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## LOK SABHA

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[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

### OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Mukunda Mandal, a sitting Member of this House, representing Mathurapur constituency of West Bengal. He passed away at New Delhi last night, at the age of 35. He was being treated for a kidney ailment since July last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

Shri Mandal was also a Member of the Sixth Lok Sabha during 1977-79. He was earlier elected to West Bengal Legislative Assembly in 1971.

An able parliamentarian, he took keen interest in the proceedings of the House.

An educationist, he was a lecturer for some time. He took keen interest in literary work. He was also a social worker and devoted himself to the work of removing the hardships of the downtrodden people in rural areas.

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH):** Mr. Speaker,

Sir, with the passing away of Shri Mukunda Mandal, this House has lost an active Member in his prime age. He was a man of letters who served various educational institutions through the noble profession of teaching. He was a Member of the West Bengal Assembly for the term 1971-76. He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1977 and again in 1980. I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by you, Sir, and request that the same may be conveyed to the members of the family of the departed soul.

**SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah) :** Sir, the death of Shri Mukunda Mandal was so sudden that we did not expect it because only yesterday I met him in the hospital and he talked with me, though he told me that he would not survive. But before that I talked to the Head of the Department half an hour before. The doctor also did not expect it. In the night, I talked to him. He also told me that he did not expect this death in this way.

He was suffering for a long time, but, unfortunately, whenever he had approached our medical centre here, they failed to diagnose the disease. Only at the late hours, when he was diagnosed in Calcutta at he had lost two of his kidneys completely. So, he was kept on dialysis in Calcutta. Then he was recommended by Calcutta hospital authorities to come here; and I thank our Speaker and the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs - whenever I raised the problem of his admission they had promptly come forward to give all help. And doctors also tried to save him. I pay my compliments to the efforts made by the

[ Shri Samar Mukherjee ]

doctors also. But, unfortunately, some complications developed and yesterday he told us that some congestion in the lungs had started. Then his condition deteriorated though doctors assured us that a new type of dialysis they were thinking of, starting from tomorrow so that he could get relief. He also complained about some trouble in his stomach yesterday.

However, this tragedy has occurred. But in his death we lost a very young and enthusiastic social worker, apart from its being a loss to our Party. Only in this Session, two of the non-official Bills in the list of business for introduction were in his name. He was very much interested in the welfare of the agricultural labourers and poorer sections, down-trodden people in rural areas, and so he brought those two Bills. And, as a member of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes he always expressed his earnest interest about the welfare of those sections of the people.

From his early life he was very active not only in political work, but in social activity also. In 1971 he was elected as a Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. His age was 24 or 25 then. He could not remain an MLA for the complete term because due to the situation in West Bengal at that time, after the elections in 1971, the Assembly was dissolved after a few months. There was another election in 1972 against which we made a complaint that it was totally rigged. However, from the very beginning he was very enthusiastic, he was very active, and he was connected with so many social organisations and he had a very strong desire to survive and play an active role.

He was admitted in the hospital here before the election of the President and he was brought from the

hospital in a wheel chair and he cast his vote. He came to the Central Hall and met all friends. We expressed a hope that he would be cured. But unfortunately, this tragedy has occurred. His wife was with him yesterday. The other relatives were not there. His body is being flown to Calcutta tonight. The body will be placed in our Central Party office at 14, Ashoka Road. Friends who want to pay their homage can come there. The body will be there till the evening and will be flown by the night flight which leaves at 8 p.m.

It is a loss not only for our Party, but also for the poor people of our country. So, through you, I thank all the friends who have tried their best to keep him alive ; but unfortunately this tragedy occurred. His family members are with us; so, there is no question of conveying the sorrow to the family members because they are with us. But we have to appreciate the performance of the doctors also. This may be conveyed to the hospital staff.

श्री रसीद मसूद (सहारनपुर) :  
मोहतरम स्पीकर साहब, जिस अफसोस का इजहार आपने फरमाया है, मैं उससे खुद को और अपनी पार्टी को शरीक करता हूँ। श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल साहब आसमाने-सियासत पर वो उभरता हुआ सूरज थे कि हमें यह उम्मीद थी कि शायद आगे चलकर वह हिन्दुस्तान की सियासत में एक अहम मुकाम लेंगे। इस मुहत्तर से आज सात साल के अरसे में जिसमें हमारा और उनका साथ रहा है, हमने उनकी परफार्मेंस पार्लियामेंट में देखी है। जैसा समर मुखर्जी साहब ने फरमाया, उनके दिल में गरीबों, पिछड़ों, और हरिजन-आदिवासियों के लिए एक उस दर्द का इजहार वह न सिर्फ अपनी कांस्टीट्यूएन्सी में काम करके करते थे बल्कि असेम्बली हो या पार्लियामेंट हो, उसमें

وہ اس تکلیف کو کس طرح دور کیا جا سکتا ہے کانون کے جریزے، اس میں بھی وہ پیچھے نہیں رہتے تھے۔ ہم دیکھتے ہیں کہ جو موختلیف بیل انہوں نے یہاں پیش کیے، وہ یہی تہک کو اور یہی اؤمید لے کر پیش کیے تھے کہ اس ملک کے ہزاروں-لاکھوں گریزوں، آدیواسیوں اور پیچھے والوں کی تکلیفوں کو دور کرے۔ تہک کو یہ تو تھی کہ وہ ہندوستان کی سیاست میں چمکے، لیکن یہ مالوم نہیں تھا کہ وہ ہم سے اس قدر جلدی جودا ہو جائیے۔

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[شری رشید مسعود (سہارنپور):

محترم اسپیکر صاحب - جس افسوس کا اظہار آپ نے فرمایا ہے میں اس سے خود کو اور اپنی پارٹی کو شریک کرتا ہوں۔ شری مکمل ملال صاحب آسمان سیاست پر وہ ابھرتا ہوا سورج تھے کہ ہمیں یہ امید تھی کہ شاید آگے چل کر وہ ہندوستان کی سیاست میں ایک اہم مقام لیں گے۔ اس مختصر سے آٹھ سات سال کے عرصہ میں جس میں ہمارا اور ان کا ساتھ رہا ہے ہم نے ان کی پرفارمنس پارلیامینٹ میں دیکھی ہے۔ جیسا

سب سمجھتا ہوں کہ اگر یہ انسان کے ہاتھ میں ہوتا کہ اپنے آپ کو بچا سکتا یا روک سکتا تو ہم سب لوگوں کی یہ کوشش ہوتی کہ کسی بھی طریقے سے کچھ بھی کر کے ان کو بچایا جا سکتا۔ لیکن یہ ہمارے ہاتھ میں نہیں ہے۔ اس لئے ہمارے افسوس کرنے کے اور کچھ ایسا کام کرنے کے جو وہ آئندہ بھی نہ دھیں اور کچھ نہیں کر سکتے ہیں۔ میں اپنی طرف سے اپنی پارٹی کی طرف سے ان کے خاندان کے ساتھ اظہار افسوس کرتا ہوں۔]

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श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (नयी दिल्ली) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, शरीर कितना नश्वर है और जीवन कितना क्षण भंगुर है यह कठोर सत्य एक बार फिर से श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल के दुखद देहावसान के रूप में हमारे सामने आ गया है। अभी उनकी उम्र ही क्या थी। लेकिन शायद काल के यहां आयु का कोई हिमाव नहीं है। वह कल तक थे हमारे बीच में, लेकिन आज नहीं है। मृत्यु हमेशा दुखदायी होती है। लेकिन ऐसी मृत्यु जिसे भरी जवानी में मृत्यु कहा जा सकता है हृदय में ऐसी चोट लगाती है जिससे शब्दों में व्यक्त नहीं कर सकते। श्री मण्डल इस सदन के एक सक्रिय सदस्य थे, दलित वर्ग में से आये थे और दलित वर्ग की ब्यथा को समझते थे। उनके लिये राजनीति एक मिशन रूप थी। उनके विचारों से किसी का मतभेद हो सकता है, लेकिन एक निष्ठावान राजनीतिक कार्यकर्ता हमारे बीच में से उठ गया उनके निधन से। बड़ी हृदय विदारक परिस्थितियों में यह मृत्यु हुई है। उनका अभाव हमें खलेगा।

हम अपने मार्क्सवादी कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी के मित्रों को विश्वास दिलाना चाहते हैं, और श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल के परिवार के सदस्यों को भी, कि इस शोक में वह अकेले नहीं है, हम सब उनके सहभागी हैं और विश्वास करते हैं कि श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल ने जो काम अपने हाथ में लिया था उनके साथी उसे आगे बढ़ाने का निरन्तर प्रयत्न करते रहेंगे।

SHRI ERA MOHAN (Coimbatore): Hon. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to associate myself and my party the D.M.K. with the sentiments of sorrow that have been expressed by you, Sir, and other Members who have preceded me

on the sudden demise of Shri Mukunda Mandal. Shri Mukunda Mandal's premature death has left all of us in a gloom of grief. It is really shocking that he should have been snatched away by death at the prime of his life. I had the opportunity of meeting him and discussing with him several national problems. He used to tell me that as elected Members of the people we have a duty to perform to the electorate. He was a man imbued with ideals and he was working assiduously in translating his ideals into action. Whenever he spoke in the House, he spoke in earnestness and effectively. His death is an irreparable loss to the nation, to this House and to his party the Communist Party (Marxists).

On my own behalf and on behalf of D.M.K., I request you kindly to convey our heartfelt sorrow to the bereaved family of Shri Mukunda Mandal and also I wish to convey my condolences to the Members of CPM who have lost a valuable colleague.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East): Sir, on behalf of the Janata Party, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by you, the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and my colleagues here.

The most significant thing about Shri Mandal was his dedication to the cause. He was a young man, a very well educated person, who had been a teacher in a college. I am quite sure that today the peasantry of Bengal, of whom he was the leader and whose interest was at his heart, would be very sad indeed.

On behalf of my party, I would like the family members and all his supporters to receive our heartfelt condolences on his death.



**SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA** (Basirhat): Sir, we all have to go some time. But it is extremely painful when some body is taken away by the cruel hand of death at such an early age. The last occasion on which I saw Comrade Mukunda Mandal was the day when he was brought here in a wheel chair to cast his vote in the Presidential election. At that time I was told by other friends that he is on the road to recovery and is expected to be well soon. So, it came as a great shock to know that he has suddenly passed away.

Comrade Mukunda Manda was, of course, a college teacher, coming from the Scheduled Caste. But he was, first and foremost, a grass root worker among the people in his locality. He dedicated his life particularly to the cause of poor agricultural labourers and poor peasants of his area. The fact that he was so popular amongst them can be gauged by the fact that they elected him three times, once to the Assembly and twice to this House.

He was an active and energetic member of this House. But his disposition was always very quiet and very unassuming. That is why perhaps many members, when they heard the news of his demise, were not able to place him immediately, for I heard many members asking who is the member who has died". He would never thrust himself on other people. He was very active and unassuming. In his death we have suffered a great loss.

I do not wish to add anything more to what Comrade Samar Mukherjee has said, except to say that on behalf of myself and my party, I want to extend our heartfelt sorrow and condolence to his family as well as to his party. I hope that all the members of this House will join us in expressing this feeling.

श्री ए० नोजालोहिबादसन नाडार (त्रिवेन्द्रम) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, हमारे युवक साथी श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल के आकस्मिक निधन पर शोक प्रकट करते हुए और श्रद्धांजली अर्पित करते हुए आपने और सदन के नेताओं ने जो विचार प्रकट किये हैं, उनसे मैं पूर्ण रूप से अपनी सहमति प्रकट करता हूँ ।

इतनी कम उम्र में श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल का निधन बहुत दुःख की बात है । जैसा श्री समर मुखर्जी ने बताया चाहे सामाजिक क्षेत्र हो, राजनीतिक क्षेत्र हो या शिक्षा का क्षेत्र हो उनकी देन सराहनीय है । उनसे और भी सेवाओं की प्रतिष्ठा हम कर रहे थे और वे भी सेवा के लिए इच्छुक थे । ऐसी परिस्थितियों में जब कि देश की वामपन्थी शक्तियों का एकीकरण भारत के भविष्य के निर्माण में महत्वपूर्ण बन गया है, ऐसी हालत में उनका निधन हमेशा के लिये कष्ट की बात है ।

उनके निधन पर मैं अपनी और अपनी पार्टी की ओर से शोक प्रकट करते हुए श्रद्धांजली अर्पित करता हूँ ।

श्री राम विलास पासवान (हाजीपुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय मुकुन्द मण्डल जी के साथ मुझे काफी समय रहने का मौका मिला । संयोग से 1977 से और उसके बाद दोबारा 1980 में हुए चुनाव के बाद भी हम लोग खासकर एक ही कमिटी शैंडयूल्डका स्टस और ट्राइब्स में हम लोग और प्रायः हम दोनों एकही कमरे रहा करते साथ ही रहे थे । देखने में भीतर से जहाँ वे उग्र लगते थे, अपने सिद्धान्त और अपनी आइडियोलॉजी के प्रति वे अटल थे, वही बहुत कम लोगों को मालूम है कि वे बहुत अच्छी कविता भी जानते थे । अच्छे लेखक थे । भले ही उनकी

कविताएं ध्यौरी के आधार पर बंगला भाषा में होती थीं, लेकिन यदि कोई भले ही उस भाषा को न समझे फिर भी उसके भाव को महसूस कर उद्वेलित हो जाता था। इसलिए वे जहां भीतर से अपने सिद्धान्तों के प्रति काफ़ी कमिटिड थे, वहीं ऊपर से उतने ही शांत थे। जैसा यहां इन्द्रजीत बाबू ने कहा बहुत कम लोगों को उनके संबंध में मालूम था और वे इतने सीधे थे अध्यक्ष महोदय, कि मैं उनके विषय में आपको एक कहानी बताना चाहता हूँ।

यहां पर नंदी येल्लैया साहब बैठे हुए हैं। हम लोग एक बार नागालैंड गए थे। वहां पर एक दिन हमने उनसे पूछा कि मुकुन्द जी आप इनको पहचानते हैं। उन्होंने जवाब दिया कि नहीं तो हमने कहा कि ये यहां के गवर्नर हैं। बस, फिर वे उनके साथ आधे घंटे तक उसी रूप में बात करते रहे, जैसे वे यहां के गवर्नर हों। जब कि वे हमारे अपने साथी ही थे। उनको अपने साथियों के बीच में इतना प्यार था कि वे हमेशा मौहब्बत के रिश्ते हर एक के साथ रखते थे। लेकिन विडम्बना देखिए कि कभी हम लोग चाहे कुछ भी सोचते रहें, सारी चीजें हम लोग करते हैं उसके बावजूद भी एक दिन एक दूसरे से जुदा होकर चले जाते हैं। राजनीति में रहकर आदमी में कुछ दूसरी प्रकार की भावना उत्पन्न होने लगती है। आज ऐसे साथी, हमारे बीच में नहीं रहे और वे हमसे इतना दूर चले गए हैं, सदा के लिए कि हम लाख प्रयास के बावजूद लाख बुलाने के बावजूद उनके नहीं से मिल सकते। आज सिर्फ उनकी यादगार ही रह गई है। वे अब दोबारा हमारे बीच नहीं आ सकते हैं। ऐसी परिस्थिति में हमारे पास सिवाय दुख और संवेदना प्रकट करने के कोई

दूसरी चीज नहीं रहती। मैं अपनी ओर से अपनी पार्टी की ओर से, उनके परिवार, उनके दल के सदस्यों के प्रति संवेदना प्रकट करता हूँ और सरकार से भी आग्रह करता हूँ कि इतनी कम उम्र में हम लोगों से विदा हुए हैं, उनके परिवार के लिए उनके बच्चों भी होंगे, उनके सम्बन्ध में कुछ कर सके, कुछ दे सके तो अच्छा होगा।

मैं इन्हीं शब्दों के साथ उनके प्रति श्रद्धांजली प्रकट करता हूँ।

श्री राजेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव (मधेपुरा) : अध्यक्ष जी, मुकुन्द मण्डल जी आज हमारे बीच नहीं रहे। इस खबर पर विश्वास नहीं होता। वे कितने सक्रिय राजनीति में रहे हैं, उसका सबूत है कि जैसा आप प्रायः देखेंगे उनके नाम कितने बिल्स और रिजोल्यूशन्स हैं और वे इस सदन में बहुत अधिक एक्टिव रहे हैं। आज वे हमारे बीच में नहीं हैं, यह सुनकर बड़ी तकलीफ होती है। मैं अपनी ओर से और अपने दल की ओर से संवेदना प्रकट करता हूँ और आपके द्वारा तथा सदन में विभिन्न दलों के नेताओं के द्वारा जो संवेदना प्रकट की गई है, उसमें अपने को शामिल करता हूँ और चाहता हूँ कि आप उनके शोक-संतप्त परिवार को यह संवेदना पहुंचा दें।

SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI (Berhampore): On my behalf and on behalf of my Party I associate myself with the sentiments that have been expressed from all sides of the House on the sad demise of Comrade Mukunda Mandal.

Those of us from West Bengal who are privileged to know him rather intimately, have been feeling very shocked to learn this morning of his sudden death, when we were



hoping that he would soon recover and come to this House. Anyway, that was not to be. He was one of the most active and younger Members of this Parliament who also served his constituency, particularly the downtrodden Scheduled Castes and labourers in his area.

I again express my heart-felt sorrow.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN (Cooch Behar) : Shri Mukunda Mandal is no more amongst us. We have lost Shri Mukunda Mandal an energetic and promising comrade.

Man is mortal. Everyone will have to die to-day or to-morrow. We mourn for them. But it is more pathetic when we elders mourn for the young, a young man of 35. He is no more.

On behalf of my party, Forward Bloc and myself, I pay my respect and homage to the memory of Prof. Mandal.

SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA (Ponnani) : The sad and premature demise of Shri Mukunda Mandal is like setting of the rising Sun. He was a young and energetic Member of this House. On behalf of my party, the Muslim League, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed on his sad and sudden demise.

We request you to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family of the bereaved.

*The Members then stood in Silence for a short while.*

MR SPEAKER : As a mark of respect to the deceased, the House now stands adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. tomorrow

**11.28 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Friday, October 22, 1982/Asvina 30, 1904 (Saka)*