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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

#### OBITUARY REFERENCES

**Mr. Speaker:** I have to inform the House of the sad demise of three of our friends, namely Dr. C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar, Shri Krishnacharya Joshi and Shri Banarsi Prasad Jhunjunwala.

Dr. C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar was a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly during the years 1930 and 1932. He officiated as Commerce Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council in 1932. He was an eminent educationist and a great administrator. In spite of his age, he was engaged in his mission with full zeal till the last moment of his life. He passed away at London on the 28th September, 1966 at the age of 87.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi was a Member of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952-57. He passed away at Hyderabad on the 10th October, 1966 at the age of 66.

Shri Banarsi Prasad Jhunjunwala was a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly, Constituent Assembly of India, Provisional Parliament, First Lok Sabha and the Second Lok Sabha during the years 1946-62. He passed away at Pondicherry on the 15th October, 1966 at the age of 80.

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 Leader of the House (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to pay homage to the memory of the late Dr. P. C. Ramaswamy Aiyar who died in London on the 28th September last. The news of his death was received in the country with profound grief, for the country had lost a very versatile and remarkable personality who had served the country with great distinction in various ways.

He was one of the greatest lawyers produced by India and was responsible for introducing important reforms as Law Member in the Madras Presidency of those days and also later as Law Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council.

He made a great mark as an administrator and initiated very important nation-building activities in spite of the restrictions prevailing during the foreign regime.

He distinguished himself as Dewan of Travancore which he was able to turn into one of the progressive and advanced States in the country.

As an educationist he ranked amongst the best in the country. The Annamalai University which he was serving as Vice-Chancellor to the last bears the imprint of his personality and wisdom.

In his death we have lost a personality with a unique combination of varied talents of statesman, administrator, scholar, writer and orator. I request you that we convey the feelings of this House on this great loss to the members of his family

which includes a distinguished Member of this House and my colleague in the Council of Ministers, Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman.

I would also like to express my grief at the passing away of two other parliamentarians, namely Shri Krishnacharya Joshi and Shri Banarsi Prasad Jhunjhunwala. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi was a Member of the First Lok Sabha and was connected in a big way with the Congress movement in Hyderabad before Independence. He fought for the end of the autocratic rule of the Nizam and for introduction of representative democratic institutions in the State. He did considerable social work to rehabilitate persons after the accession of Hyderabad to India.

Shri Banarsi Prasad Jhunjhunwala was a Member of the Provisional Parliament and also the First and the Second Lok Sabha. He had to his credit a good record of public service during the fight for freedom. He was connected with a large number of institutions.

We greatly mourn the loss of all these three friends and I request that you may kindly convey our sentiments to the members of the bereaved families.

**Mr. Speaker:** 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:** Question No. 1., Shri R. S. Pandey.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** I request that questions Nos. 24 and 27 may also be answered with this as they relate to the same subject.

**Mr. Speaker:** If the Minister finds it convenient, he might answer question No. 17 along with this, not 24 and 27.

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Food Situation

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- \*1. **Shri R. S. Pandey:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Firodia:**  
**Shri E. Barua:**  
**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:**  
**Shri Liladhar Kotoki:**  
**Shri N. R. Laskar:**  
**Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**  
**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Dr. Ranen Sen:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri K. N. Tiwary:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Dr. M. M. Das:**  
**Shri Nath Pal:**  
**Shri Hem Barua:**  
**Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:**  
**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**  
**Shri Hukam Chand**  
**Kachhavalaya:**  
**Shri Bade:**  
**Shri J. B. S. Bist:**  
**Shri Basumatari:**  
**Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Kapur Singh:**  
**Shri P. H. Bheel:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) the present food situation in the country; and

(b) the measures taken to improve the food situation and meet shortage of foodgrains in different parts of the country?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon):** (a) In consequence of the unprecedented draught of 1965-66 and the failure of the monsoons in parts of the country in 1966-67 the food situation in the coun-