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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER : Honourable Members, the House is already aware of the sad and sudden demise of Shri H. L. Patwary, a sitting Member of this House. He suddenly developed heart trouble and was admitted to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital on Monday, the 26th March, 1979. He expired on the 28th March, 1979.

Shri Patwary represented Mangaldoi constituency of Assam. Before coming to Lok Sabha, Shri Patwary had been a Member of the Assam Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1962 and again from 1967 to 1972. He was Chief Whip of the Opposition in the State Assembly.

He was a good parliamentarian and was presently a Member of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.

Keenly interested in the field of education, he served as President of Assam Primary Teachers' Association from 1957 to 1968 and of the All India Primary Teachers' Federation from 1961 to 1972. He was also associated with several educational institutions and other organisations working for the uplift of the Kisans and weaker sections of society.

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.

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THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : I was deeply shocked when I first heard two days back that Shri Patwary had a massive heart attack. When I went to see him he was conscious at that time and talked to me. I thought that he might recover but fate willed it otherwise and he passed away as a result of a massive heart attack.

He was a very active member of this House and in public life he has been active for many years. He was deeply interested in education and was the President of the All India Primary Teachers Federation for quite a long time. He was interested in the weaker sections and their uplift and, therefore, he worked with very great dedication for the rural uplift in Assam. By losing him we have lost a worker of great character, integrity and dedication and an active member of the House.

We deeply mourn his passing away and on behalf of myself and the House, I request you to convey our condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family.

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN (Idukki) : I rise to associate myself with the sentiments of anguish and shock expressed on the demise of a dear colleague of ours. You have spoken in detail about the aspects of his public life. I do not want to cover that ground again. Geniality and free mingling was the characteristic which I noted in Shri Patwary. There are quite a few in this House who may not be known to all but Shri Patwary was a person who was known to everybody ; whom everybody knew by the way he behaved, the free bubbling manner in which he spoke and came out when the proceedings of the House were on. He

was so free with everybody. He was active not only in the educational field but in the teachers' movement particularly. He had lent them great service during his parliamentary activities and extra-parliamentary activities. We have lost a good man, a good parliamentarian, a man in substance and a friend of all.

I join with the rest of the Members of the House in expressing our sorrow and I beseech you to convey to the bereaved family our deep sympathy.

SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN (Satara) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, myself and my Party join in the sentiments and grief expressed by the Leader of the House and yourself on the sad death of the Member, Shri Patwary, who was one of the known Members amongst all the Groups and Parties of this House, by his activities here. He had a very long public career. He was the spokesman of the weaker sections. He had organised many unions of primary teachers and local workers in different activities. He was a man who had been in the legislative field for a long time. I think, twice he was the Member of the Assam Assembly and he was also for some time the Deputy Chief Whip of his Party. For the last more than two years, he was Member of this House and he was a very popular Member. It is certainly a great loss to everyone of us. Apart from the loss to the Janata Party and his supporters. I think, it is a national loss. He was an active public worker. His disappearance from public life is a national loss and naturally, we share this loss.

I request you, Sir, to convey our sorrow and grief to the Members of the bereaved family.

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah) : On behalf of my Party I associate myself with the sentiments expressed here on the unexpected demise of Shri Patwary. Though I was not acquainted with him, He had already distinguished himself inside the House

by demonstrating his exceptional zeal and interest in all the debates. And when I now come to know that he had a long background as a Legislator and a good public worker, naturally, this is a big loss to the organisations and the people with whom he was deeply connected and in that sense, it is a loss to the nation also.

I request you to convey our sentiments to the bereaved family.

SHRI A. ASOKARAJ (Perambalur) : On behalf of All India ADMK, I wish to express our sorrow on the sad demise of Shri Patwary. As far as myself is concerned, though I could not have any contact with him, I was able to see his activities, his human spirits. In that respect, I am seeing him as a man of integrity with all human tendencies.

So, I request you to convey the grief on behalf of our Party, to his family.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN (Coimbatore) : I wish to join in the tributes that have been paid to Mr. Patwary because we have seen how in the House, he was one of the most active and energetic people when he was present, raising issues that were of importance not only to his constituency but in a very much wider field.

I know particularly, Sir, of his tremendous interest in the plight of the teachers of this country and he was busy organising an All-India Conference, may be he has been overdoing it. One cannot forget, Sir, how he was indefatigable in whatever issue he took up. He had his unfailing sense of humour and he was one of those very rare people who never have any sense of rancour on any issue at whatever time it may be, howsoever heated may have been the debate in Parliament or outside. He stood for the eradication of all social inequalities, for the eradication of all forms of exploitation and oppression. And I cannot also forget how he used to stand up very valiently for the equality

of women in this country. Therefore, Sir, there is a special regard that I had for him in this respect and I would like to associate myself and my Party in the messages of condolence to be conveyed to his family.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR (Gandhinagar) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to join you and other Members of the House in paying my respectful tribute to one who was not only a dear colleague, but being a primary teacher, and having myself spent more than three decades in the teaching line I still take interest in that field all the time, I feel I have lost a fellow teacher and a fellow brother. I do not know how to express my feelings of shock.

Sir, Patwary Ji was a man of great concern for the underdog and I think that sense of concern made him also very sensitive to many issues in public life and parliamentary life, and that probably led to his working harder, as Parvathi Ji just now said he over-worked, and perhaps brought his death earlier. We are all very grieved at his loss. He endeared himself to all of us by his sweet reasonableness and charm.

I request you, Sir, to kindly convey our grief and condolences to the very unfortunate members of his bereaved family.

SHRI CHARAN NARZARY (Kokrajhar) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I find no words to express my sorrow at the sudden demise of our beloved friend, Mr. Hiralal Patwary. The country has lost a son of great patriotic mind. He was a very popular man among all sections of people in Assam. His long association with the plains tribals of Assam and his love for them will be remembered by the tribals for all times to come. His performances as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Assam were spectacular while his presence in this Parliament

House was felt by everybody. One thing the hon. Members may not know is, Mr. Patwary was a self-educated and self-made man. A man of simplicity and informality, he was accessible to all and so he was loved by all.

As we all know, he was very active in lobby and fought in this august House and contributed to the cause of retaining education in the Concurrent List. The All India Primary Teachers' Federation has also lost a very great leader in his death. I personally and on behalf of the people of Assam and particularly on behalf of the plains tribals living in that State, convey my deep sorrow and condolences to the bereaved family, through you. With these words, I associate myself with our beloved Prime Minister in expressing our condolences.

श्री अब्दुल ग़फ़ार वकील (बाराभूला) : पटवारी साहब को मैं जानता था मेरी उनके साथ बचपन फ़क़त बातें भी हुई हैं। जिन खयालात के इज़हार जनाबे प्राइम मिनिस्टर साहब और बाकी रहनुमाओं ने यहां किए हैं उनके बलाभा उन्हें हमारी कौमी जिन्दगी के साथ, बुनियादात के साथ, बुनियादी उसूलों के साथ इतनी मुहब्बत थी कि कोई भी बाका जो मुल्क में होता था और अगर वह हमारे बुनियादी उसूलों, इंसानी क़र्बों, इंसानी भाईचारे, जम्हूरियत और इंसानी बराबरी के उसूलों के लिए ख़तरा पहुंचाने वाला होता था चाहे वह किसी भी क्वार्टर से हो किसी हरकत से हो तो उनके दिल को बड़ा रंज पहुंचता था। बुनाबे उन्होंने मुल्क को बुनियादी तौर पर मजबूत करने के लिए जो ज़बान पैदा किए वे मुहब्बत भरे हैं मुल्क के लिए कौम

के लिए और इस नाते मैं अपनी तरफ से और अपनी पार्टी की तरफ से और जम्मू काश्मीर के अव्वाम की तरफ से उन खालात और जज्बहत से अपने आपको वावस्ता करता हूँ जिन का इज्ज़ार यहाँ किया गया है और आपकी वसाहत से उनकी फैमिली तक उन जज्बहत को पहुंचाने के लिए आप से दरखवास्त करता हूँ ।

श्री कचरुलाल हेमराज जैन (वालाघाट):

मैं अपनी तरफ से और अपनी पार्टी की तरफ से श्री हीराबाल पटवारी ---- नाम हीरा था और वह थे भी हीरा -- के प्रति श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ । २४ तारीख को मेरी उन के साथ चर्चा हुई थी यहाँ । कल अचानक जब उनके स्वर्गवास का समाचार सुनने को मिला तो बहुत सदमा पहुँचा । खास तौर से भारतीयता उन के अन्दर कूट कूट कर भरी हुई थी राजस्थान में उनका जन्म हुआ था और असम में उनका राजनीतिक जीवन विकसित हुआ और जो ख्याति उन्होंने पाई, आज वह

भुलाई नहीं जा सकती है । उनके द्वारा किए गए काम इस देश के लिए यादगार बन कर रहेंगे ।

प्रधानमंत्री जी और हमारे अन्य नेतागण ने जो संवेदना के विचार प्रकट किए हैं उन से मैं अपने आपको और अपनी पार्टी को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ और आप से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि उनके शोक संतप्त परिवार तक इस दुखद अवस्था में हमारी संवेदनाओं को पहुंचाने की कृपा करें ।

MR. SPEAKER : Prof. Dilip Chakravarty wanted to speak. But the normal convention is that only the party leaders take part in this.

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

The Members then stood in silence for a shortwhile

Mr. SPEAKER : As a mark of respect to the deceased, the House stands adjourned to meet again at 11 A.M. tomorrow.

11.20 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Friday, March 30, 1979/Chaitra 9, 1901 (Saka).