

LOK SABHA

Monday, August 7, 1972 (Savana 16, 1894)
(Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Iswar Marandi who passed away during the early hours of this morning at New Delhi at the young age of 54.

Shri Marandi was a sitting Member of the Lok Sabha representing Rajmahal constituency of Bihar. He was also a Member of the Third and the Fourth Lok Sabha during the year 1962—70. He was a member of the Committee on Absence of Members from the Sitings of the House. Shri Marandi took active interest in the proceedings of the House, particularly when matters relating to the uplift and problems of backward classes and backward tribes were discussed in the House. In his constituency he did a good deal of work for the welfare of Harijans and depressed classes. He was very active and was associated with various social, educational and welfare institutions in Bihar.

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 PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I should like to associate myself and this House with the sentiments you have expressed on the sad and sudden demise of our colleague, Shri Iswar Marandi. He had been ill for the last few days, but death always comes as a surprise and a shock.

Shri Marandi was a familiar figure in

this House of which he had been a Member since 1962. He came from the tribal areas of Santal Parganas and himself belonged to a Scheduled Tribe. He took active part in the development activities of his District and was associated with a number of organisations and committees. He was particularly interested in the expansion of educational facilities for his people. He had organised a High School and a Kisan Library and a number of Primary Schools. He was interested in many other matters also. May I request you to convey our sincere sympathy and condolences to the members of the bereaved family?

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah) : On behalf of my Party, I associate myself with the sorrow expressed at the sudden demise of Shri Iswar Marandi.

From the records of his social life and activities among the backward communities and the Scheduled Tribes, it is quite evident that the loss of Mr. Marandi will be a great loss for the Scheduled Tribes and the backward communities. I request you to convey our condolences to the bereaved family.

SHRI SEZHIYAN (Kumbakonam) : On behalf of my Party, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed here at the sudden demise of Mr. Marandi.

Mr. Marandi was a Member of the House since 1962, and I had many occasions to come in contact with him and discuss many problems. He was a very active and earnest parliamentarian taking considerable interest in the upliftment of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and the Backward Classes. It was stated that he had been admitted in the hospital and that he was under coma for some time. There was a lingering hope that he might come round and join us in the deliberations of the House. But, death has ordained otherwise. I request you to convey our deep condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (Tiruchirappalli) : On behalf of my Group, I associate myself with the sentiments and feelings of sorrow expressed by you and by the hon. Prime Minister on the sudden demise of Shri

Iswar Marandi. It is all the more shocking that we have to lose another sitting Member within such a short time. I request you to convey on behalf of my party also our deep condolences to the bereaved family.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय (मुरेना) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मुझसे पूर्व सदन में अभी जो विचार व्यक्त किये गये हैं उनसे मैं अपने को जोड़ता हूँ। श्री ईश्वर मरंडी सन् 1962 से यहाँ संसद में लगातार काम करते आये हैं। उनके विचारों से सदन में काफी सदस्य प्रेरणा लेंगे। वह पिछड़े वर्ग के लोगों की तरक्की करने और उन्हें ऊपर उठाने के लिए बड़े चिंतित रहते थे। मैं भगवान से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि दिवंगत आत्मा को शान्ति प्रदान करे और मेरी तथा मेरे दल की उनके शोक संतप्त परिवार तक समवेदना पहुँचा दे।

श्री श्यामनन्दन मिश्र (बेगुसराय) : श्रीमन, हम सभी श्री ईश्वर मरंडी के निधन से मर्माहत हुए हैं। उनकी उम्र सिर्फ 53-54 साल की थी। हम सबों को उनसे बड़ी आशाएँ थीं। तीन, चार दिन पहले हमको इसकी खबर मिली थी कि उनको एक बड़ा सांघातिक रोग हो गया है। वैसे हम सभी काफी चिंतित जरूर थे लेकिन फिर भी हमने यह उम्मीद बांध रखी थी कि वह शायद फिर से भले बनें हो जायें। लेकिन हमारी आशा निर्मूल सिद्ध हुई, हमारी उम्मीद नाकाम रही।

वह हमारे प्रान्त की अनुसूचित जातियों में

बड़े प्रमुख सामाजिक व राजनैतिक कार्यकर्ता थे। उनको विकास कार्यों में विशेष दिलचस्पी थी विशेषकर कृषि, सहकारिता तथा शिक्षा आदि के क्षेत्र में। वह एक बड़े संतुलित, शान्त एवं शीतल स्वभाव के व्यक्ति थे। बिहार के संसद सदस्यों को उनके अभाव का विशेष अनुभव होगा। मैं अपनी, अपने दल की ओर से उनकी दिवंगत आत्मा को चिर शान्ति प्रदान करने के लिये भगवान से प्रार्थना करता हूँ तथा उनके शोक संतप्त परिवार के लोगों के साथ अपनी हार्दिक समवेदना प्रकट करता हूँ।

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE (Rajapur) : On behalf of the Socialist party, I express my deep sorrow at the passing away of our colleague, Shri Iswar Marandi who had been a vocal spokesman of the Depressed Classes and the backward sections of the society. I express my condolences and I request you to convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

MR. SPEAKER : The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MR. SPEAKER : As a mark of respect to the departed soul and to enable Members to attend the funeral, the House stands adjourned till 11 A. M. tomorrow.

11.08 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday, August 8, 1972 (Shrawana 17, 1894 (Saka)).