LOK SABHA

Thursday, July 31, **1997/Shravana 9**, 1919 (Saka)

> The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[SH. BASU DEB ACHARIA in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Honourable Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri Bijoy Singh Nahar.

Shri Bijoy Singh Nagar was a Member of Sixth Lok Sabha representing Calcutta North-West Parliamentary constituency of West Bengal during 1977-79.

Earlier, he was a Member of Bengal Legislative Council during 1946-47, West Bengal Legislative Council during 1952-57 and West Bengal Legislative Assembly during 1957-77.

An active social and political worker. Shri Nagar served his State as Deputy Chief Minister during 1971. He was also a Minister in the Government of West Bengal during 1962-67 and 1968.

A widely travelled person Shri Nahar was the Leader of the Indian Delegation to the International Labour Organisation Conference at Geneva during 1966.

A man of letters, he was the Editor of "Tarun Jain", a Hindi monthly magazine and "Deshapriya", a Bengali weekly.

Shri Bijoy Singh Nahar passed away on 15 June, 1997 at Calcutta at the age of 90 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

11.02 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

[Translation]

SHRI VIJAY GOEL (Sadar Delhi) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I want to raise an important issue that Members should be given Rs. one crore for their constituency from MPLADS.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Goel, you please raise it after Question Hour.

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is an important issue, Hon. Minister is here, you can ask him to reply to it.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You please raise this matter after Question Hour.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : The matter is not so important to raise during Question Hour. Do not waste the time of the House. Shri Goel, please take your seat.

[Translation]

SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH (Rajgarh) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the issue of IRDP is very important, please allow it.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, this is not the time to raise the matter. You can raise it after Question Hour is over.

[Translation]

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Minister will give the reply in one minute.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You raise it after Question Hour.

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Mr. Chairman, Sir, you may ask the Minister to reply to it after Question Hour.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is Question Hour. The Minister will not reply to it now.

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, he is not the concerned Minister to whom he is pointing out...(Interruptions)

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Minister is giving the reply.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You please raise it after Question Hour.

(Interruptions)