

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, March 14, 1972/
Phalgun 24, 1893 (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 A.V. Raghavan, who passed away at Badagara, Kerala on 10th March, 1972 at the young age of 47.

Shri Raghavan was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha during the years 1962-67 from Badagara constituency of Kerala. He had served the Indian Navy during the year 1942-46. He had been taking keen interest in the welfare of ex-servicemen. 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 AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Mr. Speaker, I join you in expressing sympathy at the sad passing away of Shri Raghavan. As you have said, he served in the Indian Navy before Independence and even after entering public life the welfare of ex-servicemen was his main interest. He took active part in organising societies for ex-servicemen and he was also interested in kisan work. Please convey our sympathy and condolences to the bereaved family.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) : I join you in expressing sorrow at the sad demise of Shri Raghavan and request you on behalf of my party to convey our sympathy to the bereaved family.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Alipore) : I remember Mr. Raghavan well; in this

House he was usually a quiet, reticent and reserved Member and we belonged to the same party at that time in this House; we were in the same group. It was only on matters connected with the welfare of ex-servicemen, particularly at the time when we used to discuss the Defence Ministry's grants, that Mr. Raghavan came out in his real colour, and he was really an expert on the subject. He very strongly advocated, year after year, the measures that were required for the amelioration of the conditions of the ex-servicemen. I am deeply shocked to hear today of his untimely demise about which I had not had any previous knowledge. I express on behalf of my group our sincere condolences and request you to convey our sympathies to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN (Wandiwash) : On behalf of the DMK party I express our heart-felt condolences to the bereaved family of Mr. Raghavan who was a champion of the cause of ex-servicemen.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (बालियर) :
श्री राघवन के देहावसान पर आपने तथा दूसरे माननीय सदस्यों ने जो विचार प्रकट किए हैं, उनके साथ मैं अपने को तथा अपने दल को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

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

The Members then stood in silence for short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Steps to improve quality of Tea
a for Export

*1. SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned annually by export of tea;

(b) the steps Government propose to take to improve the quality of Indian for export; and