LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Friday, August 30, 1991 /Bhadra 8, 1913 (Saka)

> The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues Shri Samar Brahma Choudhury.

Shri Choudhury represented Kokrajhar constituency of Assam in the Eighth Lok Sabha from December, 1985 to November, 1989. Earlier, he had served with distinction as a member of the Assam Legislative Assembly and a Minister in the State Council of Ministers.

Shri Choudhury was an active political and social worker. He served as President of Kachugaon Anchalik Panchayat during 1964-67. He was associated with various social and students' institutions in different capacities.

Shri Choudhury actively worked for improving the lot of the weaker sections of the society, particularly the tribals of the State. He organised the Plains Tribals Council of Assam of which he was the President. Shri Choudhury worked for the reconstruction of social, economic and political fabric of the Bodos.

Shri Choudhury edited a Bodo weekly "RADAB" and authored a number of pamphlets in Assamese.

Shri Choudhury Lost his life in tragic circumstances when he fell to an assassin's bullet on 27 August, 1991 at Guwahati at the age of 59.

While condemning the militants' activities in various parts of the country, 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 now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Income Tax Arrears

[English]

*630 SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount in arrears on account of income tax as on March 31, 1990;

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be