

Title: References made to the passing away of Shri G.K. Manay, Member of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lok Sabha on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2002 and Shri M.S. Oberoi, Member of 4<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2002.

MR. CHAIRMAN (DR.LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA): Hon'ble Members, I rise to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, namely, Shri G.K. Manay and Shri M.S. Oberoi.

Shri G.K. Manay was a member of Second Lok Sabha from 1957 to 1962 representing Bombay City Central Parliamentary Constituency of erstwhile Bombay State.

Shri Manay was a member of the Committee on Public Accounts during 1961-62.

An active social worker, Shri Manay worked relentlessly for redressal of the problems faced by the Scheduled Castes. He was an ardent follower of Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. He was instrumental in forming model villages for Scheduled Castes in Satara district of Maharashtra. The Government of Maharashtra conferred upon him the 'Dalit Mitra' award in recognition of his meritorious services to the downtrodden.

Shri G.K. Manay passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2002 at Mahu, Maharashtra at the age of 82 after a brief illness.

Shri M.S. Oberoi was a member of Fourth Lok Sabha from 1968 to 1970 representing Hazaribagh Parliamentary Constituency of erstwhile Bihar State (now in Jharkhand).

Shri Oberoi was also a member of Rajya Sabha from 1962 to 1968 and 1972 to 1978 representing the State of Uttar Pradesh.

An icon among hoteliers, Shri Oberoi was President of the Federation of Hotels and Restaurants Association of India from 1956 to 1959 and was also its President of Honour in 1960. He also ably served as Chairman of the Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi; Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi and Council of International Hotel Association, Paris, France.

A man with a characteristic vision and an innate entrepreneurship, Shri Oberoi won world-wide acclaim and was conferred upon several international awards and titles for his service in the field of hotel industry. In recognition of his services, Government of India conferred upon him the coveted Padma Bhushan award.

Shri M.S. Oberoi passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2002 at New Delhi at the age of 102.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a shortwhile as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls.

11.04 hrs.

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

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â€!(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Order, please....(Interruptions)

SHRI SURESH KURUP (KOTTAYAM): I would like to know whether Shri Omar Abdullah is still a Minister. There were reports that he had resigned.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: It is a strange question. He has laid the Paper on the Table of the House as a Minister and still the hon. Member does not understand this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now 'Zero Hour'. Shri Basu Deb Acharia.

SHRI SURESH KURUP : But he had announced his resignation. We would like to know the truth. The House is being taken for a ride. I would like to get a clarification from him....(Interruptions)

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** I have called Shri Basu Deb Acharia. I will call others also to speak one by one. If there is a notice from your side, I will call you also.

*...(Interruptions)*

**SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK):** The House should know as to why he has resigned and whether his resignation has been accepted. The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs is here and he should make a statement. *...(Interruptions)*

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Please take your seats....*(Interruptions)*