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**11.01 hrs.**

Title: References made to the passing away of Shri Harish Chandra Heda (Member of Provisional Parliament and First to Third Lok Sabha) on 28.8.02.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri Harish Chandra Heda.

Shri Harish Chandra Heda was a member of provisional Parliament and First to Third Lok Sabha from 1950 to 1967 representing erstwhile Hyderabad State and Nizamabad Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Shri Heda was an able parliamentarian. He served as member of the Panel of Chairmen from 1960 to 1962. He was member of the General Purposes Committee and Committee on Estimates from 1960 to 1962; Joint Committee on Offices of Profit during 1962 and 1967 and Committee on Subordinate Legislation from 1963 to 1967.

He also served as member of Labour Investigation Committee during 1948-49, Employment Exchange Advisory Committee and Labour Control Food Advisory Committee Hyderabad State from 1948 to 1950. He was also a member of Land Reforms Sub-committee to report on the progress of land legislation in the country.

Shri Heda was a well known and a selfless social worker in the true Gandhian spirit. He evinced keen interest in tribal welfare and Community Development Projects. He was instrumental in setting up libraries, night schools, study circles and federation of debating societies. He was actively associated with the promotion and sale of khadi. He served as President, International Cultural Exchange Organisation (India) and Lok Shiksha Association of India. He was founder member and treasurer of Foreign Affairs Association of India, New Delhi. He was founder President of Hyderabad Branch of Indian National Trade Union Congress.

Shri Heda was a veteran freedom fighter and was drawn to the India's freedom struggle inspired by Mahatma Gandhi. He took active part in Quit India Movement in 1942 and suffered imprisonment.

Shri Heda wrote articles on Gandhism and Marxism. He had to his credit three books namely "Gandhiji's Noakhali Pad Yatra, 1946", "On the High Seas, 1958" and "Election in Britain 1960".

A widely travelled person, Shri Heda was a member of Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference, Tokyo during 1960. He visited USA at the invitation of "Friends of India Society" in 1962.

In his death, the country has lost a true Gandhian who dedicated his entire life to selfless social service.

Shri Harish Chandra Heda passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh at the age of 90.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House would 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.

**11.04 hrs**

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

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