

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, July 21, 1980/Asadha 30, 1902  
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The Lok Sabha met at

Eleven of the Clock

(Mr. Speaker in the Chair)

### MEMBER SWORN

Shri Phuntsog Namgyal (Ladakh)

### ORBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri V. Shanker Giri, who was a Member of the Fifth Lok Sabha during 1971—77 from Damoh constituency, Madhya Pradesh.

A Mechanical Engineer, Shri Shanker Giri specialised in audio-visual publicity. He was specially interested in direction of feature and documentary films.

A widely travelled person, he had visited many countries.

An active Parliamentarian, he took keen interest in Parliamentary activities.

He was President of the Labour Party of India, founded by his father late Shri V. V. Giri.

He passed away at Madras on 19 July, 1980 at the age of 50.

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 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

#### Slum Clearance in Delhi

\*613. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn any plan for clearance of slums in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMAD USMAN ARIF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Slum clearance work is being done in accordance with the provisions of the Slum Areas (Clearance & Improvement) Act, 1956. Under this Act, an area of 2,168 Hectares had been notified as slum area for improvement and redevelopment. Upto March 1980, about 18,000 tenements have been or are being constructed for the rehabilitation of slum dwellers.

In addition, environmental improvement work in the existing slum areas like paving of lanes, provision of community latrines, conversion of dry latrines into flush system, street lights, drinking water, etc. is also being done.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: The Minister is making a very sincere effort to clear the slums in our capital city. Now, the answer says that in 1956 the area notified was 2,168 hectares. I want to know whether the slum area has decreased or has remained standstill.