

LOK SABHA DEBATES

First day of the Eighth Session of the Fourth Lok Sabha

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Monday, July 21, 1969/Asadha 30, 1891
(SAKA)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of
the Clock*

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

RESIGNATION BY SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY OF OFFICE OF SPEAKER

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I have to inform the House.....

SHRI M. L. SONDHI (New Delhi) : Sir, man has landed on the moon. That is the first thing to be taken up. It is a historic occasion. A day will come when you may also aspire to go to the moon.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : It will come in due course.

श्री जार्ज फरनेन्डोज (बम्बई दक्षिण) :
उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, आज का अजेन्डा अशूरा है। आज की कार्रवाई शुरू होने से पहले मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। आज के आर्ट-पेपर में भूतपूर्व अध्यक्ष के इस्तीफे का कोई जिक्र नहीं है। जो शकघर साहब की किताब है अगर उस को आप देखें तो जब स्पीकर इस्तीफा देते हैं तब आपका यह फर्ज होता है कि आप उनके इस्तीफे को सबसे पहले सदन के सामने पेश करें। वह हम लोगों के द्वारा चुने गये स्पीकर हैं।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Will you please listen to me? I am going to make a reference to it.

श्री जार्ज फरनेन्डोज : रिफरेंस नहीं, पत्र पढ़ कर सुनाइये। आप मेज़ पालियामेंटी प्रैक्टिस

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देखें। शकघर साहब यहाँ बैठे हुए हैं, आप उन से पूछ लें। हमें अध्यक्ष महोदय का पत्र चाहिये। रिफरेंस नहीं चाहिये।

MR. DEPUTY - SPEAKER : Please resume your seat and listen to me. So far as reference to moon-landing is concerned, it is coming up and I would request hon. Members to wait for a few minutes.

SHRI M. L. SONDHI : Sir, the Members of Indian Parliament have always stood for the great achievements of mankind.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : I have to inform the House that Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy has resigned the office of the Speaker of Lok Sabha on the 19th July, 1969 at 5 P. M.

श्री जार्ज फरनेन्डोज : उन का पत्र पढ़ कर सुनाइये। यह नियम है।

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE (Kanpur):
Sorry, Sorry.

श्री रवि राय (पुरी) : नियम के अनुसार काम होना चाहिये।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : It is a one line letter. The letter is like this :

"To

The Deputy-Speaker,
Lok Sabha, New Delhi.

Sir,

"I hereby resign the office of the Speaker of Lok Sabha."

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- N. Sanjiva Reddy
5 P.M. 19-7-1969."

श्री मधु लिमये (मुंगेर) : मेरे प्रस्ताव का क्या हुआ ? मैंने प्रस्ताव का नोटिस दिया है। सदन के नेता इस के बारे में बयान दें।

MEMBER SWORN

SHRI SHRIPATI MISRA (Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh)

SHRI NATH PAI (Rajapur) : A tradition was being established by your predecessor, I mean our distinguished previous Speaker, that every new Member was to be introduced properly. Have we discontinued this tradition ?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : That is all right.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our friends, namely, Dr. Gopalrao Bajirao Khedkar and Shri N. Ramaseshaiah.

Dr. Gopalrao Bajirao Khedkar was a Member of First and Second Lok Sabha during the years 1952—60. At the time of his death he was Minister for Rural Development in the Maharashtra Government. He passed away at Amravati on the 25 May, 1969 at the age of 69.

Shri N. Ramaseshaiah was a Member of First Lok Sabha during the years 1952—57. At the time of his death he was Minister of Health in the Orissa Government. He passed away at Bhubaneswar on the 31st May, 1969 at the age of 71.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir may I join you in expressing my deep regret that we should begin this session mourning the death of two of our distinguished erstwhile colleagues in parliament who have passed away since we

last met ? You have mentioned their names—Dr. Gopalrao Bajirao Khedkar and Shri N. Ramaseshaiah.

Dr. Khedkar was an old soldier in our struggle for freedom having courted the first imprisonment in the early thirties. He remained throughout a prominent and distinguished leader from his part of the country and had to his credit a long record of public service. He served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh at the time of independence and was Member of the First and Second Lok Sabha. Although essentially a political worker, Dr. Khedkar's field of interest was wide and varied. He was a journalist and he was interested in the cause of education. He worked for the uplift of our villagers. In his death we have lost an old and valued colleague.

Shri Ramaseshaiah was an independent Member of the First Lok Sabha. He was a prominent public figure of Tamilnadu. We mourn the death of these two distinguished colleagues and I would request you, Sir, to convey to the bereaved families our sincere condolences.

SHRI RANGA (Srikakulam) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am extremely sorry that these two distinguished public workers have passed away. I associate myself with what has been stated by you, Sir, and the Prime Minister.

I have known Shri Ramaseshaiah since 1927. He was a distinguished poet in Telugu and he belonged to Andhra and not Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : I am sorry, I meant Orissa.

SHRI RANGA : He rose to prominence in Orissa. He was a member of this House. He worked as an independent member and also as a democrat under the leadership of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerji in that first democratic opposition party we had in this House from 1952 to 1957. He was a member of the Ganatantra Parishad also. In that capacity he served the people of Orissa for more than ten years. Thereafter, he joined our party, the Swatantra Party, and rose to be the Minister of Health and as a Minister for two years he distinguished