

[Dr. K. L. Shrimall]

city to decide. We have had a discussion with the Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi University and I think, as far as possible, every effort will be made to absorb some of these people who are really qualified for the job.

Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava (Hissar): Sir, some time ago this question came up before the House and the hon. Minister was pleased to say that all the staff will be absorbed. Today we hear that only efforts will be made. I think he is changing the position. The assurance he gave should stand unchanged. Every person who was employed in this college and was competent enough to be employed then, should be employed in other places.

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: As far as I remember, I never gave that assurance to the House. I could not have given that assurance that all the members of the staff will be employed.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharya (West Dinajpur): Will the hon. Minister kindly see that these three evening colleges are opened in different parts of the city instead of being concentrated in one place, so that people living in different parts may have facilities to go to these evening colleges?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: That is actually the proposal.

DEATH OF DR. KHAN SAHEB

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Mr. Speaker, Sir, it has fallen to my lot from time to time to make mention in this House of sad and tragic occurrences. I have now to inform the House that a member of the old Assembly, but much better known in other capacities Dr. Khan Saheb, was some little time ago today,

stabbed to death. We have not received any details or particulars about this tragic incident except that, I believe, it occurred at Lahore. But, I think it is right that early mention of it be made in this House not only because he was connected with the predecessor of this House as a member, but also because of the great part that he, with his great brother, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, played in the struggle for freedom and independence of India.

We all know that, in spite of any differences that might have arisen, Dr. Khan Saheb occupied a high place in office in Pakistan. On some matters we may not have agreed with him; but we always respected him, honoured him as an old colleague, as a brave captain in our struggle for independence and for various personal reasons and contacts also, because there are many people here who knew him personally.

So far as I am concerned, my mind takes me back to almost 50 years when I was a young boy of 18 or 19 when I first met him, and we were both students in England; he was a medical student, somewhat senior to me; and during this long period of 49 years we knew each other. Although there have been many breaks, I can say about him as I can say about few persons, that though we may have differed—as we did often—I am myself had hardly ever come across a braver man and a greater gentleman. So, it is a matter, I am sure, of deep grief to us that this great fighter for freedom, this great gentleman, should have been cruelly put to death in this way. I have no news as to who did it, what the object was, but I thought that before waiting for any further detailed information, I might mention this matter to the House as the House would be interested and I am sure the House would like to express its sorrow and send its message of sympathy and

condolence to the members of his family.

Mr. Speaker: I fully associate myself with all the observations made by the hon. Prime Minister as Leader of the House. I myself was a colleague of the late Dr. Khan Saheb from 1934 to 1937. His transparent honesty and simplicity attracted the attention of one and all. We were all sitting in these benches opposing the then Government. He was a bold fighter, and when any matter relating to the then North-west Frontier Province arose, and if he had said something, the Executive Councillor in charge of the External Affairs of those days never criticised or found fault with the correctness of his statement. Dr. Khan Saheb would get up and challenge, "I am asking the hon. Member of the Executive Council to say if I am not correct." The latter had always to say that Dr. Khan Saheb was correct, and the Member of the Executive Council would, however, try to explain it away.

Everybody had very great regard for Dr. Khan Saheb's honesty of purpose and the courage with which he conducted himself. Whether it is Pakistan or India we can ill afford to lose the services of such a great man. The two brothers were lions and they tamed their Pathan brethren who were noted for their rather violent ways.

Dr. Khan Saheb's memory will live for years and years. It is unfortunate that he should have met with his end under such tragic circumstances. I deeply mourn the loss, and I am sure the House will join me in sending our condolences to the members of the bereaved family and to his younger brother, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.

The House will kindly stand for a minute.

(The Members then stood in silence for a minute)

RE. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

श्री बजरज सिंह (फिरोजाबाद) : अध्यक्ष महोदय बनारस यूनिवर्सिटी की परीक्षाओं के सम्बन्ध में मैंने एक एडजर्नमेंट मोशन की सूचना दी थी। उसके बारे में मुझे यह निवेदन करना है कि

Mr. Speaker: I did not allow that. The hon. Member tabled an adjournment motion. This is the last day of this session. There is no time for getting any information. His adjournment motion was that the usual examinations of the Banaras Hindu University have been put off, causing inconvenience to the students. I do not know if the Minister will consider getting information and pass it on to me.

श्री बजरज सिंह : इस सम्बन्ध में मैं यह निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि ३० अप्रैल तक हमेशा ही बनारस यूनिवर्सिटी के कालेज ग्रॉफ टैक्नालाजी और कालेज ग्रॉफ ग्रायुवेंड के सारे इन्तहान खत्म हो जाया करते थे। इस साल ३० अप्रैल तक इनके खत्म होने की बात तो दूर रही ये शुरू भी नहीं हुए थे। मई के पहले हफ्ते में भी ये शुरू नहीं हो पाये हैं। इससे हजारों विद्यार्थियों को हानि हो रही है। बनारस में गर्मी भी बहुत पड़ती है जिससे उनको बहुत तकलीफ का सामना करना पड़ता है। इस वास्ते मेरी प्रार्थना है कि सरकार देखे कि मामला क्या है और क्यों इतनी देर ही रहो है? मैं यह भी चाहता हूँ कि सरकार इस बारे में सहायता करने की कोशिश करे ताकि हजारों विद्यार्थियों की जो तकलीफें हैं वे दूर हो सकें।

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): I would submit most respectfully that there are duly constituted bodies, University authorities, which can competently look after such problems which arise in the universities regarding examinations, the dates on which the examinations should