

LOK SABHA

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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

DEMISE OF DR. ZAKIR HUSAIN, PRESIDENT
OF INDIA

MR SPEAKER : The hon. Prime
Minister.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF
ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF
PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA
GANDHI) : Mr Speaker, Sir, I rise to speak
with a heavy heart. The country has
suffered a grievous loss, and the world has
lost a man of vision and compassion. Dr.
Zakir Husain was a wise guide to our
people. He reflected the best in the heritage
of civilised man. He was an unusual
amalgam of steadfastness and gentleness,
representing the finest flowering of the
composite culture of our country.

It is rare to find so integrated a person-
ality as Dr. Zakir Husain's. His life was
rich and varied. Every visit to him, every
conversation with him was an enriching
experience, and I think, Sir, that that was
the feeling of most people who met him. He
was a learned scholar, a thinker and a
writer of distinction. Interested in people
and nature, he was a connoisseur of creative
arts and had a deep and abiding interest
in the finer things of life. With his wealth
of knowledge and experience, he had a dis-
arming simplicity. Although he rose to the
highest positions in the land, he retained the
humility of true greatness and was proud
to describe himself as a mere teacher. He
was so little attracted to pomp and power

that the high offices which he held had to
be thrust upon him. He set the highest
standards of conduct for himself, and every
act and gesture of his was living proof of
this high integrity, ennobling all around him.
To the end of his days, he remained an
elder statesman whose soft words of wisdom
were heard in defence of all that is of
enduring value in public life.

Many influences moulded his personality,
the teaching of Islam and other great
religions of our country and the world, the
inspiration of Mahatma Gandhi and other
great seekers of freedom and light the
liberal and humane philosophies of the West
and the writings of the great poets and
authors of all lands. He had an inquiring
mind, not an accepting one. But he was
free from dogma or narrowness of any
kind and bent his fastidious intellect to a
search for harmony and in the interests of
a larger purpose.

It is two years since the nation elected
him to this high office. I recall the contro-
versy which was generated at that time.
But I am sure that to-day every one in the
country, without distinction of party, region
or religion, would agree that Dr Zakir
Husain adorned the office of President with
dignity, distinction and unblemished integrity.
We did not elect him because he was a
Muslim by birth and faith. We elected
him because he was the most eminent Indian
we could think of to be the first citizen of
our Republic. And in the manner in which
he conducted himself as President and
earlier as Vice-President and Chairman of
Rajya Sabha, he vindicated India's basic
commitment to democracy and secularism.

As President and representative of India,
he made a deep impression on the statesmen
and people of other countries, and earned
greater esteem and friendship for India.

This evening we shall lay to rest a great
India, who belongs to the long line of sages

and wise rulers of our ancient land. It is fitting that he should be laid to rest in an important centre of learning which he himself had built through his dedication and where practically every brick, book and tree he had chosen. He will be one with the soil, the flowers and the plants of the land he loved so much. Dr Zakir Husain was a man who wanted our country to become a garden and a school. His gracious presence is no more but his gentle words of deep conviction and his example of dedication, compassion and tolerance will remain in our memory and become part of our conscience.

Mr Speaker, as the Head of the Government I naturally mourn the death of the President. In the many difficult crises through which the country has passed during his brief tenure, he was a source of strength to my Government. But I remember him from the olden days of our freedom struggle. I remember also his long-standing comradeship with my father and other eminent leaders. This was a partnership which bound together all classes and castes, the old and the young in a common—cause the unity, the freedom and the welfare of our people.

In paying homage to Dr. Zakir Husain, let us rededicate ourselves to our cherished values and to our unfinished tasks.

May I, Sir, on behalf of the Government and also on behalf of the whole House, request you to be good enough to convey to Dr. Zakir Husain's family our sincerest condolences as also the assurance that we share their sorrow ?

May I move a Resolution at this stage ?
Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Lok Sabha, assembled under the shadow of a national tragedy, expresses its profound sense of sorrow at the sudden death of the President of India, Dr. Zakir Husain, and pledges itself to promote the high ideals of patriotism, national unity, secularism and the service of humanity which he upheld."

SHRI M. R. MASANI (Rajkot) : Mr Speaker, Sir, in grief we are united. The

Leader of the House has spoken for all of us. I would like, on behalf of my Party to associate ourselves with what has fallen from her lips and also with the Resolution that has been placed before the House.

Sir, it is now more than thirty years that I recall first meeting Dr Zakir Husain. Most of the time that I knew him, I knew him as an educationist. It was in that capacity that many of us came to appreciate him and admire him.

I remember, in the early forties, or the mid-forties when he was concerned with establishing the Jamia Millia, I had the privilege to be of a little help to him in placing that establishment on a well-endowed and stable basis.

And then, later on, I knew him as Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh University, later as Governor of Bihar and then as Vice-President.

As the Prime Minister had said, Sir, he was an embodiment of culture, of patriotism and love of the country, of gentleness and humility.

As the Prime Minister recalled, in 1967 we, on this side of the House, were unable to concur in his election as President. That, Sir, was based on broad political considerations and the national interest as we conceived it. And it was done, so far as some of us were concerned, with great regret, because of the personal regard we had for the man.

He was a great Gandhian and a great democrat and he understood this and I can testify to the fact that he did not allow that incident to colour or mar in the slightest the personal relations he had with some of us. I remember only a few months ago, a long, intimate conversation I had with him when he shared with me his concern at the state of the country and the nation.

A commentator of All India Radio said on Saturday night that he hated to think of Dr Zakir Husain as belonging to the world of politics. He said that "neither temperamentally nor intellectually did he belong to that shady world." Perhaps the way in

which we have allowed the standards of our public life to be lowered in the last few years merits the reproach. But then the question arises if good men like Dr Zakir Husain are to eschew public life and politics, what is to become of our country ?

There are many wise words and many wise things he said which could be quoted and which have been quoted. But to me it appears that when he became President and gave an exhortation he told us about the thing most needed for our time and day. He said :

“The situation demands of us work, work and more work, silent and sincere work, solid and steady reconstruction of the whole natural and cultural life of our people.”

Sir, today we mourn the passing away and the loss of a great gentleman, a dedicated educationist and a mellowed statesman.

There is a Biblical saying that “The meek shall inherit the earth”. We do not know when that happy day will come; certainly not in our life-time. But the recognition, without his seeking, that came to Dr. Zakir Husain is perhaps, Sir, an augury of that happy day which may yet come.

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी (भोपाल) :
अध्यक्ष महोदय, आज जबकि देश एक नाजुक अवस्था से गुजर रहा है कराल काल ने एक बार फिर देश के एक महान् सपूत को हम से छीनकर सबको बड़ा भारी धक्का पहुँचाया है।

डा० जाकिर हुसैन एक प्रखर देशभक्त, प्रसिद्ध शिक्षा शास्त्री तथा प्रतिभा सम्पन्न व्यक्ति थे। वह प्राकृतिक सौन्दर्य के बड़े उपासक थे। इसके कारण फूल, पत्थर, इन दोनों में समान रुचि रखने वाले वह समदर्शी पंडित थे। उनके निकट सम्पर्क में आने का मुझे सौभाग्य नहीं मिला किन्तु दो, तीन बार जब भी मैं उनसे मिला उस समय उनकी मृदु, मधुर वाणी और उनके सौजन्यपूर्ण व्यवहार को देखकर मैं बड़ा प्रभावित हुआ।

भारत की सम्यता के दो प्रमुख पहलू, सादगी और सौजन्य, इनके वह मूर्तिमान प्रतीक थे। गांधी जी के अनुयायी बनकर अपनी सादगी, अथक परिश्रम तथा लगन से उन्होंने जो देश और समाज की सेवा की उन्हीं के आधार पर उन्होंने संसद् सदस्य, राज्यपाल आदि के कई स्थानों को विभूषित किया और आखिर सर्वोच्च सम्मान को अर्थात् राष्ट्रपति पद को भी उन्होंने प्राप्त किया। अपनी वाणी, विद्वत्ता और व्यवहार से उन्होंने उस स्थान की प्रतिष्ठा तथा गरिमा को भी बढ़ाया है। उनका महान् आदर्श देश के सामने सदैव एक प्रेरणा स्रोत बन कर रहेगा। इन शब्दों के साथ मैं भगवान से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि वह दिवंगत आत्मा को शान्ति प्रदान करे। और मैं आपके माध्यम से शोक संतप्त परिवार को अपनी तथा अपने दल की संवेदना प्रकट करना चाहता हूँ।

SHRI ANBAZHAGAN (Tiruchengode) :
Mr Speaker, Sir, we are deeply shocked at the sudden demise of our revered President, Dr. Zakir Husain, and the whole country as well as Indians abroad are plunged into grief.

Our President was not only the political head of our country, but also an embodiment the greatest traditions and the composit culture of our country. He was simple in living and humble in appearance, but great in ideals and noble in his thoughts.

From the day that he came under the influence of Gandhiji, he took to his heart the cause of liberation of our great nation. To achieve this object, as a devout educationist, he wanted to do constructive service in the field of education and strived hard to find and perfect a system suitable to this country. Gandhiji's idea of craft-cum-education was entrusted to Dr. Husain, and through him basic education was enunciated. His sense of duty in service of the nation was something deep and sublime. He was a devout Muslim and true to his religion he had much respect for the religious sentiments of others. In Gandhiji's words “if a man reaches the heart of his own religion, he has reached the hearts of others too”. As this stage of per-

fection was attained by him, he stood as a great symbol of our cherished idea of socialism.

As President, he loved all sections of the public, rich and poor, high and low and all religious and linguistic groups. He enjoyed the confidence and admiration of one and all. All along his life, he tried to perform his duty with a sense of devotion, dignity and honesty. In his demise, our country has lost a great leader, who stood for peace, and for the prosperity and welfare of the vast multitude of our people. In him as President, Sir, we had an erudite scholar, an eminent educationist, a sober statesman and a distinguished patriot.

The scholarly words that he spoke on the occasion when he inaugurated the International Tamil Conference in Madras under the presidency of the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, our late lamented leader Shri Anna, are still ringing in my ears.

Our late President eulogised the Tamil language, its antiquity, the classical literature of the past, the modern development and its contribution to the composite culture of this vast country.

On behalf of the DMK Party and its Members and also on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, I wish to join with you all and with the Leader of the House in expressing our heart-felt condolences and pay our respectful homage to the departed leader.

SHRI S.A. DANGE (Bombay Central South): Dr. Zakir Husain was one of these young men who gave up the college and joined the anti-imperialist national revolutionary movement begun by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920, and till the last he remained loyal to nationalism and secularism.

His election to the Presidentship of the Republic was a sign of the secular sense of the Indian people. It signified a continuation of the movement of integration of the Hindu and Muslim cultures in our country which began in the sixteenth century under Akbar and Dara Shiko and the Hindu Vedantins at the top and saints like Kabir and the Sufis from below. Unfortunately, it was broken later by Aurangzeb.

Dr. Zakir Husain's death is a great loss to the growth of democratic integration which we are trying to build in India under our Constitution and popular mores.

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDY (Kendrapara): I fully associate myself and my party with the rich tributes that have been paid to our departed President Dr. Zakir Husain.

Dr. Zakir Husain's life was a life of Privation, suffering and sacrifice. His qualities as a person were outstanding and rare. He was a real embodiment of Indian culture and what is known as nobility and humility.

In this country when we have lost almost all great men, it is really a tragedy that at this juncture Dr. Zakir Husain should have passed away so unexpectedly.

If any example is needed of his love of humanity and of his love for the integration of this country, then the fact that in spite of his bad health he dared to undertake a journey to NEFA, Nagaland and Assam—which it seems had a very, bad effect on his health which caused his death ultimately—shows how anxious he was to build up the integrity and integration of this nation.

At this juncture when we have lost him, let us not talk about the election contest that we had. Contest is a democratic procedure which is inherent in our democratic system, and let not anyone carry this impression that because his candidature was contested there was any lack of respect or regard for his qualities and his personality. He was universally liked by everybody, and although he belonged to a minority community, he was liked by all communities in this country.

We really mourn his death, and we are all sorry that at this juncture we have lost him, and it is a great blow to our Indian nation.

SHRI FRANK ANTHONY (Nominated-Anglo-Indians): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments that have fallen from the Leader of the House and the previous speakers.

I was an ardent advocate of Dr. Zakir Husain's election as President. Among the things that I said was that his candidature was a challenge to our commitment to secular democracy; I hailed his election as a heart-warming affirmation of that commitment and indeed a vindication of our faith in the secular ideal.

I knew him for the best part of thirty years. In a sense, he was a politician, in the sense that he was for many years a member of the Rajya Sabha, and also its Chairman. But I did not regard him as a politician in the normal sense because I believe fortunately, he lacked the asperities of the latter-day politicians at any rate. I think he considered himself, first and last, as a teacher, personally interested in teaching, in education, guiding and moulding youth. He had an old-world charm that was put in bold relief by refinement and scholarship.

As the Leader of the House has said, he was a symbol of our commitment to secular democracy, but I think, even more importantly, he was a symbol of a composite culture, a synthesis of what is best in the Indian character and thinking, humanism tolerance, broad sympathies and freedom from parochial and narrow loyalties.

May God rest his soul in peace.

SHRI NAMBIAR (Tiruchirappalli): On behalf of the Communist Party (Marxist) and on my own behalf, I associate myself with the feelings expressed by several other hon. members on the sudden and sad demise of Dr. Zakir Husain, President of India. In his demise, we have lost a great patriot and nationalist, an educationist and, above all, a humanist. He has to his credit the entire service of an illustrious career in the cause of the nation, and of education in particular. He believed in what he said at the time of his ascendancy to the high office of the Presidentship that 'the whole of Bharat is my home and its people are my family' and strictly acted up to his convictions.

Many are the limitations of the office of President of India who acts under the advice of the Council of Ministers. Therefore, the scope of the President's personal contribution to the shaping of policies

towards the governance of the people are very much less under the Indian Constitution. Still, from that high office, Dr. Zakir Husain radiated love and affection to the entire people of India and those abroad. He is respected and loved by people all over the world.

I wholeheartedly support the Resolution moved by the Leader of the House.

श्री रामसेवक घावब (बाराबंकी) अध्यक्ष महोदय, डा० जाकिर हुसैन के निधन से सारा देश दुखी है। वे एक बहुत बड़े विद्वान और महान् भक्त थे, साथ ही वह सच्चाई, सादगी और धर्म-निरपेक्षता के प्रतीक होने के साथ-साथ एकता के भी प्रतीक थे। उनका इस समय आकस्मिक निधन हम देशवासियों के लिये बहुत दुःख की बात है। स्वर्गीय डा० जाकिर हुसैन की जगह आसानी से पूरी होनी मुश्किल है।

प्रधान मंत्री ने जो प्रस्ताव रक्खा है और जो भावनाएँ व्यक्त की हैं, उन के साथ मैं अपने को और अपने दल को मिलाते हुए स्वर्गीय डा० जाकिर हुसैन के प्रति श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ और ईश्वर से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि उन के परिवार को इस महान् दुःख को सहन करने की शक्ति दे। हम सब उनके साथ हैं।

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR (Basirhat): Mr. Speaker, we have met today to mourn the loss of the President of India, the first President to die in office.

About his public achievements, I do not wish to speak because those are known to everyone. Everyone of us knows that he was a great educationist and builder of Jamia Milia. Everyone of us knows that he was a statesman, farsighted with wise counsel for all and always considerate of the feelings and opinions of others.

We all know that he was a magnificent symbol of the rich and many-splendoured culture which this country has produced through evolution of some five or six thou-

sand years. All these he was, but he was something even more because his was a rich human personality—one whose essential quality was kindness and consideration for others.

I think one of the most remarkable things about him was that whoever came in contact with him, from whatever station of life and from whatever part of the world, he immediately made him or her feel completely easy. This applied not only to grown up people. I have seen small children of two or three, at first a little awed by his majestic appearance and a somewhat forbidding beard, very soon lose all fear and crawl up to him wanting to be caressed. These were the qualities of the man. Very often children get to the heart of the matter and recognise the innate goodness of man. In Dr. Zakir Husain, we had an example of the true humanist.

On behalf of my colleagues and on my own behalf, I should like to join in the tribute and the resolution moved by the Leader of the House to a great scholar, a great patriot and a great gentleman.

SHRI J. B. KRIPALANI (Guna): I fully associate myself with what our lady Prime Minister has said and the sentiments expressed by other leaders of different parties. As I do not happen to belong to any party, I am speaking on behalf of the nation.

I came in contact with Dr Zakir Husain when he was a young man in 1920-21. I came in more intimate contact with him in connection with the educational reform that Gandhiji kept before the nation, namely, basic education. He was the Chairman of the committee on basic education of which I was also a member. In those days of provincial autonomy, that education was considered to be the best form of education, most scientific and the most national. And in those conferences we met. Afterwards also when he founded Jamia Millia I came in contact with him.

I think that the best decision that he took for himself was to act according to his nature and nature prescribed to him his duty in life—that was the educational field. He was a great educationist and as an educationist ought to be, he was a man of universal

courtesy. He was a liberal in the highest sense of the term; he was also a humanist. He loved nature; he loved flowers; he loved paintings and he loved rocks and gems and he was the right product of the composite culture that we have built up in India. It was a great tribute to the majority community that he became our Rashtrapati with the overwhelming vote of that majority.

In his death we have lost a great man and we sorrow for his death.

I believe that death come about because he took the duties of his position rather seriously, and he went to all sorts of places to which a man in his health would have been more careful not to go. So, it can be said that he was a martyr to the service of the country: He was loved by all classes of people.

Sir, I support the resolution that has been placed before the House by the Prime Minister, and I am sure you will convey to the members of the family of the late Dr. Zakir Husain and to the members of the institution that he founded our heart-felt condolences.

SHRI M. MUHAMMED ISMAIL (Manjeri); Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of my party, The Muslim League, and on my own behalf, I associate myself with the sincere sentiments expressed in the House touching the profound sorrow caused by the sudden, untimely and shocking demise of Dr. Zakir Husain, the most worthy President of India.

Dr. Zakir Husain, Sir, was a gentleman *par excellence* and was of an outstanding, charming and rare personality, having to his credit solid and brilliant qualifications and high achievements. Many high and admirable qualities and virtues were harmoniously commingled in him—qualities some of which were seemingly contradictory of each other. He was a great thinker and writer, possessing deep and wide learning and knowledge, but he was chary and sparing of speaking in public. He had an engaging courtesy and was of soft manners; but he had also been endowed with the capacity of firm determination and unbending courage of conviction.

He had fittingly occupied exalted and distinguished positions in life and ended as the Head of the State: At the same time, he had the inborn and unflinching quality of humility and modesty. These and such other combinations of virtues and qualities, his great achievements and distinguished services and sacrifices for the country and for humanity took him to a peak of personality which is not very frequently attained.

From the time when he joined the freedom movement as a stalwart fighter to the end when he died in office as the President of India, he, as a great patriot and an advocate of humanism, has rendered yeoman service to the country in various spheres of life, particularly in the field of education and of humanism. His demise is really a very great and irreparable loss to the country. It is not easy to make good the loss.

Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments, once again, expressed in the House and I also join in the motion that the condolences of the House may be conveyed to the members of the bereaved family of the departed soul.

May his soul rest in peace.

श्री आ० ना० मुल्सा (लखनऊ) : जनाव स्पीकर साहब, मैं डा० जाकिर हुसैन साहब को जानता था। लेकिन जानने की तरह नहीं जानता था। फिर भी जिस तरह से मैं उनको जानता गया मुझे उनकी बड़ाई का, उनकी अजमत का एहसास होता गया।

मैं आज उद् में इसलिए बोल रहा हूँ कि मैं यह समझता हूँ कि डा० साहब की जो जुवान थी उसी में उनको खिराजे अकीदत पेश किया जाना चाहिए और अगर ऐसा किया गया तो शायद जाकिर साहब इसी को पसन्द करते कि उन्हीं की जबान में कोई शस्स उन्हें खराजे अकीदत पेश कर रहा है।

आज सारी दुनिया में लोग जाकिर साहब के बारे में बयान दे रहे हैं और उनकी काबलियत

के मुस्तलिफ पहलुओं को उजागर कर रहे हैं। लेकिन एक फूल खुशबू क्यों देता है, एक चराग रोशनी क्यों देता है, इसके बारे में हर शस्स के अलग अलग तजुबे हैं, हर शस्स के अलग अलग एहसासात होते हैं और चाहे जितनी भी जवानें इसको कहती चली जाएं यह किस्सा खत्म नहीं होगा और हर शस्स के दिल में एक नया एहसास पैदा होगा। जाकिर साहब के बारे में आज जो थोड़ा सा वक्त मेरे पास है, इसमें जो कुछ मैं कहना चाहता हूँ उसका छोटे से छोटा हिस्सा कहना भी आसान काम नहीं है। इसके लिए कोई और वक्त होगा, कोई और मौका होगा जब मैं अपने खयालात को पेश करूँगा। आप तो शायद जानते ही हैं कि मैं एक शायर समझा जाता हूँ। इसलिए मैं चार शेर पेश करता हूँ और मैं उम्मीद करता हूँ कि श्रीमती तारकेद्वरी सिन्हा मुझे इसकी इजाजत देंगी और यह न कहेंगी कि मैं उनके दायरे में दखल दे रहा हूँ :—

सफ़े अब्बल से फ़क़त एक ही मयखार उठा
कितनी सुनसान है लेकिन तेरी महफिल साकी
एक ही शमा बुझी मौत के हाथों लेकिन
कितनी तारीक हुई कौम की मंजिल साकी

एक कली आई थी खुशबू लिए कुछ दम के लिए

वह गई फिर वही कांटों की है महफिल साकी

दफन हो जाए न खुशबू भी कहीं फूल के साथ

यही खुशबू तो है इस बज्म का हासिल साकी।

इसी खुशबू की हम को हिफाजत करनी है। अगर हम इस खुशबू की हिफाजत न कर सके तो हमारा यहाँ-होना बेकार है आज हमारी यही कोशिश होनी चाहिए कि डा० जाकिर हुसैन नहीं हैं तो उनकी खुशबू को बचा लें।

[شرعی آئندہ نرائن علیہ السلام دیکھو) :- جذاب اسپیکر صاحب - میں ڈاکٹر ذاکر حسین کو جانتا تھا لیکن جلستے کی طرح نہیں جانتا تھا۔ پھر بھی جس طرح سسر میں ان کو جانتا کیا مجھے ان کی بڑائی کا۔ اللہ کی عظمت کا احساس ہوتا۔

میں آج اردو میں اس لئے یوں رہا ہوں کہ میں یہ سمجھتا ہوں کہ ڈاکٹر صاحب کی جو زبان تھی اس میں ہر ایک ان کا خراج عقیدت پیش کیا جانا چاہیے۔ اور اگر ایسا کیا گیا تو شاید ذاکر صاحب اسی کو پسند کرتے کہ انہیں کی زبان میں کوئی شخص انہیں خراج عقیدت پیش کر رہا ہے۔

آج ساری دنیا میں لوگ ذاکر صاحب کے بارے میں بیان دے رہے ہیں اور انکی قابلیت کے مختلف پہلوؤں کو اجاگر کر رہے ہیں۔ لیکن ایک پیرل خوشبو کیوں دیتا ہے۔ ایک چراغ روشنی کیوں دیتا ہے۔ اس کے بارے میں ہر شخص کے الگ الگ تجربے ہیں۔ ہر شخص کے الگ الگ احساسات ہیں۔ اور چاہے جتنی بھی زبانیں اس کو کہتی چلی جائیں۔ یہ تصدق ختم نہیں ہوگا اور ہر شخص کے دل میں ایک نیا احساس پیدا ہوگا۔ ذاکر صاحب کے پاس ہے میں آج جو تھوڑا سا وقت میرے پاس ہے اس میں جو کچھ میں کہنا چاہتا ہوں اس کا چھوٹے سے چھوٹا حصہ کہنا بھی آسان کام نہیں ہے۔ اس کے لئے کوئی اور وقت ہوگا۔ گونجی اور

موتے ہوگا جب میں اپنے خیالات کو پیش کر دوں گا۔ آپ تو شاید جانتے ہی ہیں کہ میں شاعر سمجھا جاتا ہوں۔ اس لئے میں چار شعر پیش کرتا ہوں اور میں امید کرتا ہوں کہ شریعتی تارکیشوری سہا مجھے اس کی اجازت دے گی اور یہ نہ کہیں گی کہ میں ان کے دائرے میں دخل دے رہا ہوں۔

صغیر اول سے فقط ایک ہی مے خوار اٹھا کتنی سنسان ہے لیکن تیری محفل ساقی ! ایک ہی شمع بھی موت کے ہاتھوں لیکن کتنی تاریک ہوئی قوم کی منزل ساقی ! ایک کھلی آئی تھی خوشبو لئے کچھ دم کے لئے وہ گئی پھر وہی کانٹوں کی ہے محفل ساقی دن ہو جلنے نہ خوشبو بھی کہیں پہول کیسا یہی خوشبو تو ہے اس بزم کا حاصل ساقی

اس خوشبو کی ہم کو حفاظت کرنی ہے اگر ہم اس خوشبو کی حفاظت نہ کر سکے تو ہمارا یہاں ہونا بیکار ہے۔ آج ہماری ہی کوشش ہونی چاہئے کہ ڈاکٹر ذاکر حسین نہیں ہیں تو ان کی خوشبو کو بچالیں۔]

*श्री किकर सिंह (भटिंडा) : डाक्टर जाकिर हुसैन की अनुपस्थिति को सदा के लिए अनुभव करते हुए आज का दिन सारे संसार में समान रूप से अथाह शोक से मनाया जा रहा है। सारे संसार की मान्यवर सरकारों की ओर से उनके प्रतिनिधि अपने अपने अपने देश की जनता की ओर से हमारे प्रति हादिक सहा-नुमति प्रकट करने के लिए आ रहे हैं। यह डा० साहिब की महानता का प्रतीक है। देश के इस महाव केता को भारतवर्षी एक विद्वान, प्रकृति

के वास्तविक पुजारी तथा सज्जन पुरुष के रूप में स्मरण करते हुए श्रद्धाञ्जलि अर्पित कर रहे हैं। मैं सिख जाति के महान् नेता संत फतेह सिंह जी, समूची सिख जाति, सारे पंजाबियों तथा देशवासियों की ओर से सत्कारपूर्ण श्रद्धाञ्जलि अर्पित करता हूँ और यह आशा करता हूँ कि भविष्य में इस पद को सुशोभित करने वाले महानुभाव डा० साहिब के पदचिह्नों का अनुसरण करते हुए देश का शीर्ष गौरव से ऊंचा करेंगे। डा० साहिब देश के नेक सपूत तथा मानव हितैषी थे। उनके आकस्मिक निधन से अल्प-संख्यक जातियों को विशेष रूप से हानि हुई है। एकता तथा परस्पर सहयोग की भावना के मार्ग को आलोकित करने वाला दीपक सदा के लिए बुझ गया है। ईश्वर उनकी आत्मा को शान्ति प्रदान करे। मैं समूचे अफ़ासी दल की ओर से इस शोकपूर्ण घटना पर दुःख प्रकट करता हुआ अभ्रपूर्ण श्रद्धाञ्जलि अर्पित करता हूँ।

SHRI N.C. CHATTERJEE (Burdwan) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the election of Dr. Zakir Husain in the month of May two years back as President of India was really a remarkable event. For India it was a vindication of the secular democracy which it was preaching. Sir, we made him Rashtrapati and as such the Rashtrapati was respected and revered throughout India and also in the countries outside. Today, within two years of his election, we have met here to mourn his sad and untimely demise.

We have got to remember that we have lost not merely a great thinker, a real educationist, an eminent statesman and a perfect gentleman : I call him a perfect gentleman because he was the embodiment of both sublime detachment and also deep humility. That is his great qualification. Today the whole of India mourns his stunning death

We wanted him to rule over us for five years. In times of deep stresses and strains, when the Centre-State relationship has been showing so many difficult problems, when even the student unrest is assuming serious proportions, the great friend, philosopher and guide to the students, Dr. Zakir Husain, is

no more to help and guide us. That is a great loss to the State, great loss to this Parliament, great loss to the whole nation. The whole nation mourns his loss. We also mourn his loss and support the resolution moved by the Prime Minister.

श्री प्रकाशशेखर शास्त्री (हापुड़) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, डा० जाकिर हुसैन जहाँ एक आदर्श शिक्षा-शास्त्री थे, सरलता और सादगी के प्रतीक थे, एक कुशल राजनीतिज्ञ थे, वहाँ सब से बड़ी बात यह है कि वह एक ऊंचे इन्सान भी थे। भगवान् ने उन्हें एक ऐसा दिल दिया था, जो दूसरों के दुख और तकलीफ़ को देख कर पिघल उठता था। मैं हिन्दी के एक कवि के शब्दों में कहना चाहता हूँ कि भगवान् ने डा० जाकिर हुसैन को वह हृदय दिया था, जो दूसरों के दुख को देख कर कातर हो उठता था।

पर-दुख को जो दुख न माने,
पर-पीड़ा में सदय न हो,
सब कुछ दो, पर प्रभो, किसी को,
जग में ऐसा हृदय न दो।

आजादी के आन्दोलन में हमारे देश में एक हवा चली कि लाई मैकाले की दूषित शिक्षा-पद्धति का विरोध यहाँ पर अपने डंग की शिक्षण संस्थायें खोल कर किया जाये। बंगाल में रवीन्द्रनाथ ठाकुर ने शान्ति-निकेतन की स्थापना की, काशी में डा० भगवान दास ने काशी विद्या-पीठ की स्थापना की, अहमदाबाद में गांधी जी ने गुजरात विद्या पीठ की स्थापना की और स्वामी श्रद्धानन्द ने गुरुकुल कांगड़ी की स्थापना की। उसी समय डा० जाकिर हुसैन ने जामिया मिल्लिया की स्थापना कर के देश को एक राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा-पद्धति का कार्यक्रम देना चाहा। उन के द्वारा स्थापित वह संस्था आज भी देश को एक आदर्श शिक्षा-पद्धति देने का प्रयत्न कर रही है।

राष्ट्रपति के साथ कई समारोहों में सम्मिलित होने का मुझे भी अवसर मिला। जब मैं भाषण देने के सम्बन्ध में उन के संकोची

स्वभाव को देखता था, तो आश्चर्य होता था कि डा० जाकिर हुसैन भाषण देने से बचते क्यों हैं। कई बार तो इस प्रकार की घटनायें हुई कि जब उनसे किसी समारोह की अध्यक्षता करने के लिए कहा गया तो उन्होंने पहले से यह वादा करा लिया कि वहाँ उन्हें भाषण नहीं देना पड़ेगा। उनका कहना था कि भाषण, भाषण, भाषण, इन भाषणों से अब देश के कान थकते जा रहे हैं। इसलिए अब भाषणों का युग समाप्त करके करने का युग प्रारम्भ करना चाहिए। अपने जीवन के आखिरी हिस्से में उनका यह नारा सा बन गया था कि "बोलो कम, करो ज्यादा।" में समझता हूँ कि डा० जाकिर हुसैन का यह नारा देश-वासियों के लिए मार्ग-दर्शन का काम करेगा।

अपनी श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करते हुए मैं एक बात विशेष रूप से कहना चाहता हूँ कि राष्ट्र-पति जैसे महत्वपूर्ण पद पर रहते हुए जिस व्यक्ति का देहावसान हुआ हो, उनके निघन के सम्बन्ध में विज्ञप्तियों में एकरूपता न होना निश्चित रूप से उपेक्षा की भावना प्रकट करता है। किसी ने कहा कि पुस्तक पढ़ते हुए उनका देहावसान हुआ और किसी ने कहा कि वायरूम में गिरकर उनका देहावसान हुआ। इसी प्रकार समय के बारे में भी बक्तव्यों में भिन्नता थी। मैं चाहता हूँ कि राष्ट्रपति जैसे महत्वपूर्ण पद पर आसीन व्यक्ति के देहावसान के सम्बन्ध में जो विज्ञप्ति प्रकाशित हो, सरकार को उसमें अवश्य सतर्कता बरतनी चाहिए।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं भाव-भरे हृषय से उस महा-मानव के प्रति श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ।

MR. SPEAKER : With a heavy heart laden with grief and sorrow, I join the House in paying its humble tribute to our revered President the late Dr. Zakir Husain. I fully associate myself with the sentiments expres-

sed here by the Prime Minister, Leaders of Opposition Groups and other Members on the passing away of Dr. Zakir Husain. He was a symbol of modesty, secularism, wisdom and culture. In his sudden death, the nation has suffered a grievous loss, not only in the political field but in other spheres as well and more so in Education. We deeply mourn the loss of this great son of India. We convey our heart felt condolences to Begum Husain and other members of the bereaved family.

May I take it that the Resolution moved by the Prime Minister is accepted unanimously by the House ?

HON. MEMBERS : Yes.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

"The Lok Sabha, assembled under the shadow of a national tragedy, expresses its profound sense of sorrow at the sudden death of the President of India, Dr. Zakir Husain, and pledges itself to promote the high ideals of patriotism, national unity, secularism and the service of humanity which he upheld."

The motion was adopted.

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

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MR. SPEAKER : May I suggest we all reach Rashtrapati Bhavan at about 12-30 P. M. to pay our homage and place a wreath on behalf of the whole Parliament on the body of our revered President the late Dr. Zakir Husain ?

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Dr. Zakir Husain, the House stands adjourned to meet again at 11 A.M. tomorrow.

11.50 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday May 6, 1969/Vaisakha 16, 1891 (Saka).