

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, May 5, 1986/Vatsakha 15,
1908 (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 our friend Shri B.V. Desai, who was a sitting member of the House, representing Raichur Constituency of Karnataka. He was a Member of Seventh Lok Sabha also during 1980-84.

Earlier, he had been Karnataka Legislative Assembly, 1957-62.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Desai took keen interest in the proceedings of the House. He served as a member of the Committee on Public Undertakings, 1985-86.

An advocate by profession, Shri Desai was an agriculturist as well and took keen interest in land reforms. Shri Desai headed the Karnataka State Financial Corporation from 1970-72.

Shri Desai passed away on 4th May, 1986, at Bombay at the age of 64 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.

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The House may now stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

National Fisheries Corporation

*907. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Fisheries Corporation in the country;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) when it is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir. However, Government is considering the setting up of a National Fisheries Development Board.

(b) and (c). Detailed project report in respect of the proposed National Fisheries Development Board is being prepared by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. The report has not yet been received.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : It is very gratifying to know that the government is taking keen interest for the development of fisheries in our country and that too to uplift the economic conditions of the fishermen community as a whole in our country, who are the poorest of the poor in the society.