

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Friday, August 22, 2003/Sravana 31, 1925(Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Title: References made to the passing away of Shri Nathuni Ram (Member, 6th Lok Sabha) on 23 April, 2003, Shri S. Sivan Pillay (Member, Provisional Parliament) on 8 July, 2003 and Shri Ram Narain Singh (Member, 8th Lok Sabha) on 4 August, 2003.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of three of our former colleagues, namely, Shri Nathuni Ram, Shri S. Sivan Pillay and Shri Ram Narain Singh.

Shri Nathuni Ram was a Member of the Sixth Lok Sabha, from 1977 to 1979, representing Nawada Parliamentary constituency of Bihar. He also served as a Member of the Bihar Legislative Assembly and Minister of Finance in the State Government.

Shri Nathuni Ram was an active parliamentarian. He was a member of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 1977 to 1979.

Shri Nathuni Ram was a member of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the Democratic Republic of Korea and Mongolia, which also visited Moscow, in 1978.

Shri Nathuni Ram passed away on 23 April, 2003 at New Delhi, after a brief illness.

Shri S. Sivan Pillay was a Member of the Provisional Parliament from 1950 to 1952, representing the erstwhile State of Travancore Cochin.

He served as Sanchalak, Gandhi Nidhi, Kerala Unit, during 1950.

Shri Pillay was a fearless freedom fighter. He suffered imprisonment for participating in India's freedom struggle.

Shri Pillay was an advocate by profession. He also took keen interest in social work and fought for the cause of downtrodden, depressed and oppressed sections of the society. He had training in basic education at Sevagram and was instrumental in the running of a Basic Education School at Theroor. He also started and edited a Tamil Weekly: *Nava Yugom*.

Shri S. Sivan Pillay passed away on 8th July, 2003 at Theroor, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, at the age of 93.

Shri Ram Narain Singh was a Member of the Eighth Lok Sabha from 1987 to 1989, representing Bhiwani Parliamentary constituency of Haryana.

Before joining politics, Shri Singh was a civil servant. An able administrator, Shri Singh held the post of Sub Divisional Magistrate and later also served as the Deputy Commissioner in various districts in Haryana. He initiated the popular Scheme, "Government at your Doorstep".

An active social worker, Shri Singh worked hard for the redressal of the grievances of the poor and downtrodden. He also served as the Chairman of Haryana Agro-Corporation.

Shri Ram Narain Singh passed away on 4th August, 2003 at Chandigarh at the age of 87.

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 short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls.

11.06 hrs.

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

(Interruptions)