

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

(MR.SPEAKER in the Chair)

Title: Regarding passing away of Shri J.M. Biswas, member, 4th Lok Sabha on 30 January, 2003.

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleague, Shri J.M. Biswas.

Shri J.M. Biswas was a Member of Fourth Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1970 representing Bankura Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal.

Shri Biswas was a member of Public Accounts Committee during 1970.

Shri Biswas was the founder of "All Bengal Refugees Council of Action", which worked relentlessly for proper rehabilitation of the East Bengal refugees.

Shri Biswas who was a well-known trade unionist, did yeomen's service for the cause of the working class. He served in different trade union organisation in various capacities. He founded the J.P. Institute of Trade Union Education and Research at Garden Reach, Kolkata with the objective of imparting education to the trade union workers. He also served as the educator of International Transport Workers' Federation, London for Asia Pacific Region.

Shri Biswas was the Vice-President of All India Railwaymen's Federation, New Delhi. He also served as the President of South Eastern Railwaymen's Union.

A person with a spiritual bent of mind, Shri Biswas a member of the Divine Life Society founded by Swamy Shivanand (Rishikesh) and was also the President of West Bengal Divine Life Society.

Shri J.M. Biswas passed away on 30 January, 2003 at Kolkata, West Bengal at the age of 77.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolence 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.

11.02 hrs.

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