

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Friday, December 19, 2003/Agrahayana 28, 1925 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at two minutes past Eleven of the clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप सब बैठिये। पहले एक औबीचुअरी रेफरेंस है।

(Interruptions)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Title: References made to the passing away of Rani Lalita Rajya Laxmi, member of Second to Fourth Lok Sabha on 7th December 2003 and Shri Mahendra Singh Bhati, member of Eleventh Lok Sabha on 12th December, 2003.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, namely, Rani Lalita Rajya Laxmi and Shri Mahendra Singh Bhati.

Rani Lalita Rajya Laxmi was a Member of the Second, Third and Fourth Lok Sabhas from 1957 to 1970, representing Hazaribagh, Aurangabad and Dhanbad Parliamentary Constituencies of Bihar respectively.

Rani Lalita Rajya Laxmi was an able Parliamentarian. She was a Member of the Committee on Petitions from 1966 to 1967.

Rani Lalita Rajya Laxmi's royal lineage did not deter her from serving the public.

She constantly worked to improve the status of women in society and was actively involved in abolition of social evils like purdah and the dowry system.

Rani Lalita Rajya Laxmi was a widely travelled person and visited many countries.

Rani Lalita Rajya Laxmi passed away on 7 December, 2003 at Patna, Bihar, at the age of 86.

Shri Mahendra Singh Bhati was a Member of the Eleventh Lok Sabha from 1996 to 1997, representing the Bikaner Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan.

A devoted Parliamentarian, Shri Bhati was a Member of the Committee on Finance during 1996 and 1997.

Shri Bhati was an agriculturist by profession. He strove hard for the uplift of the weaker sections of the society and resolving the problems of the farmers.

Shri Bhati was an active social worker and was associated with the co-operative movement. He served as President, Baiju Kiraya Vikaray Co-operative Committee Limited, Baiju, District Bikaner; and as Chairman, Central Co-operative Bank Limited, Bikaner; and Rajasthan State Co-operative Bank.

Shri Bhati, who was a sports enthusiast, was a member of Sadul Club, Bikaner.

Shri Bhati was a widely travelled person. He visited China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand as a member of a delegation under the auspices of Indo-Gwonjau (China) Friendship Society.

With the untimely demise of Shri Bhati, we have lost a young and dynamic political activist.

Shri Mahendra Singh Bhati died in a road accident on 12 December, 2003 at Bikaner, Rajasthan, at the age of 35.

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.)

डॉ. रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह (वैशाली) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, बिहार में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की हालत एकदम चौपट हो गई है।(व्यवधान)