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Tuesday, August 8, 1978/Śravaṇa 17,
1900 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR SPEAKER I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Ram Rattan Gupta who passed away at Kanpur on August 3, 1978 at the age of 72

Shri Ram Rattan Gupta was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha during the years 1962-64 and 1966-67, representing Gonda constituency of Uttar Pradesh. Earlier he had been a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly in 1943

A leading businessman and an industrialist he made a substantial contribution in the field of industries in the country. A well-known figure in Kanpur, he served as its Mayor for two terms. He was associated with several charitable and educational institutions in Uttar Pradesh. A man of versatile ability he took keen interest in a variety of subjects like commerce, industry, finance, banking, defence and railways. He was also the author of two books entitled "World before Second World War" and "Time for Decision".

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure, the House will

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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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Closure of Hindustan Petroleum Refinery in July, 1978

*325 SHRI D D DESAI Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Hindustan Petroleum Refinery at Bombay had been closed down for a brief period during July, 1978

(b) if so, whether this has caused shortage of petroleum products, and

(c) whether any crash plant to import kerosene and HSD has been undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Refinery has been closed down from 8th July, 1978 for emergent repairs due to leakage in the crude distillation unit and the refinery is expected to be recommissioned round middle of August, 1978

(b) and (c) Alternative plans have been implemented to ensure availability of products to meet the demands and maintain the supply line. However, in respect of cooking gas, there has been some delay in normal supplies to consumers in Bombay fed areas. Arrangements have been made by Government to import additional