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Wednesday April 14, 1976 (Chaitra
25, 1898 (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 H. K. Veeranna Gowdha who passed away at Bangalore on the 7th April, 1976 at the age of 77.

Shri Gowdha was a Member of Third Lok Sabha during the years 1965-67 from Bangalore Constituency of the erstwhile State of Mysore. Starting as a Member of the Mysore Representative Assembly before independence, he was a Member of the State Legislature for a number of years. He was a member of the Mysore Constituent Assembly during the years 1947-48 and of the Mysore Legislative Assembly during the years 1949-62. He also served as Minister twice in the Government of Mysore during the years 1956 to 1958 and then during the years 1960 to 1962. He was associated with various students' organisations and educational institutions.

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.

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11.03 hrs.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Probe into Periodic Power Failures at Tarapur Atomic Power Plant

*482. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have investigated into the reasons for periodic power failures at Tarapur Atomic Power Plant;

(b) if so, findings thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The Department of Atomic Energy keeps a close watch on the performance of the Tarapur Atomic Power Station. Defects noticed are being promptly attended to and remedial action taken. There has been no necessity of any special investigation.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: I would like to know from the hon. Minister if his attention has been invited to the report which appeared in *Clarity* dated 20-3-76 which says:

"An American newsman, Paul Jacobs, in the February-March issue of 'Mother Jones', a newly launched magazine in New York has exposed the sinister role played by the US multi-nationals which set up nuclear plants abroad.

Jacobs focus is on the Tarapur nuclear plant... Tarapur was built jointly by two American compa-