

LOK SABHA

Monday, April 25, 1966/Vaisakha 5,
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 Rajendra Singh in New Delhi on the 22nd April 1966.

Shri Rajendra Singh was a Member of the Second Lok Sabha during the years 1957—62.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend. I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee (Calcutta Central): Like most of us here, I was shocked to hear of the news of the demise of our friend, Shri Rajendra Singh. It comes as such a surprise because he has been taken away in the prime of his life. It was quite frequently that in the Central Hall, and in the Lobbies we would meet him and he would come and talk to us. A young, pleasant colleague, he was, whose working in this House also we had learnt to cherish, when he was here in the Second Lok Sabha. I am really stunned to hear of the news of his sudden passing away.

I had not the foggiest notion that he was suffering from any particular ailment and the news comes to us as a real, sudden and poignant shock.

I am sure you would convey to the family of the deceased the feelings of

very deep sorrow of all sections of the House at the passing away of our young friend.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy (Kendrapara): The sudden demise of Shri Rajendra Singh is such a personal loss. It is very difficult for me to say anything about him at this moment.

But while expressing my condolences and sympathies to his family, I would like one thing to be inquired into by Government. I was told that he was admitted to the hospital in time, yet what the disease he was suffering from was not properly detected and diagnosed, as a result of which he passed away. He was suffering from appendicitis and that burst, leading to his death. This is really tragic, if this had happened. I would specially like Government to make an inquiry into this matter.

We are all sorry that we lost such a valued comrade in the prime of his life. I am sure the House will convey its condolences to the bereaved family.

श्री बागड़ी (हिसार) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, श्री राजेन्द्र सिंह जी के निधन पर मैं श्री मेरा दल शोक के साथ अपनी गहरी हमदर्दी जाहिर करता है, श्री माध ही यह कहना चाहूंगा कि ऐसी मौत जो कि डाक्टरों की लापरवाही से होती है या उनकी कमियाँ से होती है वह उन व्यक्तियों के साथ जो एक खिलवाड़ होता ही है, इससे लोगों के घन्द निराशा फैल जाती है कि इस तरह से लो यतीमों की तरह मर जाते हैं। मैं कहना चाहूंगा कि इसके लिए खास तौर से एनक्वाय हो। इन शब्दों के साथ मैं गहरा शोक प्रकट करता हूँ।

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): I associate myself with the feelings that have been expressed by you, Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues opposite in expressing our sorrow and sense of shock at the sudden demise of a very lovable colleague, Shri Rajendra Singh.

He always played a very active role as a Member of this Parliament. He was a dynamic person with progressive ideas, and although for some years he was no longer in Lok Sabha, most of us had the pleasure of meeting him in the lobbies and in the Central Hall, when we noticed that he continued his interest in public affairs, and we, in fact, were hoping that he would be amongst us after the next general election, but the cruel hand of death has snatched him away, and we are all extremely sorry at this sudden shock.

I myself was greatly grieved to learn of his having been taken ill suddenly, and I was making enquiries. I came to know that he had already expired.

He was a very gentle person, very lovable person, and we have all possible sympathy for his aged father and his aged mother who have been personally shocked by the loss of such a promising young man.

About the other matter that has been raised by Shri Dwivedy and my hon. friend opposite, Shri Bagri, we will certainly look into it, but the preliminary information that we have indicates that the doctors tried to do the best for him. But we will look into the particular aspect that has been mentioned by my friends opposite.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Recovery of Missing Persons from Fazilka Sector

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Shri Bagri:

Shri Vishram Prasad:

Shri Kishen Pattnayak:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Karni Singhji:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:
Shri Bade:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri S. L. Verma:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Basumatari:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 6 dozen persons who were found missing from Fazilka Sector have been recovered from Pakistan; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by Government to recover those persons from Pakistan?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). 117 Indian nationals were reported missing from the Fazilka Sector after the September India-Pakistan hostilities. 116 of them were repatriated on 23rd December, 1965.

The case of the remaining person has been taken up with the Pakistan Government.

श्री यशपाल सिंह: क्या सरकार को यह भी ज्ञान है कि जिस तरह से लेडी डाक्टर को जामूसी के सन्देह में गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया था उसी तरह से कुछ ऐसे लोग भी गिरफ्तार किए गए हैं जिन का सरकार को बोध नहीं है, और उन का क्या हो रहा है ?

प्रध्दक्ष महोदय : उन्होंने बतलाया कि फ़ाज़िलका से 117 प्रादमी लापता थे उनमें से 116 प्रा गए हैं।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : इसके मुनाल्लिक भारत सरकार क्या कर रही है ? क्या नामला