

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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LOK SABHA

Monday, June 13, 1994/
Jyaistha 23, 1916 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at
Eleven of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played

[English]

11.02 hrs.

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Kotla Jaya Surya Prakash
Reddy (Kumool)

Shri Lakshman Singh (Rajgarh)

Shri Shelke Maruti Deoram
(Ahmednagar)

Shri Bapusaheb Thite (Baramati)

Kumari Sushila Tiriya (Mayurbhanj)

Shri Amar Pal Singh (Meerut)

Shri Pramothas Mukherjee
(Berhampore).

[English]

11.10 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, I have to inform the House with profound sorrow of the passing away of three of our former colleagues, namely, Shri K. Brahmananda Reddy, Dr. Mahipatray M. Mehta and Shri S. Thangaraju.

Shri Brahmananda Reddy was a Member of Sixth and Seventh Lok Sabha during 1977-84 representing Narasaraopet Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh. He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha during 1974-77.

An able administrator, Shri Brahmananda Reddy served as Union Minister of Communications in 1974 and also as Minister of Home Affairs during 1974-77. He also held the portfolios of Industry, Company Affairs, Agriculture and Irrigation in 1977. He was the Minister of Industry in 1979. Later, he also served as the Governor of Maharashtra.

Shri Reddy was a veteran freedom fighter. He served a jail term in 1941 and was also fined for his participation in the freedom struggle. He was kept under detention during 1942-45 for his active participation in the 'Quit India' Movement.

Shri Reddy was a Member of Madras and Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assemblies during 1946-71 except between 1952-55. He served the State of Andhra Pradesh as a Minister from

1956 onwards holding various portfolios and rose to become its Chief Minister in 1964. From 1964 to 1971, he ably served as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. In 1972-73, he was the Chairman of Sixth Finance Commission of the Government of India.

A renowned parliamentarian, Shri Reddy made significant contributions to the proceedings of Lok Sabha.

Shri Brahmananda Reddy passed away on 20 May, 1994 at Hyderabad at the age of 85 years.

Dr. Mahipatray M. Mehta was a Member of Fifth and Seventh Lok Sabha representing Kutch Parliamentary Constituency of Gujarat during 1971-77 and 1980-84 respectively. He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha during 1960-66.

Earlier he was a Member of Gujarat Legislative Assembly from 1967 to 1971.

A physician by profession, Dr. Mahipatray M. Mehta was a Member of Health Boards of the State of Bombay in 1959 and of Gujarat in 1960.

An active social and political worker, he was involved in the youth movement.

As a Parliamentarian, Dr. Mehta made valuable contributions to the debates in the House.

Dr. Mahipatray M. Mehta passed away on 27 May, 1994 at Ahmedabad at the age of 78 years.

Shri S. Thangaraju was a Member of Eighth Lok Sabha. He represented Perambalur Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu during 1984-89.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Thangaraju was a social and political worker. He was also a Member of the Senate of Bharathidasan University of Tamil Nadu.

Shri Thangaraju took keen interest in the proceedings of the House.

Shri Thangaraju died in an accident at Perambalur on 6 June, 1994 at the age of 45 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is with a deep feeling of grief and bereavement that I rise today to pay homage to Shri Kasu Brahmananda Reddy. In his death the nation has lost a great freedom fighter, eminent lawyer, veteran parliamentarian and an elder statesman. For me it is a personal loss.

I had a long association with him, having been in his Cabinet for eight years in Andhra Pradesh. I looked to him often for his sagacious advice. He was always there with his wise counsel, his steadfast support and his warm affection.

Shri Kasu Brahmananda Reddy held various public offices. He was a Minister in Andhra Pradesh and later Chief Minister. He became a Member of the Rajya Sabha in 1974. He held important portfolios at the centre – Home, Agriculture, Irrigation, Communication, etc. In all these, he left the stamp of his administrative acumen. He will always be remembered for the welfare schemes he initiated as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. He was also an avid lover of

books and took keen interest in sports and music.

Dr. Mahipatray M. Mehta was an eminent parliamentarian, who took special interest and worked for the development of his constituency, Kutch. He was a physician of repute and a respected social worker.

In the death of Shri S. Thangaraju, we have lost a young colleague who represented Perambalur constituency in Tamil Nadu. He worked for the cause of the downtrodden, especially for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes. He will be remembered for his contribution to education, as a senate Member of the Bharati Dasan University.

I offer my condolences to the families of these eminent Members, who contributed so much to Parliament and to the country. May their souls rest in peace?

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: (Lucknow): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with the deep feeling of grief and bereavment I also associate myself with the tributes paid by the leader of the House at the sad demise of Shri Brahmanand Reddy, Dr. Mahipatray Mehta and Shri S. Thangaraju. I had the opportunity to work with all the three departed leaders. Shri Brahmanand Reddy took part in freedom struggle, and after attaining independence as an administrator he very efficiently and successfully accomplished his administrative responsibilities and proved his acumen for the same. I still remember that when he was the Union Minister of Home Affairs many complex and difficult situations surfaced before him but he made all the efforts

to settle those problems with great adeptness. He did full justice with every post he held and tried to eschew any controversy. It will be not an exaggeration, if I say that he was a towering political personality from Andhra Pradesh.

Dr. Mahipatray Mehta was an extraordinary personality. He was not merely a politician. He was a doctor also, but in order to actively serve the people he contested elections and was elected as a member. He had great concern for the development of Kutch area. He was very much concerned about the problems of desert area of Kutch and used to express his concern in a very effective manner in the House. Recently I had an opportunity to visit Kutch and it seems to me that Kutch has immeasurable sufferings and there is no likelihood of their solution in near future. But whenever Kutch is referred Shri Mahipatray Mehta would ever be remembered. On behalf of myself and my party also, I express my rich tributes to the third departed leader.

[English]

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Sir, I rise to convey deep condolences on behalf of our Telugu Desam Party on the death of Shri Kasu Brahmananda Reddy Garu, who was a veteran politician, who held different posts in the State Government as well as the Central Government. He was one of the few leaders from Andhra Pradesh who had left a deep mark on the minds of a very large number of people throughout the country. He was responsible for several development programmes that were implemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh and the people will remember him for a long time to come. I once again convey our deep

sympathies to the member of the bereaved family.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I associate myself and my Party with the observations made by the hon. Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition about the passing away of three of our distinguished previous colleagues.

Sir, I had the fortune of being known to them as a colleague in this House. Of course, I remember Shri Brahmananda Reddy very well, because I was in the Consultative Committee of the Home Ministry when he was the Home Minister. A man of amiable disposition with an open mind, as a Minister I have found him trying to respond to all the reasonable suggestions made by Members and trying his best to solve the people's problems and that is why he endeared himself to all in the House and outside.

Dr. Mahipatray M. Mehta was also a distinguished Member of this House and his commitment towards alleviating the sufferings of the common man was very obvious. We could understand, appreciate and feel how he had been trying to help the downtrodden people.

Shri S. Thangaraju was also a young Member. He was our colleague and the tragic circumstances in which he has passed away are extremely heart-rending.

We mourn the loss of all these distinguished sons of India and I request you, Sir, kindly to convey our feelings of deep sympathy and condolences to the members of the bereaved families.

SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN (Tirunneveli): I join the hon. leaders in conveying the condolences of my Party on the sad demise of our former colleagues. I must recall how our old political mentor the late Shri Annadurai was closely associated with hon. Shri K. Brahmananda Reddy and I recall those days as a student in Tamil Nadu, of his activities in the Congress and his services particularly in Shrimati Indira Gandhi's period. He was very dominant and his role was commendable.

I convey our condolences on the death of Dr. Mahipatray M. Mehta.

Our young party M.P., Shri S. Thangaraju was a devoted and dedicated party worker and a Scheduled Caste leader. He was very young. It is really a very big loss to the country and our Party. He was coming up very well and set an example as a leader. I convey, on behalf of the AIADMK Party our condolences.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Midnapore): On behalf of my Party I express our deep sorrow and grief at the loss of these three colleagues. Shri K. Brahmananda Reddy, who was one of the outstanding personalities in the political life, firstly of his own State, where he was the Chief Minister for a long time, contributed much to the development of Andhra Pradesh and later on here at Delhi actively as a Central Minister. I remember him very well. He played a leading part in the deliberations of this House and in performing his Ministerial duties. He was a very friendly and jovial person here, very popular with all the other Members, irrespective of the Party they belonged to.

I did not know Dr. Mahipatray M. Mehta personally very well. But I remember that as a Member, he was constantly expressing his concern for the plight of poorer people in this country who are not able to avail themselves of sufficient medical care.

Mr. Thangaraju died under very tragic circumstances which make his demise all the more poignant. I am very much aggrieved the way that he lost his life.

I do hope that on behalf of our party, our condolences will also be conveyed to all the members of the families of the deceased.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I myself and my party associate with the condolences expressed by the hon. Prime Minister, the leader of the Opposition and the leaders of other parties. On some occasions I had an opportunity to talk with Late Brahmanand Reddiji. He was known as a man of moderate nature and a clear headed statesman. Today, he is no more with us. However, we all have to leave this world sooner or later. On behalf of this august House we all offer our condolences to the bereaved family.

Dr. Mahipatray M. Mehta is no more today and on behalf of our party we offer our condolences and express our deep feelings of sorrow on his sad demise. I had an opportunity to talk with Shri S. Thangaraju. He had great respect for the poor. On behalf of my party and myself I express deep condolences to the bereaved family.

[English]

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

11.28 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

11.30 hrs.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Prime Minister's Visit to USA

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- *1. SHRI PHOOL CHAND
VERMA:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR
RAWAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister and his team visited USA recently;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives behind the visit and the details of the issues discussed with the President of USA and other US leaders/bodies; and

(c) the outcome of the discussions held there alongwith the details of the agreements/MOUs signed with the Government of USA during his visit?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS