

LOK SABHA

Thursday, August 25, 1983/Bhedra 3,
1905 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER : Hon'ble Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Sham Lal Saraf who was a Member of Third Lok Sabha from Jammu and Kashmir during 1962-67. Earlier he had been a Member of Jammu and Kashmir State Legislature from September, 1951 to April 1962. He was also a Minister in Jammu and Kashmir Government during 1947-62.

A businessman, he was associated with a number of social, cultural, educational and religious organisations.

Shri Saraf also took active part in the national movement.

An able parliamentarian, he took keen interest in the proceedings of the House. He also served on the Panel of Chairmen.

Shri Saraf passed away at Srinagar on 26th July, 1983, at the age of 79 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 to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (नई दिल्ली) :
अध्यक्ष महोदय, 26 जुलाई को मृत्यु हुई और आज

25 अगस्त है। मेम्बरों को बताया जाना चाहिए कि किसके द्वारा खबर मिलने के बाद शोक प्रकट होता है, जिससे जल्दी ओबीचुयेरी हो जाया करे।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : ठीक है, इतने देर बाद करना बुरा लगता है।

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Basirhat) :
What is the reason ?

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री (पटना) : श्री शिव पूजन शास्त्री का ओबीचुयेरी रेफरेंस अभी भी नहीं हुआ है।

He was a member of the Fourth Lok Sabha ; maybe a member of the Fifth Lok Sabha also.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : ठीक बात है आपकी।

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Indo-Pak Relations

*433. SHRI RAMJIBHAI MAVANI :
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to lay a statement showing :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to bilateral talks between India and Pakistan which are going on during the last 2 years on various levels, the relations between India and Pakistan have improved ;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken for frequent exchange of delegations in various fields viz. Cultural, Sports, Education, Trade, Commerce, Industry and Labour ; and

(c) how many more delegations are expected to visit each country during 1983 and 1984 ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b). Bilateral talks at