrow for those who have suffered. There is no problem for which a reasonable solution cannot be found through calm and rational discussion. Government's sole consideration is to safeguard the interests of all sections of our people. I appeal to the people of Andhra Pradesh to co-operate fully with the Government in finding a peaceful solution.

20. I now turn to relations with neighbours, near and far. We have desired the establishment of mutually beneficial and friendly relations with Pakistan. We signed the Simla Agreement as the first step towards the establishment of durable peace. The Agreement lays emphasis on bilateralism for the solution of differences by peaceful means and excludes outside agencies and third party involvement. I am glad that India and Pakistan have been able, through bilateral negotiations, to determine a line of control in Jammu and Kashmir which is to be respected, by both sides. Similarly, both sides have withdrawn their troops to the international border in the process. India has vacated about 5900 sq. miles of Pakistan's territory. This by itself is concrete evidence of India's friendly intentions towards Pakistan.

21. The prisoners of war of the Western front have been exchanged. It is hoped that Pakistan will create the necessary conditions which would enable the three parties to the conflict in the Eastern theatre to hold discussions for the repatriation of the prisoners of war who surrendered to the joint command of India and Bangladesh Forces. The Simla Agreement holds promise not only of improving and normalising relations between India and Pakistan but also of establishing durable peace in the sub-continent as a whole. This will enable the countries of the sub-continent to devote their energies and limited resources to the urgent task of furthering the economic and social well-being of their peoples.

22. Our friendship with Bangladesh has taken concrete shape in the historic Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Peace and in Agreements on various matters of mutual interest. Bangladesh has made remarkable recovery from the ravages of the liberation struggle. Within a year, Bangladesh has adopted a Constitution and is about to hold her first General Elections. Seldom has a nation which has been through so harrowing an ordeal progressed so rapidly on the road to political stability and economic recovery. We hope that Bangladesh, which has been recognised by 95 countries, will take her rightful place in the United Nations. We share Bangladesh's concern for her nationals who are detained in Pakistan and hope that they will soon be released.

23. Our friendly relations and close co-operation with Nepal continued to grow during the year. In April-May 1972, we had the pleasure of receiving the Prime Minister of Nepal, the Right Honourable Shri Kirti Nidhi Bista, as our guest. Our Prime Minister paid a visit to Nepal earlier this month and a useful exchange of views took place during the visit. These visits have helped to further strengthen the already close, friendly and mutually beneficial relations between the two countries.

24. In the death of His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuk, Bhutan lost a great statesman and India a dear friend. The news of his demise in Nairobi was received in India with a deep sense of shock and sorrow. We extend our co-operation to the new King, His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuk and are confident that during his rule the existing ties of close friendship between Bhutan and India will be further strengthened.

25. We are happy that the long delayed peace agreement in Vietnam has been concluded and that the terrible war that raged for a whole generation, causing great suffering and hard-

ship to the people, has ended. We hope that the ceasefire will lead to a durable peace which will enable the people of Vietnam to address themselves to the tasks of reconstruction. We hope also that peace and order will come to the neighbouring States of Laos and Cambodia.

26. We have strengthened our ties of friendship, mutual understanding and co-operation with all countries. It is gratifying that with many of them our trade has also registered an increase. We value our close ties with the Soviet Union and will continue to strengthen them.

27. It is our earnest desire to improve understanding and co-operation with the United States of America.

28. The emergence of a new Western Europe, following the entry of the United Kingdom, Denmark and Ireland into the enlarged European Economic Community is a major development. It is our hope that this bigger European Community will look outward rather than inward and pursue a helpful approach to the problems of the developing countries.

29. We welcome the positive trends in the international situation which have created an atmosphere of *detente*. My Government would like to normalise relations with China. We view the moves towards reconciliation between the United States of America and China, Japan and China, and between North and South Korea as positive steps in favour of the relation of tensions. In Europe, the acceptance by the Federal Republic of Germany of existing frontiers has led to relaxation of tensions between the Federal Republic of Germany and German Democratic Republic, in particular, and other European States in general.

30. We shared with the Zambian people their shock and anger when Rhodesia closed its border with Zam-

bia and stopped the transit over Rhodesian soil of all Zambia's imports and exports. We have offered to help the Zambian Government with such assistance as we can give. We regret that because of the situation created by the Rhodesian action, the Zambian President, Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda could not pay his State visit to India last month.

31. The expulsion of Asians from Uganda has been a matter of serious concern to the Government as it has led to the uprooting of several thousands of people of Indian origin who had made Uganda their home and had contributed to its development. During my visits to Ethiopia, Tanzania and Zambia, I found how these actions had embarrassed enlightened opinion in African countries which are striving for rapid economic development and racial equality and tolerance. We continue to make common cause with the people of Africa who are fighting against colonialism, injustice and oppression. I am happy that our technical and economic co-operation with African countries is rapidly increasing.

32. We regret that there has been no progress towards a solution of the problem created by Israel's occupation of Arab territories. Our stand on this critical issue is based on principles which we have again supported in the last resolution in the United Nations calling on Israel to vacate these territories.

33. Honourable Members, the correctness of our internal and external policies and the basic vitality of our economy, our institutions and our people have been proved time and again whenever the country has had to face grave situations. I am sure that our present difficulties are temporary and that we shall overcome them and emerge more united and disciplined. We shall have to work with clarity of vision and unity of purpose to meet these challenges.

34. During your present Session, you will be dealing with the Demands for Grants for the next financial year as well as with legislative business. Government will bring before Parliament a Bill to replace the Coal Mines (Taking over of Management) Ordinance, 1973. Government also intends to bring before Parliament a Comprehensive Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill. In addition, legislation to regulate foreign contributions and to establish a Newspaper Finance Corporation for rendering financial assistance to small and medium newspapers as well as Bills to amend the Election Law, the Cinematograph Act and the Delhi Development Act will be among the measures that will be brought before Parliament.

35. Honourable Members, I summon you to your new endeavours and wish you well.

आम्नीय संसद् सदस्यगण !

आम उन कठिन कार्यों के लिए एकत्र हुए हैं जो आपके सामने आगे आयेंगे। औपचारिक विधायी कार्य के अतिरिक्त आपको उन समस्याओं पर, जिनका राष्ट्र सामना कर रहा है, विचार कर सरकार और जनता का मार्गदर्शन करना है।

2. जैसे ही देश 1971 की असाधारण चुनौतियों का सामना करने में सफल हुआ कि हमारे सामने नई समस्याएं उठ खड़ी हुईं। शरणाथियों की बाढ़ और युद्ध से उत्पन्न कठिनाइयां देश के कई भागों में सूखा पड़ने से और बढ़ गईं। सूखे और कुछ अन्य क्षेत्रों में तूफान और बाढ़ से जिन लोगों को कष्ट हुआ है उनके प्रति हमारी सहानुभूति है। इन सभी क्षेत्रों में रोजगार और सहायता के लिए बड़े पैमाने पर कार्य किए जा रहे हैं।

इस स्थिति का सामना करने में अन्न के बफर स्टॉक और जनता की अनाज मिलने की व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने से सरकार को बड़ी मदद मिली। 1972 में इस व्यवस्था पर 1 करोड़ 6 लाख टन अनाज बांटा गया।

3. सूखा पड़ने के अनाज की पैदावार में कमी हुई, विशेष रूप से उन क्षेत्रों में, जहां खेती वर्षा पर निर्भर रहती है। इससे कीमतों पर भी असर पड़ा, जो पिछली मई के बाद काफी बढ़ी है। सरकार को इससे बढ़ी चिन्ता हुई है। जनता को अनाज मिलने की व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने के अतिरिक्त, खरीफ फसल के नुकसान को दूर करने के लिए, रबी और ग्रीष्मकालीन फसलों की उपज बढ़ाने के लिए एक आपातकालीन कार्यक्रम शुरू किया गया। आशा है कि इस वर्ष रबी की फसल अच्छी होगी। फिर भी, हमें अनाज के सभी उपलब्ध साधनों को होशियारी से काम में लाना चाहिए और अभ्यर्थ की बचाना चाहिए।

4. गेहूं और चावल के अधिशेष को लेकर शोक व्यापारियों को इन चीजों के व्यापार से प्रलग्न करके, और जनता, विशेषकर अभावग्रस्त क्षेत्रों और अधिक जरूरतमंद लोगों तक अनाज पहुंचाने की व्यवस्था को मजबूत बना कर, खाने की चीजों की कीमतों पर नियंत्रण रखा जा सकता है और आम जनता के हितों की रक्षा की जा सकती है। मंडियों में जब गेहूं की अगली फसल आने का समय होगा तब उसका शोक व्यापार सरकार अपने हाथ में ले लेगी। बाढ़

में व्यवस्था का अधिकार और सरकार ने लेगी। इस कार्यक्रम की सुरुवात के लिए अग्रिम और कमरे वाले, दोनों प्रकार के राज्यों को पूरा सहयोग देना होगा।

5. उत्पादन को अधिक से अधिक बढ़ाने की आवश्यकता, प्राथमिकताओं की पूर्ति और उपेक्षित क्षेत्रों की जरूरतों को ध्यान में रखते हुए ऋण नीति द्वारा नियंत्रण जरूरी है। सरकार ने इस वर्ष बाजार से ऋण लेने का कार्यक्रम अपनाया था उसका मकसद भी यही था कि वाणिज्यिक बैंकिंग प्रणाली की बनी नकदी खपाई जा सके।

6. 1972 में, पिछले वर्षों की औद्योगिक उत्पादन की अपेक्षाकृत धीमी गति में तेजी आई और उत्पादन 7 प्रतिशत से अधिक बढ़ा। यदि देश के अधिकांश भागों में बिजली की कमी न होती तो उत्पादन और अधिक होता। सरकार बिजली पैदा करने, उसके संचार और वितरण में सुधार लाने के लिए अल्पकालीन और दीर्घकालीन उपाय कर रही है।

7. हाल ही में सरकार ने पांचवी पंच-वर्षीय योजना की उत्पादन-प्राथमिकताओं की ध्यान में रखने हुए एकाधिकार और आर्थिक शक्ति के एकत्रीकरण को कम करने के उद्देश्य से अपनी औद्योगिक लाइसेंस नीति के बारे में कुछ स्पष्टीकरण किया है। कई ऐसे उपायों की घोषणा की गई है जिन, से निवेश (इन्वेस्टमेंट) को व्यापक क्षेत्र में बढ़ावा मिलेगा। लाइसेंसों, पूंजीगत माल (केपिटल गुड्स) औद्योगिक वित्तदाता संस्थाओं से वित्तीय सहायता, कम्पनियों और पूंजी विकास की अग्रियों की बढ़ती हुई संख्या

और उनकी स्वीकृति से पता चलता है कि औद्योगिक कार्यक्रमों में तेजी आ रही है। सरकार भी इस बात पर बल दे रही है कि जो औद्योगिक लाइसेंस पहले मिल चुके हैं उन पर जल्दी कार्यवाही हो और इस में तेजी लाने के व्यावहारिक उपाय कर रही है।

8. अव्यवस्था और अग्रिम पूंजी को फिर से न लगा पाने और सयों के आधुनिकीकरण न कर सकने के कारण कुछ टेक्सटाइल और इन्जीनियरी यूनिट या तो बंद पड़े हैं या भारी कठिनाइयों का सामना कर रहे हैं। सरकार ऐसे यूनिटों की समस्याओं पर ध्यान दे रही है। उत्पादन और रोजगार की सुविधा को बढ़ाने के लिए ऐसे कई यूनिटों का प्रबन्ध इस वर्ष सरकार ने अपने हाथ में ले लिया है। पश्चिम बंगाल में कानून और व्यवस्था के फिर से स्थापित होने पर, 16 सूचीय कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत औद्योगिक स्थिति तेजी से सुधर रही है।

9. समाजवाद की ओर हमारी सतत प्रगति में, आर्थिक क्रियाकलाप का एक व्यापक भाग, मार्वाजनिक स्वामित्व और प्रबन्ध के अंतर्गत आ गया है। इस में परिवहन और संचार का एक बड़ा भाग, बिजली, कोयला, इस्पात, भारी इन्जीनियरी, बैंकिंग, बीमा और बाह्य नया आंतरिक व्यापार के महत्वपूर्ण अंश शामिल हैं। सरकार द्वारा प्रभावशाली कदम उठाए जाने के परिणामस्वरूप पिछले वर्ष अधिकांश सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के यूनिटों में निश्चय ही सुधार हुआ है। वास्तव में इन सभी क्षेत्रों में उत्पादन तथा जन-सेवा का प्रभाव बढक तथा श्रमिकों की कार्यनिष्ठा तथा

सह गिता की भावना पर निर्भर है। आजकल के संदर्भ में, 'प्रबन्धको और श्रमिकों' दोनों को ही अपनी भूमिका के सबंध में पारस्परिक धारणा छोड़नी होगी। प्रबन्धको को नई मनोवृत्तियाँ अपना कर श्रमिकों को जन-सेवक समझना होगा। श्रमिकों ने सदा समाजवादी परिवर्तन लाने में अग्रगण्य होने की ऐतिहासिक भूमिका निभाई है। उन्हें अब देखना होगा कि हमारे सार्वजनिक उद्यमों को पूरी तरह सफल बनाकर उन्हें जन-सेवा का आदर्श बनाने में ट्रेड यूनियन की आपसी होड़ कोई बाधा न डाल पाय। जहाँ तक सरकार का प्रश्न है, वह यह मानती है कि आर्थिक प्रक्रिया में श्रमिकों का विशिष्ट स्थान है। सरकार का हमेशा यह प्रयत्न होगा कि श्रमिकों के न्यायसंगत अधिकारों की रक्षा हो। मैं श्रमिकों से, विशेष रूप से मुख्य उद्योगों और क्षेत्रों में काम करने वालों से, अपील करता हूँ कि देश के हितों को सर्वोपरि मानें और बहुत बड़ी संख्या में कम वेतन वाले और बेरोजगार लोगों की स्थिति को अपने ध्यान से न हटाएँ।

10 निर्वाह उत्पादन, उत्पादकता की वृद्धि, प्रबन्ध और मजदूरी जैसे महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्नों के विभिन्न पहलुओं पर ट्रेड यूनियनों में सामंजस्य लाने का सरकार प्रयास करती रहेगी।

11. सरकार सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उद्यमों के कार्य में सुधार लाने के तरीकों पर विचार कर रही है। इन में से कुछ का पुनर्गठन होल्डिंग कम्पनी के रूप में करने की आवश्यकता होगी जिस में वास्तविक सार्वजनिक उत्तरदायित्व और औद्योगिक सह-

सिकता और क्षमता का मिलन हो। इस्पात उद्योग को इन नए तरीकों पर पुनर्गठित करने के लिए 'स्टील औथोरिटी आफ इण्डिया लिमिटेड' की स्थापना की गई है। प्रबन्ध कार्य तथा सामान्य प्रशासनिक क्रिया विधियों में और सुधार लाने के लिए जांच-पड़ताल की जा रही है।

12. राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद् ने पाचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दृष्टिकोण-पत्र को स्वीकार कर लिया है। इस प्रलेख में उस प्रयास का संकेत मिलता है जो स्वावलम्बन प्राप्त करने और गरीबी हटाने के दोनों लक्ष्यों को उचित समय में पूरा करने के लिए आवश्यक होगा। पंचवर्षीय योजना में कई कार्यक्रमों को हाथ में लेने का प्रस्ताव है जैसे न्यूनतम आवश्यकता का राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम, रोजगार सबंधी कार्यक्रम पिछड़े वर्गों और पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के विकास पर बल देना, तथा जन-माधारण द्वारा उद्योग में लाए जाने वाले माल के अधिक उत्पादन की दृष्टि से उत्पादन के ढांचे का पुनर्गठन करना। गरीबी की समस्या पर प्रत्यक्ष प्रहार करने के लिए ये कार्यक्रम बनाए गए हैं। यह दृष्टिकोण-पत्र सरकार के इस विश्वास पर आधारित है कि विकास और सामाजिक न्याय का अविच्छिन्न सबंध है। सामाजिक न्याय के लिए आवश्यक है कि विकास अर्थपूर्ण हो और विकास के लिए आवश्यक है कि सामाजिक न्याय दीर्घकालीन और स्थायी हो। कोरे विकास से अधिक महत्वपूर्ण है विकास की श्रेष्ठता और उस का अर्थसत्त्व।

13. पंचवर्षीय योजना को जो नई दिशा दी गई है और इसके लक्ष्य की विशालता हमारी जनता के सभी वर्गों से महान प्रयास की अपेक्षा रखती है। बाहरी खतरो का सामना करते समय हमने जो एकता, मनोबल और विश्वास दर्शाया था, हमें उन पर देश के आर्थिक और सामाजिक पुनर्गठन के कार्य में दृढ़ता पूर्वक जमे रहना है। मुझे इस में कोई संदेह नहीं कि जनता इस चुनौती को स्वीकार करेगी। हमारे गणराज्य की इस पाचवी ससद् को यह सौभाग्य प्राप्त होगा कि वह इस पंचवर्षीय योजना को आकार प्रदान करके आर्थिक स्वराज्य की दिशा में एक नया मोड़ देगी।

14 पिछले दो-तीन वर्षों से ग्रामीण जनता के हित के लिए कई कार्यक्रम चलाए जा रहे हैं—कृषि को बढ़ावा देने और व्यावहारिक कार्यक्रम ग्राम-रोजगार का कार्यक्रम, सूखा पड़ने वाले क्षेत्रों का कार्यक्रम, ग्राम क्षेत्रों से भूमिहीन श्रमिकों के लिए अवसर की व्यवस्था तथा प्राहार-मुक्ति संबंध कार्यक्रम 5,00,000 शिक्षित लोगों को रोजगार देने का एक विशाल कार्यक्रम बनाया गया है। भूमिहीन श्रमिकों के लिए आवास स्थान की व्यवस्था ग्राम रोजगार तथा ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पानी और बिजली पहुंचाने की स्कीमों में और गति लाई जाएगी। भूमि सुधार के कार्य को पूरा करने में तेजी लाई जाएगी।

15 साथ ही साथ, पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिये प्रारम्भिक कार्यक्रम भी तैयार कर लिया गया है। प्रयत्न यह है कि दाल, तिलहन, गन्ना और कपास का उत्पादन बढ़े, सिंचाई आयोजनाओं में तेजी आए, बिजली घरों के काम में सुधार हो और नए बिजली घर जो प्रायः बन चुके हैं, जल्दी काम करने लगे। इस्पात तथा रासायनिक खादों के उत्पादन में भी वृद्धि की जा रही है।

16 सामाजिक परिवर्तन तथा आर्थिक विकास दोनों में शिक्षा के महत्व को समझते

हुए सरकार पाचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना में राज्य सरकारों के सहयोग से शिक्षा के नवनिर्माण और विकास के लिए कदम उठाएगी।

17. एक विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी योजना तैयार की जा रही है जो आर्थिक योजना का एक अभिन्न अंग होगी। इससे हम विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी को स्वावलम्बन और आर्थिक विकास के लिए अधिक उद्देश्यपूर्ण तरीके से काम में ला सकेंगे। पर साथ ही ऐसे कदम भी उठाने होंगे जिस से प्राकृतिक परिवेश की स्वच्छता की रक्षा हो सके।

18 बाह्य अन्तरिक्ष के शांतिपूर्ण प्रयोगों का अधिकतम लाभ उठाने के लिए एक नया अन्तरिक्ष विभाग व अन्तरिक्ष आयोग की स्थापना की गई है।

19 आंध्र प्रदेश की हाल की घटनाओं से सरकार को काफी चिंता हुई है। इस समस्या का एक लम्बा इतिहास है। हमें इस बात की काफी चिंता है कि इस समस्या को सुलझाने में हिमाचा आश्रय लिया जा रहा है। इस प्रकार की हिमा में हमारे आधारभूत मूल्यों को आघात पहुंचता है। हमसे जान माल को भी काफी नुकसान पहुंचा है। जिन्होंने नुकसान उठाया है उनके प्रति मेरी सहानुभूति है। ऐसी कोई समस्या नहीं है जिसका शांति में विचार-विमर्श करके तर्कमय हल निकाला जा सके। सरकार अपनी जनता के भी वर्गों के हितों की रक्षा करना चाहती है। मैं आंध्र प्रदेश के लोगों से अपील करता हूँ कि वे एक शांतिपूर्ण हल ढूँढ निकालने में सरकार का पूरा साथ दें।

20 अब मैं पास और दूर पड़ोसियों से अपने सम्बन्धों की चर्चा करूँगा। हमारी इच्छा रही है कि पाकिस्तान के साथ आपसी हित के मिश्रतापूर्ण सम्बन्ध स्थापित हों। हमने '87 शांति की राह पर पहले कदम

के रूप में शिमला समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए। यह सम्झौता इस बात पर इशारा देता है कि हम दोनों अपने मत-भेद किसी बाहरी एजेंसी या तीसरे पक्ष को खपाने के बजाए आपसी विचार-विमर्श और शांतिपूर्ण तरीकों से दूर करेंगे। मुझे इस बात की प्रसन्नता है कि भारत और पाकिस्तान ने आपसी बातचीत द्वारा ही जम्मू और कश्मीर में, एक ऐसी नियंत्रण रेखा बनाई है जिसका दोनों पक्षों को आदर करना है। इसी प्रकार दोनों पक्षों ने अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सीमा पर अपनी सेनाएं हटा ली हैं। इस प्रकार भारत ने पांच हजार नौ सौ बर्से मील से अधिक पाकिस्तानी भूमि छोड़ी। पाकिस्तान के प्रति भारत के मित्रतापूर्ण रवैये का ठोस प्रमाण इसी से मिल जाना चाहिए।

21. पश्चिमी क्षेत्रों के युद्धग्रन्थी अपने-अपने देश को लौटा दिए गए हैं। जहां तक पूर्वी क्षेत्र में भारत और बंगला देश के संयुक्त कमान को आत्मसमर्पण करने वाले युद्ध-बंदियों का प्रश्न है यह आशा की जाती है कि पाकिस्तान ऐसे कदम उठाएगा कि इस युद्ध से सम्बन्धित तीनों देश इस प्रश्न पर बातचीत कर सकें। शिमला समझौते से न केवल भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच सम्बन्धों में सुधार हो सकता है और उनको सामान्य किया जा सकता है, बल्कि सम्पूर्ण उप-महाद्वीप में स्थाई शांति की स्थापना भी हो सकती है। इससे हम उप-महाद्वीप के देश अपनी शक्ति तथा सीमित साधनों को अपनी जनता के आर्थिक और सामाजिक कल्याण के आवश्यक कार्य में तेजी लाने के लिए लगा सकेंगे।

22. मित्रता, सहयोग तथा शांति की ऐतिहासिक सन्धि और आपसी हित के विभिन्न मामलों से सम्बद्ध समझौते, बंगला देश के साथ हमारी मित्रता के प्रतीक

हैं। बंगला देश ने मुक्ति-संग्राम में हुए श्रमण से हुई शक्ति को पूरा करने में अच्छी प्रगति की है। एक वर्ष के भीतर ही बंगला देश ने अपना संसिद्धान्त स्थापित किया है और प्रह्लाद आहम बनाए होने का दावा है। शायद ही कोई ऐसा राष्ट्र है जिसने इतनी कठिनाइयों के बावजूद राजनीतिक स्थायित्व और आर्थिक क्षतिपूर्ति के मार्ग पर इतनी तेजी से कदम उठाया हो। हमें आशा है कि बंगला देश, जिसे 95 देश मान्यता दे चुके हैं, संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ में उचित स्थान ग्रहण करेगा। बंगला देश के साथ हमें भी इस बात की निश्चिन्ता है कि उसके नागरिक पाकिस्तान में रोके रखे बर्से हैं। हम आशा करते हैं कि वे जल्द ही मुक्त कर दिए जायेंगे।

23. नेपाल के साथ हमारे मित्रतापूर्ण सम्बन्ध और सहयोग बराबर बढ़ रहे हैं। अप्रैल-मई 1972 में हमें नेपाल के प्रधान मंत्री, सम्माननीय श्री कीर्तिनिधि बिष्ट का अपने देश में स्वागत करने का सुघनसर मिला। हमारी प्रधान मंत्री ने इस महीने के आरम्भ में नेपाल की यात्रा की जिसके दौरान महत्वपूर्ण विचार-विनिमय हुए। इन यात्राओं में दोनों देशों के बीच पहले से चले आ रहे निकट के मित्रतापूर्ण और आपसी हित के सम्बन्धों को और मजबूत होने में सहायता मिली।

24. महामहिम जिग्मे दोरजी वांगचुक के निधन से भूटान ने एक महान् राजनीतिज्ञ और भारत ने एक परमप्रिय मित्र खो दिया। नैरोबी में उनकी मृत्यु के समाचार से भारत में गहरा शोक हुआ। नये नरेश महामहिम जिग्मे सिंगे वांगचुक को हमारा पूरा सहयोग और समर्थन प्राप्त होगा। हमें विश्वास है कि उनके शासन-काल में भूटान और भारत के बीच निकट मित्रता के सम्बन्ध और श्री सुदृढ़ होंगे।

25 हमें इस बात की प्रसन्नता है कि वियतनाम में बहुत लम्बे अरसे के बाद शांति समझौता हो गया है। वह भयंकर युद्ध, जिसने पूरी एक पीढ़ी को तबाह किया, और जिससे लोगो को बहुत कठिनाइयों और कष्टों का सामना करना पड़ा, समाप्त हो गया है। हम आशा करते हैं कि इस युद्धविराम के बाद स्थायी शांति आयेगी और वियतनाम की जनता पुनर्निर्माण के कार्य में लग सकेगी। हम यह भी आशा करते हैं कि इसके पड़ोसी राज्य लाओस और कम्बोडिया में शांति और व्यवस्था कायम होगी।

26 हमने सभी देशों के साथ मित्रता, आपसी समझ बूझ और सहयोग के सम्बन्ध मजबूत किए हैं। यह सतोष की बात है कि इनमें से कई देशों के साथ हमारा व्यापार भी बढ़ा। सोवियत संघ के साथ अपने निकट सम्बन्धों की महत्ता हम समझते हैं और उन्हें हम सुदृढ़ करते रहेंगे।

27 यह हमारी तीव्र इच्छा है कि संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका के साथ समझ-बूझ और सहयोग बढ़े।

28 यूनाइटेड किंगडम, डेनमार्क और आयरलैंड के प्रवेश के बाद, विशाल योरोपीय अधिक समुदाय के रूप से एक नये पश्चिमी यूरोप का प्रकट होना एक महान घटना है। हमारी आशा है कि यह विशाल योरोपीय समुदाय अपने में ही सीमित न रह कर अपनी दृष्टि बाहर भी फैलाएगा और विकासशील देशों की समस्याओं के प्रति सहायक रवैया अपनाएगा।

29 हम अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्थिति में ऐसी सभी गतिविधियों का स्वागत करते हैं, जिनसे तनाव में कमी आई है। मेरी सरकार चीन के साथ सम्बन्ध सामान्य बनाना चाहती है। हमारे विचार से संयुक्त

राज्य अमरीका और चीन, जापान और चीन, और उत्तर तथा दक्षिण कोरिया के बीच मेल मिलाप बढ़ाने के प्रयत्न तनाव कम करने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। यूरोप से जर्मन सघीय गणराज्य द्वारा वर्तमान सीमाओं को मान लेने में जर्मन सघीय गणराज्य और जर्मन जनवादी गणराज्य के बीच विशेष रूप से और यूरोपीय राज्यों के बीच सामान्य रूप से, तनाव में कमी हुई है।

30 रोडेशिया का जाम्बिया के साथ अपनी सीमा बन्द करने और जाम्बिया के सभी आयात और निर्यात का आना-जाना रोक देने से जाम्बिया की जनता में जो दुःख और रोष स्वाभाविक था उसके प्रति हमारी सहानुभूति थी। हमने जाम्बिया सरकार से उस देश को यथायोग्य सहायता देने की बात की है। हमें खेद है कि रोडेशियाई कार्यवाही से उत्पन्न स्थिति के कारण पिछले महीने डा० केनेथ कौण्डा भारत की राजकीय यात्रा पर नहीं आ सके।

31 उगाण्डा से एशियाइयों का निष्कासन सरकार के लिए भारी चिन्ता का विषय है, क्योंकि इससे भारतीय मूल के ऐसे कई हजार लोग बेघर हुए जिन्होंने उगाण्डा को अपना घर बनाया था और इसके विकास में योग दिया था। मैंने इथोपिया, तनजानिया और जाम्बिया की अपनी यात्रा में पाया कि इसमें उन अफ्रीकी देशों के, जो आर्थिक विकास, जातीय समानता और सहिष्णुता के लिए प्रयत्नशील हैं उदार विचारों वाले समुदायों को काफी हैरानी हुई है। उपनिवेशवाद, अन्ध्या और अत्याचार के विरुद्ध संघर्ष में हम अफ्रीकी जनता के साथ हैं। मुझे प्रसन्नता है कि अफ्रीकी देशों के साथ हमारा तकनीकी और आर्थिक सहयोग तेजी से बढ़ रहा है।

32 हमें खेद है कि अरब क्षेत्रों पर इजराइली आधिपत्य से उत्पन्न समस्या के समाधान की दिशा में कोई प्रगति नहीं हुई है। इस नाजूक मामले पर हमारा रवैया उन सिद्धान्तों पर आधारित है जिनका हमने संयुक्त राष्ट्रमंडल के पिछले प्रस्ताव में फिर से समर्थन किया है, जिसमें इजराइल से यह कहा गया है कि वह इन क्षेत्रों से हट जाए।

33 माननीय सदस्यगण हमारी आन्तरिक और बाहरी नीतियों के औचित्य तथा हमारी अर्थव्यवस्था, हमारी संस्थाओं और हमारी जनता की आधारभूत जीवन शक्ति कई बार सिद्ध हो चुकी है, जब-जब देश को गंभीर स्थितियों का सामना करना पड़ा है। मुझे विश्वास है कि हमारी वर्तमान कठिनाइयाँ अस्थायी हैं और हम इनका मरुलापूर्वक सामना करने से अधिक संगठित और अनुशासित बनेंगे। इन चुनौतियों का सामना करने के लिए हमें स्पष्ट दृष्टि और एक ही लक्ष्य से काम करना है।

34 आप इस वर्तमान अधिवेशन में अगले वित्तीय वर्ष के लिए अनुदानों की मांगों पर तथा विधायी कार्य पर विचार करेंगे। सरकार समक्ष के समक्ष कोयला खान (प्रबन्ध अधिग्रहण) अध्यादेश, 1973 के स्थान पर एक विधेयक पेश करेगी। सरकार सदन के समक्ष एक व्यापक कर नियम (संशोधन) विधेयक भी पेश करना चाहती है। इसके अतिरिक्त, विदेशी अशदानों को नियमित करने के लिए कानून बनाना, छोटे और मध्यम समाचारपत्रों को वित्तीय सहायता देने के लिए एक समाचारपत्र वित्त निगम की स्थापना करने का विधेयक तथा चुनाव कानून, सीनेमेटोग्राफी अधिनियम तथा

दिल्ली विकास अधिनियम में संशोधन से सम्बन्धित विधेयक सदन में पेश किए जायेंगे।

35 सम्माननीय सदस्यगण! अपनी शुभ कामनाओं के साथ मैं नए प्रयासों के लिए आपका आभार करता हूँ।

12 51 hrs.

SOME HON MEMBERS rose—

MR SPEAKER Order, please (Interruptions) I am not permitting anybody If you go on speaking without my permission, nothing will go on record (Interruptions) May I request you to sit down? अपने आने ही

यह काम शुरू कर दिया है। अभी 11:11 महीने बैठना है। इतनी तजी से शुरू कर आया गया जायेंगे। (व्यवधान)

यही प्रिंसिपल यह चला रहा है कि पहले दिन और कोई काम नहीं होता।

आज तो प्रेजिडेंट के ऐजेंडम की कापी यहां ली जायेंगी। उस के बाद आविचुकी रिफरेंस होगी। आप जो कुछ आज कर रहे हैं वह कल ही कर ता अच्छा है।

I will consider everything tomorrow. Now we take up the agenda as it is I am going to take up Obituary References

Interruptions*

MR SPEAKER May I request the hon members to sit down? We shall see tomorrow.

12.38 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as we meet today (Interruptions) Please do not interrupt obituary references. May I tell Mr. Jyotirmoy Bosu that I have not permitted him to speak?

*Interruptions**

MR. SPEAKER: 'How do I come in this picture? All Parties talking to each other, they may be retorting each other. Where does the Speaker come in? (Interruptions) You are interrupting even while I am on my legs. Please sit down. (Interruptions).

Hon'ble Members, as we meet to-day after an interval of almost two months, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the passing away of some of our distinguished elders and friends during the interval.

All of us were deeply shocked to learn of the sad demise of Shri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari on the 25th December, 1972. Rare are the moments in the history of a nation when its people, irrespective of caste, creed, political affiliation or notions mourn the death of a man who had earned distinction amongst them. Rajaji, as he was popularly known, was a man who, by virtue of his sacrifices, simplicity and zeal of mission, became an institution by himself. He has been regarded as one of the outstanding statesmen not only in our country but in the world at large. Above all, he was first and last a great patriot.

Rajaji started his public life in 1917 when he was elected as the Chairman of the Salem Municipality. It was the entry of Mahatma Gandhi into the political arena that emboldened Rajaji to join the freedom strug-

gle. He joined the Satyagraha campaign against Rowlatt Act in 1919 and the Civil Disobedience movement in the following year. He suffered imprisonment many a time and came to be regarded as one of the trusted lieutenants and followers of Mahatma Gandhi.

His parliamentary career began in 1933 when he entered the Madras Legislature. Later he served as Chief Minister of that State from 1937 to 1939. He was a Member of the Constituent Assembly during the years 1946-47 and of the Provisional Parliament during the years 1950-52. He was a Member of the Interim Government during the years 1946-47 and Governor of West Bengal from August 1947 to June 1948. He was Minister without portfolio in the Union Cabinet between July and December, 1950, Union Minister of Home Affairs in 1950-51 and Chief Minister of Madras in 1952-54.

He acted as Governor-General of India in November, 1947 and later had the unique distinction of being the first and the only Indian to hold that office again from June, 1948 to January, 1950. His elevation to the highest office of the country was due to his distinguished services to the country and was a tribute to his outstanding capabilities. In recognition of his services to the country, he was awarded the highest honour of the land, the 'Bharat Ratna', in 1954.

In Rajaji's personality there was a unique combination of a politician, philosopher, intellectual, literateur, journalist and a man of letters. He was indeed one of the greatest leaders this country had produced. An altruist and an accomplished dialectician, he always had a formula to offer for even the most difficult and intricate problems that this country faced. He has left behind a great treasure of his

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[Mr. Speaker]

political, philosophical and literary works which are an asset to this nation for all times to come. These works are the living embodiments of his sharp intellect, incisive logic, clear vision and courage of his conviction. He lived a full life and died full of honours.

I have also to inform the House of the sad demise of seven other friends namely, Dr. Shaukatullah Shah Ansari, Shri Bakar Ali Mirza, Shri Krishna Kumar Chatterji, Shri G. D. Somani, Major General Himatsinhji, Shri Mahadevappa Rampure and Shri Jiyalal Mandal.

Dr. Shaukatullah Shah Ansari was a Member of First Lok Sabha during the years 1952-57 representing Bidar constituency of the then State of Hyderabad. Coming from one of the well-known families of India, he served the country in a variety of ways. He practised medicine till 1947 and later held a number of diplomatic assignments including Chairman of the International Control Commission at Laos. He was Governor of Orissa during the years 1968-71. He passed away at New Delhi on the 26th December, 1972, at the age of 65.

Shri Bakar Ali Mirza was a Member of the Provisional Parliament during the years 1950-52 and of the Third and Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1962-70 from Andhra Pradesh. A very affable and soft-spoken gentleman, he was an active parliamentarian. He represented India at the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference at Istanbul and was also a Member of the Parliamentary Delegation to Russia and Mongolia. He was also a Member of the Commonwealth Observers Team to Guyana to observe and report on the elections in that territory and literary Adviser (Press) to the Government of Afghanistan. He passed away at Hyderabad on the 1st January, 1973 at the age of 73.

Shri Krishna Kumar Chatterjee was a Member of the Fourth Lok Sabha

during the years 1967-70 representing Howrah constituency of West Bengal. He had served as Municipal Commissioner for Howrah for 10 years and had also been a Member of West Bengal Legislative Council during the years 1956-57.

He was a close associate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and served imprisonment several times for participating in the freedom movement. As a Member of Lok Sabha, he used to take active part in the proceedings of the House. Outside also, he was associated with a number of educational, social and trade union activities. He passed away in tragic circumstances on the 7th January, 1973 at Howrah at the age of 65.

Shri G. D. Somani was a Member of First and Second Lok Sabha during the years 1952-62 from Nagaur-Pali and Dausa constituencies of Rajasthan. Coming from a noted industrialist family, he used to take active interest in the proceedings of the House, particularly on matters concerning industry. He was associated with a number of social, educational and religious institutions. He passed away at Bombay on the 8th January, 1973 at the age of 65. His son Shri N. K. Somani was a Member in the last Lok Sabha. We express our sympathies with him.

Major-General Himatsinhji was a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly representing Indian Armed Forces during 1946-47 and of the Constituent Assembly and Provisional Parliament during the years 1947-48 and 1950-52. He also served as a Member of the Union Constitution Committee. He was elected to Lok Sabha in 1952 but resigned his seat on being appointed the Lt. Governor of Himachal Pradesh. He had also held the office of Deputy Minister of Defence during the years 1950-52. He passed away at Jaunagar on the 9th January, 1973 at the age of 75.

Shri Mahadevappa Rampure was a Member of Second and Third Lok

Sabha during the years 1957—67 from Gulbarga constituency of Mysore. Earlier, he was a Member of the Legislative Council of Mysore and had served as its Deputy Chairman. A great organiser and social worker, he was associated with a number of educational institutions. He was a veteran parliamentarian and used to speak with vigour whenever he took part in the proceedings of the House. He passed away at Bangalore on the 5th February, 1973 at the age of 53.

Shri Jiyalal Mandal was a Member of the Second and Third Lok Sabha during the years 1957—67 representing Khagaria constituency of Bihar. Earlier he had been a Member of the Bihar Legislative Assembly during the years 1952—57. An agriculturist, he did constructive work for the removal of untouchability. He participated in the freedom movement of the country and suffered imprisonment. He was also associated with a number of social and educational institutions. He passed away at Saharsa on the 9th February, 1973 at the age of 58.

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 ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): Mr. Speaker Sir, each session of the House begins with a solemn act of homage to those who have left us. The inter-session period has taken a heavy toll of former colleagues.

The foremost amongst them in age, achievement and wisdom was Shri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari. He was the last Governor-General and the first and only Indian to hold that office marking the triumph of our struggle

for Independence. He held many other high offices, but his eminence was not the kind that was derived from the offices he held. It came from within him, from his extraordinary, sharp and powerful intellect and his dedication to the cause not merely of India but of mankind. He served the Congress for nearly 40 years, and he founded the Swatantra Party. But no party could really contain him. He immersed himself in the great books of Indian civilisation and was an eloquent exponent of our culture. Through his deep concern for the great issues of mankind—the problem of war and peace, the problem of guarding moral values from material pressures—he was in fact a guardian of human culture.

Many in this House will also remember him as one of the greatest parliamentarians that our country has produced. The sweep of his intellect, his polemical power, and his profound understanding and sense of administrative and political problems, will remain a model for us and for those who come after us.

As I said at the time of his deeply-mourned death, we have lost not a person but a force.

Our condolences go to members of Rajaji's family and to those who were close to him, but the loss is not theirs alone.

Dr. Shaukat Ansari began life as a distinguished medical man and later proved his mettle in national service, in diplomacy and administration. He came from a family which toiled with unceasing energy and gave all it had for the national cause. Dr. Ansari embodied in himself the finest values of our secular culture. I should like particularly to recall Dr. Ansari's work as our representative in Laos, Vietnam and Sudan, and as Governor of Orissa.

Shri Bakar Ali Mirza had a brilliant academic career and was associated

[Shrimati Indira Gandhi]

early in his life with the trade union movement and in the fight against imperialism. He served Andhra Pradesh in many capacities and was a conscientious parliamentarian.

Shri K. K. Chatterji spent all his adult life in the thick of politics. A youth leader, a freedom fighter, a close associate of Netaji Subhas Bose, a trade unionist and author, he served Bengal and the country with tireless energy and intensity of feeling.

Shri Gajadhar Somani was prominent in the business world and was an active office-bearer of many institutions connected with trade and industry. He also supported a number of social service organisations. The House will remember the interest he took in economic matters.

Major-General Himatsinghji brought to Parliament deep knowledge of defence acquired through service in our Army. He earned high respect as Deputy Minister of Defence and later as Lieutenant Governor of Himachal. He was a fine and large-hearted man, deeply concerned for the welfare of others.

Shri Mahadevappa Rampure was prominent in the Congress in the old Hyderabad State and later in Mysore. He was the founder and moving spirit of a large number of educational institutions in Gulbarga.

Shri Jiyala Mandal was drawn into the national movement while still in his teens. He devoted his energies equally to political activity and constructive work. He organised the Kisans of Bakhtiarpur and made a mark as a legislator both in the Bihar Assembly and in the National Assembly.

We mourn the loss of these colleagues, distinguished Indians. Sir, I request you to convey our sincere

sympathy and condolences to their families.

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah): On behalf of our Party, I fully associate myself with the sentiments expressed here at the demise of the eminent statesman, Shri C. Rajagopalachari, and seven other ex-Members of Parliament, Dr Shaukatullah Shah Ansari, Shri Bakar Ali Mirza, Shri Krishna Kumar Chatterji, Shri G. D. Somani, Major General Himatsinghji, Shri Mahadevappa Rampure and Shri Jiyala Mandal.

I request you to convey our condolences to the bereaved families.

श्री सरजू पांडे (गाजीपुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय जब भी हम रासन बैठता है, तो हम मरने वालों के प्रति संवेदना प्रकट करते हैं। उस बार मरने वालों में कई नो खास तौर से मेरे मित्र थे जिन को मैं व्यक्तिगत रूप से जानता था। उन की मृत्यु मेरे लिए बहुत दुखदायी है।

जहाँ तक श्री राजगोपालाचारी का सम्बन्ध है स्वाधीनता संग्राम में उन की भूमिका से सारा देश परिचित है। इसलिए उनके सम्बन्ध में मैं कुछ ज्यादा नहीं कहना चाहता हूँ।

डा० शीकनउल्ला खंसारी मेरे ही जिले के निवासी थे और मेरे बड़े निकट के मित्र थे। इतना शरीर इन्सान और इतना बड़ा महा-मानव मैं ने आज तक नहीं देखा है।

13.00 hrs.

श्री बाकर भनी मिर्जा साहब मेरे साथ सोवियत यूनियन गये हुए थे। वह बहुत ही अच्छे वक्ता थे, हिन्दू मुस्लिम एकता के प्रतीक थे और बहुत ही विशाल हृदय व्यक्ति थे। उन का निधन बहुत ही दुखदायी है।

श्री कृष्ण कुमार चटर्जी के सम्बन्ध में मैंने अखबारों में पढ़ा कि उन्होंने बेकारी से ऊब कर आत्महत्या की। मैं नहीं जानता यह कहा तक सही है। अगर सही है तो यह हम सब के लिए बहुत ही दुख का विषय है। इस प्रकार के एक बड़े ही कर्मठ कार्यकर्ता का ऊब कर के आत्महत्या करना सचमच बहुत ही दुख की बात है।

श्री गजाधर सोमानी को भी मैं जानता हूँ हालांकि मुझे से पहले वे डम सदन में थे। बाकी जो सदस्य थे श्री महादेवपा रामपुरे और श्री जियलाल मल ये मेरे साथ ही इस सदन में थे। ये तमाम लोग अब हमारे बीच में नहीं हैं। यह हमारे लिए महान दुखपूर्ण अवसर है। मैं इस अवसर पर अपनी ओर अपने दिल की ओर से उन के प्रति समवेदना प्रकट हूँ और मैं चाहता हूँ कि हमारी समवेदना उन के परिवार तक पहुँचा दी जाय।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (ग्वानियर) अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपने दिल की ओर से और अपनी ओर से सभी दिवंगत आत्माओं के प्रति विनम्र श्रद्धांजलि समर्पित करता हूँ और परमात्मा से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि उन्हें सद्गति प्रदान करें।

राजा जी के निधन से आधुनिक भारत का एक ऋषि हमारे बीच से उठ गया। राजा जी विलक्षण प्रतिभा के धनी थे। उन का व्यक्तित्व समय समय पर कसौटी पर कसा गया और अधिकाधिक उज्ज्वल होकर वह हमारे सामने निखरा। एक महान देशभक्त, योग्य प्रगासक भारतीय संस्कृति के ज्ञाता भारतीय दशन के व्याख्याता राजा जी उन शताब्दियों के महानतम पुरुषों में से हैं जो आएंगे। उन के निधन से इस पीढ़ी को पुरानी पीढ़ी से जोड़ने वाली एक और कड़ी टूट गई। राजा जी जीवन के

अन्तिम क्षण तक सनत कर्म करने रह, विश्वासों पर अडिग खड़े रहे। मनभेद पर परदा डालने का उन्होंने प्रयत्न नहीं किया। उन की लेखनी और वाणी में बड़ा व्यंग्य था लेकिन विरोधियों पर कभी उन्होंने घटिया आरोप नहीं लगाया। कभी किसी की प्रमाणांकता पर सन्देह नहीं किया। आखिरी दिनों में इस बात को स्वीकार कर के कि मनभेद की गुजाइश है वह अपने विश्वासों पर अडिग खड़े रहे और उन्होंने अमहमति के स्वर को जो लोकतन्त्र के लिए आवश्यक है बल प्रदान किया। राजा जी के निधन से हमारा सार्वजनिक जीवन अकिञ्चन हो गया। उन की कमी पायद ही हम पूरी कर सकें।

मैं उन के साथ अन्य महानुभावों के प्रति भी अपनी विनम्र श्रद्धांजलि एक बार फिर समर्पित करता हूँ।

SHRI G. V. SWANATHAN (Wandiwash) Mr. Speaker, Mr. Rajaji's death is the greatest loss to the country which cannot be compensated. That intellectual giant the only living example of simple living and high thinking is no more with us.

There is no subject on earth which has escaped his attention. One could disagree with his views, but not with his logic. One could question his opinions on various problems, but not his sincerity of purpose. The nation in general and Tamil Nadu in particular will miss the advice and writings of that erudite scholar for ever.

On behalf of my party I request you to kindly convey our condolences to the bereaved family of Rajaji and the other colleagues of ours.

श्री इय्याम्मन्वन मिश्र (बेगुमराय) अध्यक्ष महोदय, आज यह कोई औपचारिक कहना नहीं होगा कि हम एक गहरे शोक की छाया में झुकते हुए हैं। भारतीय आकाश

[श्याम नन्दन मिश्र]

से आठ नक्षत्र विलीन हो गए और उन में से एक नक्षत्र तो प्रकाश के पुंज की तरह सूर्य की तरह था। मुझे प्रायः सभी व्यक्तियों को निकटतम रूप से जानने का मौका मिला था।

मैंने इस सदन में राजा जी को काम करते हुए देखा था और मुझे यह भी याद है कि उन से बिना मिले हुए भी मैं उन का विशेष रूप से स्नेह-भाजन बना था। आज जब बहुत दरवाज खटखटाने पड़ते हैं तो उस समय की याद आती है कि मैंने कभी भी राजा जी के समीप जाने की हिम्मत नहीं की। लेकिन फिर भी उनका आशीर्वाद और वरदान मेरे सिर पर था।

मेरे जैमा आसत दर्जे का व्यक्ति राजा जी जैसे महामानव के बारे में कुछ कहे यह एक दुस्साहम होगा। लेकिन जैसा कि संस्कृत के एक कवि ने कहा था कि वाणी की भी उपयोगिता तभी होती है जब बड़े विशिष्ट व्यक्तियों के बारे में कुछ कहा जाय, नहीं तो वाणी विफल हो जाती है। इसीलिए मैं समझता हूँ कि आज राजा जी के बारे में कहना कुछ अपनी वाणी का औचित्य ही साबित करना है। राजा जी की जिन्दगी वैसी थी जिस को सफलता या असफलता नहीं छू पानी थी। वह एक सच्चे कर्मयोगी थे जिस में असफलता की कितनी भी लहरें आएँ लेकिन राजा जी की जिन्दगी को वे झकझोर नहीं सकती थी और मानवता ने भी उन की जिन्दगी को सफलता और असफलता के मापदण्ड से नहीं मापा था। उन के मरने के बाद जितनी भी श्रद्धांजलियाँ हुईं उन में यह कहा गया कि वह एक महामानव थे और मानवता उन से गौरवान्वित होती थी।

मैंने एक व्यक्ति से अंग्रेजी में बातें करते

हुए कहा था :

He was one of the dizzy heights of humanity.

वह मानवता की वैसी चोटियों में से थे जिन की तरफ सिर उठाने से सिर चकरा जाता था। ऐसी चोटियों में से वह थे। इसीलिए तो किसी उर्दू के शायर ने कहा है कि ऐसे इन्सान खाक के परदे में आसानी से नहीं उभरते हैं। आकाश बहुत दिनों तक तलाश करता है तो ऐसे इन्सान खाक के परदे से उभरते हैं। राजा जी वैसे ही व्यक्ति थे जी हमारे बीच में आए थे। वह हमारे भीष्म पितामह और जनक की परम्परा के व्यक्ति थे। लायनाल फिल्डन ने तो यहां तक कहा था कि वे आज के जमाने के सब से बड़े व्यक्ति थे। मैंने भी अपनी श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करते हुए राजा जी के प्रति कहा था कि अगर सभी नक्षत्रों के प्रतिनिधियों का सम्मेलन होता और पृथ्वी को भी अपना कोई प्रतिनिधि भेजने का सौभाग्य होता तो राजा जी से बढ़ कर हम कोई प्रतिनिधि नहीं चुन सकते थे। ऐसे वह थे। राजा जी के जीवन ने जिस तरह की बातें देखी थीं, जिस तरह की परिस्थितियों में भूमिका भ्रदा की है भूमिका बहुत कम व्यक्तियों ने भ्रदा की है। 93-94 सालों तक मीत की छाती पर खड़े रह कर मुस्कराना और आखीरी सांस तक दिमाग में थोड़ी सी कमजोरी न आना यह एक बड़े जीवन की कहानी है। राजा जी जीवन के प्रारम्भिक काल में भी दमा से ग्रस्त हुए थे। उस के बाद भी 94 साल तक की जिन्दगी निभाई। तो जरा गौर कीजिए कि वह कैसी जिन्दगी थी। मैं समझता हूँ कि राजा जी की जिन्दगी एक बड़ा पुण्य, सयम और आत्म-बल सब की परिचायक थी और उन की जिन्दगी में ज्ञान, कर्म और भक्ति की त्रिवेणी बहती थी। उनका जीवन कोई शुष्क ज्ञान का जीवन नहीं था। वह श्रद्धा से भोत प्रोत, भक्ति से भोत प्रोत

जीवन था और उस ज्ञान को भी कर्म में परिणित करने का उन में एक अद्भुत सकल्प था । मैं तो समझता हूँ कि इस सदन के सिंहद्वार पर जो राजा जी ने कहा था उसको कहीं अंकित करना चाहिए या इस सदन में अंकित करना चाहिए । नहीं तो सेन्दूल हाल में, केनय कक्ष में अंतिम अंकित करना चाहिए जो उन्होंने लोक-तंत्र के सदर्थ में कहा था । उन्होंने लोक तंत्र के सदर्थ में वही शब्द कहे थे जो तिलक ने परतन्त्रता के सदर्थ में कहे थे ।

राजा जी ने कहा था :—

"A dumb people and a deaf government cannot make democracy, do not make democracy."

लोक मान्य तिनक ने हम को वह महा-मन्त्र दिया था :

"Swaraj is our birth-right."

इन दोनों वाक्यों को हम एक ही कक्ष में रखने हैं, इन को कहीं पर दर्ज किया जाना चाहिए और मैं समझता हूँ कि सरकार और संसद् के लोग इस में एक राय होंगे कि सभी सासदों को बराबर यह बात याद दिलाई जाये कि "गूंग जनता और बहरी सरकार दोनों मिल कर लोक-तन्त्र नहीं बनाते" । इस को हमें कहीं पर रखना ही चाहिए ।

यों, अध्ययन महोदय, बचपन की ऊषा और जवानी की दोपहर और बुढ़ापे की शाम तो चलती ही है, मगर जितनी स्वाभाविकता से राजाजी के जीवन का क्रम बढ़ा और आखिर में चल कर निस्तीम में विलीन हो गया, उतनी स्वाभाविकता हम लोगों ने न देखी और न पड़ी । इतनी स्वाभाविकता—जैसा कि अभी माननीय बाजपेयी जी ने कहा—ऋषियों के जीवन

के अलावा कहीं और देखने को नहीं मिलेगी । मैं राजा जी के बारे में और ज्यादा क्या कहूँ, मगर इतना आप से निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ—राजा जी के परिवार के प्रति सवदना तो हम जाहिर करेंगे ही, लेकिन राजा जी का जीवन हम को बराबर प्रेरणा प्रदान करे, इस के लिए सरकार के स्तर पर संसद् के स्तर पर भी कोई कार्य जरूर होना चाहिए, क्योंकि राजा जी ने जैसी जिन्दगी बिताई, जिस तरह की सादगी की जिन्दगी थी, उस को आज भी हम लोगों को—चाहे हम संसद् में हो या सरकार में हों—बराबर याद रखना चाहिए । राजाजी ने तीन ही सेट कपड़े रखे थे, हर दिन अपने कपड़ों को साफ किया करते थे । जिस को आज राष्ट्रपति भवन कहते हैं, उन दिनों उस को गवर्नर जनरल हाउस कहा जाता था । उस गवर्नर जनरल हाउस में जब वह 200 वर्षों की परतन्त्रता के बाद आये, तब भी उन की जिन्दगी पर वहाँ की रसीनिया हावी नहीं हो पाई—यह राजाजी थे । अध्ययनशील ऐसे थे कि वहाँ आ कर उन्होंने सारी शैक्सपीयर पढ़ डाली ।

राजाजी ने ईश्वर को जब अपने जीवन की चादर मुपुर्द की है तो मैं समझता हूँ कि वैसी ही चादर मुपुर्द की जिस पर कोई धब्बा नहीं था, निष्कलंक, निर्मल चादर जो ईश्वर ने उन को दी थी, उसी को उन्होंने मुपुर्द किया । इस से बढ़ कर हमारे लिए और कोई सन्तोष की बात नहीं हो सकती है—हमारे जीवन में ऐसा व्यक्ति आज नहीं रहा ।

हमारे कुछ और भी आयी थे, जिनके बारे में मैंने कहा है कि मैं इतने दिनों से संसद् में हूँ, सभी लोगों को जानने का मौका मुझे को मिला था । रामपुरे साहब इतनी छोटी जिन्दगी में हम को ऐसे छोड़ कर कैसे चले गये—यह समय में नहीं

[श्री श्यामनन्दन मिश्र]

भाया। वैसे ही श्री जियालाल मण्डल थे जो कल तक हम से बातें करते रहे। हम एक ही संस्था के थे, कन्धे से कन्धा मिला कर काम करते थे। जब दो तीन दिन पहले यह समाचार मालम हुआ, मैंने आप के कार्यालय को उस की सूचना दी। यह लगा कि बिन बादल बिजली गिर पड़ी। हमारे और सभी साथी राष्ट्रीय जाग्रत में, राष्ट्रीय जागरण में, भावात्मक कता में बड़े अग्रणी थे और हमारा देश और समाज उन को बराबर याद रखगा। मैं अपनी तरफ से, अपने दल की तरफ से इन सभी व्यक्तियों के प्रति हार्दिक श्रद्धांजली अर्पित करता हूँ।

SHRI P. K. DEO (Kalahandi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with profound sorrow and grief, I associate myself and the Swatantra Party with the sentiments expressed in this House by the various Leaders of the Parties and yourself at the passing away of Chakravarty Rajagopalachari, the founding father of the Swatantra Party.

When he was most wanted in this world, this world has lost an elderly statesman, a giant among intellectuals and foremost among Mahatma Gandhi's associates, known as his conscience-keeper and the authentic interpreter of his conscience.

He dominated the Indian political scene for nearly seven decades. Most part of the twentieth century of this country's history has been inter-woven by his various activities. He took a leading part in the freedom movement. He championed the cause of the down-trodden. He always fought for the preservation of the fundamental rights and democratic values which we had the privilege of learning at his feet and for which the Swatantra Party always stands.

A man of strong conviction, when he differed from his colleagues, he did not hesitate to go out from the orga-

nization and propagate his very ideas for which he stood for

At the ripe old age he had the clarity of vision and started the Swatantra Party to fight the growing to talitarian socialistic tendencies in this country. He could easily analyse, dissect and diagnose and find a remedy for any intricate problem. With his razor-sharp intelligence he had a vision to see twenty five years ahead. He had a sharp mental acumen and his masterly exposition of the various intricate problems in the simple language of the masses and his contribution of articles in the *Swarajya* on current topics will not be available to us.

In office and out of office, in prison and outside, he devoted himself to the study and exposition of the various Indian classics like Bhagwat Gita, Ramayana, Mahabharata and Kuran.

A versatile genius, a born leader who never followed anybody without conviction, a great fighter who could not be cowed down by any opposition, he gave up his most lucrative legal practice in his young days and joined the mainstream of the national struggle and he courted imprisonment several times.

As an administrator, he had a firm grip of various intricate problems. In 1937, as the Prime Minister of Madras, he first introduced prohibition and to make good the loss, he introduced the Sales Tax which contributes the major share of revenues of the various States today. He had the courage to abolish food control and rationing and has proved that all these artificial barriers lead to shortage.

Though not in the Congress, he was called to take part in Delhi and Simla talks during Sir Stafford Cripps and the Cabinet Mission's visits to this country. A life full of service to the nation and the world and to the humanity, he is no more. He was a man among men of his era who dedicated his heart and soul for the uplift of humanity.

His trip to the United States to impress upon President Kennedy on non-proliferation of nuclear armaments had a tremendous impact.

Contemporary history has given him a prominent place not only as a freedom fighter but as the first Bharat Ratna and the first and last Indian Governor-General and a statesman of rare order. He never ran away from responsibility. He acquitted himself as a very able administrator, first as the Prime Minister of Madras in 1937, then as Governor of the problem-ridden and famine-stricken Bengal, then as Governor General in the aftermath of partition, then as Home Minister in post-independent Cabinet and then again as Chief Minister of Madras State in 1952, after the Congress debacle in that State.

Sir, the last of the Romans, the great Titan has passed away and we join the nation in mourning at his great loss and we send our condolences to the bereaved family, and at the same time, Sir, we re-dedicate ourselves to the noble ideals which we learnt at his feet.

Sir, regarding the various colleagues of ours, I express our condolences on behalf of my party. Dr. Shaikatullah Shah Ansari was the Governor of my State and he was very affable in nature, he was true to the tradition, and in a very difficult period of Orissa's history, he worked with great distinction.

Mr. Bakar Ali Mirza was a freedom-fighter and a very good friend of mine. He was a prominent Praja-mandalist and he helped in the integration of the Hyderabad State in this country.

Shri G. D. Somani was a prominent industrialist, a philanthropist and an extremely religious man. I did not have the personal acquaintance with the others, but, at the same time, I, on behalf of my party, offer my condolences and I request you to pass them

on to the members of the bereaved family. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contal):
Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of my party, I associate myself in expressing our deep respect for Rajaji and the other former Members of this House and also in paying our condolences to their bereaved family.

Sir, there is no word adequate enough to pay our tribute to the great contribution of Rajaji and to his great personality. Rajaji lived to the very fullness of his life, with a purpose,—not common, but uncommon, not only for our generation, but for many generations to come. Chakravarthi Rajagopalachari was known popularly as Rajaji. Indeed, he was a king among the people of our country. He had monarchical stature as one of the profound thinkers of our country, as a philosopher, as an erudite scholar,—not only so, but as a man who was a true Indian,—a true Indian in his thinking, in his living, in his everyday behaviour. He will be remembered not only by our generation, but for generations to come. He was one of the giants among the leaders of the freedom struggle of our country. He was also one of the rare architects of freedom of our country after we attained our independence. Not many people live beyond their deaths but Rajaji will be remembered not only by our generation, as I have said, but by posterity for many centuries to come.

I pay my respectful tributes to the memory of one of the wisest men India has ever produced in this era of ours.

I had the privilege to know Shri Krishna Kumar Chatterji. He was member of the Forward Bloc and had close association with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. He was a very fiery type of freedom-fighter and had been with Netaji in jail for many years.

[Shri Samar Guha.]

I do not know what happened to him. He was suffering from an incurable disease, and the tragic way he ended his life is a real shock to all of us who know him very closely.

He was a very emotional man; he was a very sentimental man. Perhaps something happened to him as a result of which he ended his life tragically.

I had the privilege to know Shri Bakar Ali Mirza in the last Lok Sabha. He was a very simple man, an amiable man but very firm in his ideological conviction.

I did not know Dr. Ansari, but his name was known to all of us. Particularly, I remember those days of Partition when the communal storm created wavering tendencies among many freedom-fighters in our country, but he remained a patriot and he remained an Indian and braved all the storms of communalism in those days.

To other former Members of the House whom I did not have the privilege to know personally, I pay my respects and express our condolences to their bereaved families.

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करता हूँ।

SHRIMATI M. GODFREY (Nominated—Anglo-Indians): I wish to the sentiments expressed by you and associate myself and my group with

the House and by the Leader of the House and the other Members who have spoken, in regard to our revered Rajaji who not only endeared himself to every Indian but endeared himself to every human being.

I would also like our condolences to be sent to the bereaved members of the families of all our other colleagues who had passed away during the last few months, and particularly, I would like to tell them that we all pray for repose to their departed souls in heaven.

SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF (Periakulam): The demise of Rajaji is a great loss to the nation. He was the most eminent politician and a pioneer Gandhian leader. Even before our Constitution made untouchability an offence, he was the first man who had the guts to allow Harijans into the Meenakshi temple at Madurai, while he was the Premier of the then Madras State during 1937—39. As the first Prime Minister of the undivided Madras State, after the introduction of the Provincial Autonomy Act, he introduced prohibition in his own district Salem in Tamil Nadu.

During the period when inter-caste marriage was considered as a horrible one, he bravely gave his daughter Lakshmi in marriage to Shri Devdas Gandhi, son of Gandhiji. Thus, he was the first man in every respect.

His works on the Ramayana, the Mahabharata, the Upanishads, the Bhagavad Gita and Tirukkural are considered as finest literary pieces for our future generations. No doubt, he was a devout Hindu but at the same time, he was the best friend of the minority communities such as Muslim and Christians.

I offer my condolences with deep sorrow to his bereaved family and to the families of the other departed ex-Members, on behalf of my party, the Indian Union Muslim League.

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Bangalore): Sir, we have come to count Mahatma Gandhi as the Father of the Nation and Prophet of freedom. If the analogy could be carried a little further, as every Prophet had apostles, he had, in my opinion, four apostles, Nehru, Patel, Rajendra Prasad and Rajaji. These were the four persons who faithfully followed Mahatma Gandhi and gave strength and content to the freedom movement.

As some of my radical friends use the word, Rajaji was for a long time the "theoretician" of Gandhi and his ideas. There are personalities who enhance the stature of one's country, and Rajaji was one such. Apart from many of his achievements to which this House has testified, he was even a model so far as the Opposition is concerned, when he founded the Swatantra Party and acted as the spokesman for the Opposition; the dignity and sweet reasonableness with which he did his work is one of those achievements given to very few people.

Many a time when we are in opposition, we become irritable. We become what is called over-enthusiastic in earning the approbation of the people. But even here, Rajaji exercised what it called the detachment described in the Gita and showed how a perfect opposition mind could work.

Sir, my appeal to you, and through you, to this House, is to have a fitting memorial for him in this capital city of ours. These four apostles of Mahatma Gandhi must find their proper place in the heart of the country, that is, the capital, always to inspire the coming generations with the high ideals for which they worked and died.

SHRI BANAMALI PATNAIK (Puri): I would like to associate myself with the sentiments expressed here and pay a personal tribute to

Rajaji. I came into contact with Rajaji when I opposed him. When I was a student of Ravenshaw College, I greeted him with black flag. But he met me with love and affection. This was in 1941 when he was opposing the Congress and the Quit India movement. Again in 1946, when an unknown young boy, was elected to the Orissa Assembly, he sent me a telegram from Madras congratulating me, saying 'Young man, remember me'.

Again in 1949, as the Governor-General of India, he was camping in Puri. I had an opportunity of meeting him then along with a few others. Shri Asaf Ali was then the Governor of Orissa. He had invited us to dinner. Then I had the courage to ask him 'Rajaji, you are the apostle of non-violence. You are a follower of Gandhiji. How could you confirm the death sentence on those who murdered Gandhiji?' Immediately, he said: 'Yes, I expected this question. I was then puzzled what to do. Followers of Gandhiji from all over the world sent me telegrams not to confirm the death sentence, except his youngest son Devadas, whom I have spoiled by giving my daughter in marriage. I was feeling shy. I sent for Devadas and got all the writings of Gandhiji. From those writings, I found that when Swami Shradddhanand was murdered and the culprit was hanged, Gandhiji did not say anything. That led me to confirm the death sentence'.

His was a great mind and it cleared various things from conflict in regard to non-violence and all that. I have no words to express my gratitude to Rajaji.

Dr. Shaukatullah Ansari was Governor of Orissa. I had the pleasure of working with him for three years. He was a great nationalist. I had the opportunity of meeting him several times when he was Governor. He used to think of the

[Shri Banamali Patnaik]
 past He was very sorry that India was partitioned. He used to tell me how Mr Jinnah liked to influence him. But he told me ultimately that Pakistan could not last and it would be soon dismembered. And during his lifetime we could see that Pakistan was dismembered.

I do not know the others, but I pay my homage to all of them.

MR. SPEAKER: The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

13.37 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday February 20, 1973/Phalguna 1, 1894 (Saka)