

LOK SABHA

Monday, July 25, 1966/Sravana 3,  
1888 (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 Damodar Swarup Seth who passed away at Lucknow on the 13th June, 1966 at the age of 72.

Shri Seth was a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly, Constituent Assembly of India and Provisional Parliament during the years 1945 to 1952. 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.

**Shri Surendranath Dwivedy (Kendrapara):** Sir, Sethji was one of the veterans of our national struggle, who had spent, I think, more than 30 years in prison in the cause of India's freedom. Unfortunately, because he was a very simple and honest person, he was involved in some fraud cases, but it was established later by no less a person than Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru that his integrity and honesty could never be questioned. For that also, he suffered a lot. I was told that he was gravely ill before he died. Not sufficient attention was paid to his medical care. It is really unfortunate in this country that political sufferers at the time of their need do not get sufficient help and assistance.

We deeply mourn his death. I think we have lost one of the valiant fighters for the freedom of this country.

**Shri M. R. Masani (Rajkot):** Sir, as one of the many friends in this House whom Shri Damodar Swarup had and as an old colleague—he was my colleague in the Congress Socialist Party in the thirties, we worked closely together—I would like to associate myself with what has fallen from the lips of Mr. Dwivedy. We all mourn his loss.

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया (फर्रुखाबाद) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप सेठ दामोदर स्वरूप के कुटुम्ब को इस सदन की संवेदना भेजने की बात कह रहे हैं। जहाँ तक मैं जानता हूँ, उनका कुटुम्ब केवल आप और हम लोग है। और यह मैं खास तौर से इसलिये कह रहा हूँ कि भारत की आजादी की लड़ाई में ऐसे बिरले ही लोग हुए हैं, जिन्होंने अपने कुटुम्ब को होने ही नहीं दिया, खत्म कर दिया, और उनमें दामोदर स्वरूप सेठ भी थे। जो कुटुम्ब करके थोड़ा बहुत त्याग करते हैं, वे भी अच्छे हैं, लेकिन कुछ ऐसे भी हैं, जिन्होंने कुटुम्ब किया ही नहीं।

एक माननीय सदस्य : जैसे माननीय सदस्य हैं।

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया : सेठ दामोदर स्वरूप ने कांग्रेस पार्टी का होकर तो काम किया ही, लेकिन समाजवादी दल का होकर उन्होंने शायद अपने जीवन का उतना ही हिस्सा, या उससे भी बड़ा हिस्सा, बिताया है। मैं सभी की तरफ से अपनी हार्दिक संवेदना प्रकट करना चाहता हूँ।

**The Leader of the House (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha):** Sir, I had the privi-

lege of knowing Shri Damodar Swarup Seth as a member of this House and as a member of the Constituent Assembly. I came in close contact with him. He was a man with a sturdy independence. He had lost his power of hearing during the period he was a member, but he was considered amongst us in those days as one of the oldest revolutionaries and we had great respect for his independence and judgment.

On behalf of my party and the Government, I associate myself with whatever has been said about him by the previous speakers.

**Mr. Speaker:** Personally, I have also to say a few words. As Hukam Singh, a Member of this Parliament, I have sat with Seth Damodar Swarup for a pretty long time on these benches of the Opposition, and I can testify and assure the House that I had great admiration for his honesty, integrity and devotion to duty. I also know how he was ensnared into a trap—it has been referred to by Shri Surendranath Dwivedy—when he was involved in certain cases. All those facts are known to me, how that simple man got into that trouble. Ultimately, in the end he was cleared, and, therefore, certainly it was gratifying.

I would request the House to stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

*The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

#### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :

श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धांती :

श्री यशपाल सिंह :

श्री उटिया :

श्री मधु लिमये :

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श्री भागवत झा आजाब :

श्री स० च० सामन्त :

श्री म० वा० द्विवेदी :

श्री सुबोध हंसदा :

श्री कृष्णपाल सिंह :

श्री च० का० भट्टाचार्य :

श्री बागड़ी :

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया :

श्री रामसेवक यादव :

श्री किशन पटनायक :

श्री मौर्य :

श्री लिंग रेड्डी :

श्री प्र० रं० चक्रवर्ती :

श्री राम सहाय पाण्डेय :

श्री त्रिदिब कुमार चौधरी :

श्री हरि विष्णु कामत :

श्री हेम बरुआ :

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श्री नाथ पाई :

श्री अल्वा रस :

श्री दे० द० पुरी :

श्री विभूति मिश्र :

श्री गुलशन :

श्रीमती रेणु चक्रवर्ती :

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श्री राम हरल यादव :

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श्री अशोक लाल बेरवा :

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श्री रवीन्द्र वर्मा :

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