

Title: References made to the passing away of Shri J.B. Muthyal Rao, a member of third and fourth Lok Sabha.

1100 hours

(Mr. Speaker in the Chair)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues Shri J.B. Muthyal Rao.

Shri J.B. Muthyal Rao was a Member of the Third and the Fourth Lok Sabhas from 1962 to 1970 representing Mahbubnagar and Nagarkurnool Parliamentary Constituencies of Andhra Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Rao was a Member of the Hyderabad State Legislature from 1952 to 1957 and also a Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1962.

An able administrator, Shri Rao served as a Deputy Minister in the Union Council of Ministers from 1967 to 1969 and held various important portfolios.

A businessman and agriculturist by profession, Shri Rao was associated with various organisations in different capacities. He worked relentlessly for the uplift of the backward classes.

A widely travelled person, Shri Rao was a Member of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations in 1962 and was also the Ambassador to Somalia.

Shri J.B. Muthyal Rao passed away on the 26th July, 2000 at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh at the age of 79.

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 now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed soul.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)

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