

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया : अध्यक्ष महोदय . . .

अध्यक्ष महोदय : नहीं जी अब कुछ न कहिए ।

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया : मैं खाली आप को वह वाक्य पढ़ देता हूँ जोकि माननीय कानून मंत्री ने यहां कहा था . . .

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जी नहीं ।

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया : मैं कुछ बोल नहीं रहा हूँ खाली उन का वाक्य मैं सुना रहा हूँ । उन का वाक्य यह है .

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर, आर्डर । वाक्य सुनाने में आप को बोलना तो पड़ेगा ही । मैं आप को इजाजत नहीं देता ।

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया : यह लोकसभा में इस तरह से मंत्री लोग अपने सचिवों के पीछे खड़े हो कर लोकसभा को बर्बाद कर रहे हैं ।

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. The Deputy Defence Minister.

18:26 hrs.

STATEMENT RE: IAF PLANE
CRASH NEAR BARRACKPORE.

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan): I regret to inform the House that an IAF Packet aircraft which took off from Barrackpore airfield at 10:20 hours today (4-3-64) crashed at 10:25 hours in Hoogly river, about 1½ miles south of Barrackpore airfield, immediately after take off. The crew of the aircraft consisted of 5 IAF personnel. There were 15 airmen and 2 class IV servants on board the aircraft.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath (Hooshan-gabad): What are the ranks of the personnel?

Shri D. R. Chavan: Let me make the statement first.

The aircraft was on a flight from Barrackpore to Bagdogra carrying the airmen and class IV servants in order to relieve an IAF detachment at that place.

According to the information so far available, no survivals are expected. Divers are carrying out relief operations, but no bodies have so far been recovered as the aircraft and the bodies are under water.

The local families of the personnel concerned have been informed. The next-of-kin at out-stations are being informed by the Unit concerned.

A court of inquiry will be ordered in accordance with the IAF rules. The cause of the accident will be known when the report of the court of inquiry is received.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: On a point of clarification. No names have been given.

Mr. Speaker: They are not known yet?

Shri D. R. Chavan: I will give the names of the crew. But so far as the other names are concerned, I have got the names but not their initials. Therefore, it would not be proper for me to mention the names of the other persons.

The names of the crew are:

1. Squadron Lead A. V. D'Lemos.
2. Flying Officer S. N. Ghosh.
3. Pilot Officer T. P. Pathak.
4. Warrant Officer V. Ramakrishnan, and
5. Sergeant S. K. Shukla.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: I reiterate the demand I made a few days ago, because of the frequency of such tragedies, recurring so often for the constitution of a Parliamentary Commission, assisted by technical experts, to go into this matter. This is too distressing for words.

Mr. Speaker: The House stands adjourned till 11 A.M. tomorrow.

18:28 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the clock on Thursday, March 5, 1964|Phalguna 15, 1885 (Saka).