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LOK SABHA

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*Monday, May 22, 1967/Jyaishta 1,
1889 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha meet at Eleven of the
Clock.*

[**MR. SPEAKER** in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Jaipal Singh (Khunti)
Shri Sursingh (Jhabua)
Shrimati Tara Sapre (Bombay
North-East).
Shri Virbhadra Singh (Mahasu)
Shri N. G. Ranga (Srikakulam).
Shri J. B. Kripalani (Guna).
Dr. Karan Singh (Udhampur).

OBITUARY REFERENCE

Mr. Speaker: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Lotan Ram, who passed away at Orsi on the 30th April, 1967 at the age of 63.

Shri Lotan Ram was a Member of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952—57.

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 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: Now, before we take up the questions, I should like to say a few words about the questions. For some of the questions there is a long list of names, 20 to 100 in some cases. Some questions are asked by nearly 100 people, 88, to put it correctly. It is my aim to call all the Members who have tabled the questions, we will be able to finish only one or two questions within the one hour. When the leaders of all the parties met, it was decided that only four or five names would be called and then one or two other names, and then we must pass on to the next question. My experience last time was that some Members who had tabled the question were a little offended because their names were not called. If I am to call all the names that are in the list, we will be able to finish only one or two questions in one hour. So, if the House agrees, I would like to accept the suggestion made by the leaders of all the parties that only three or four names printed in the list of questions would be called and then one or two others would be called; then we pass on to the next question. By this at least we will be able to see that eight to ten questions are answered. I would like to follow that up, and would again consult the leaders when we meet in the Business Advisory Committee today in the evening. For the present, I would call about four to five names in the list and then one or two others also. I would request Members not to take any offence. Now, question No. 1.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Question No. 23 also may be taken up along with this.

Mr. Speaker: Yes.