

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Tuesday, December 23, 2003/Pausa 2, 1925 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven on the Clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

11.01 hrs

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Title: References made to the passing away of Prof. Ramakrishna More member 7th and 8th Lok Sabha and Begum Abida Ahmed, member, Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabha, on 2nd November and 7th December, 2003, respectively.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, Prof. Ramakrishna More and Begum Abida Ahmed.

Prof. Ramakrishna More was a Member of the Seventh and the Eighth Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1989, representing the Khed Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra.

Prof. Ramakrishna More was an elected Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council from 1997 to 1998. He was again elected to the Maharashtra Legislative Council in 1999 and remained its Member till his death. During this period, he worked as Minister for Secondary Education, Sports, Youth Welfare and Culture.

An active political and social worker, Prof. More was the founder of Lonavala Arts and Commerce College. He was President, Hindustan Antibiotics Employees Union; Pune District Education Association; Indrayani Vidya Mandir and Defence Workers' Coordination Committee.

A man with a literary bent of mind, Prof. More authored three books in Marathi, namely, "*Hunda Bandi*", "*Antar Jatiya Vivaha*" and "*Rachnatmak Karya*". He also evinced keen interest in classical music, drama and sports.

Prof. Ramakrishna More passed away on 2nd November, 2003 at New Delhi at the age of 56.

Begum Abida Ahmed was a Member of the Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabha from 1981 to 1989, representing the Bareilly Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

She was the wife of former President of India, Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed and was a devoted political and social worker. She was a multifaceted personality with diverse interests.

She was associated with various cultural, educational and women institutions. She was the Chairperson of Ghalib Institute and Museum; India-Bhutan Friendship Association, New Delhi; Indo-Czechoslovakia Cultural Association; Unity International; Hakim Ajmal Khan Girls School, Darya Ganj, Delhi; Governing Body of Kalindi College, New Delhi; South Delhi Polytechnic for Women, New Delhi and home for the destitute girls.

She was the founder Chairperson of the *Mahila Imdad* Committee; *Balika*; and *Hum-Sub* Drama Group, Ghalib Institute. She was Member, National Integration Council, New Delhi and Patron, India-Tunisia Friendship Association. She also served as Deputy Director-General of the All India Women's Voluntary Services.

Begum Abida Ahmed was the Leader of the Indian Women's Delegation to World Conference on the "Year of the Child", held in Moscow in 1979.

Begum Abida Ahmed passed away on 7th December, 2003 at New Delhi at the age of 80.

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.)
