

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, February 5, 2004/Magha 16, 1925 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

OBITUARY REFERENCE

Title: References made to the passing away of Shri R.L.P. Verma, member, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th and 12th Lok Sabha on 15th January, 2004.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of our former colleague, Shri R.L.P. Verma.

Shri R.L.P. Verma was a Member of the Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh and Twelfth Lok Sabhas from 1977 to 1979, 1980 to 1984, 1989 to 1991, 1996 to 1997 and 1998 to 1999, respectively, representing the Kodarma Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar, which is now in Jharkhand.

Earlier, Shri Verma was a member of the Bihar Legislative Assembly from 1972 to 1974. During this period, he was member, Committee on Estimates of the Assembly.

A devoted Parliamentarian, Shri Verma was a member, Committee on Estimates during 1978-79 and Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Railways during 1980-82. During 1983-84 and 1990-91, he was a member of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Energy. During 1990-91, he was a member, Committee of Privileges. During his last term in the House from 1998-99, he was a member, Committee on Estimates; Committee on Railways; and Consultative Committee, Ministry of Coal.

A multifaceted personality, Shri Verma was a lawyer, agriculturist, journalist and trade unionist. An active social and political worker, Shri Verma worked for the uplift of poor and weaker sections of the society.

A person with a literary bent of mind, Shri Verma had several books and poems to his credit. He was also the Chief Editor, *Ekikaran Manch* (weekly); *Manch Prabha* (monthly) and *Vyapar Pradarshak*. He also produced a documentary film titled '*Janata Yug*' in 1979.

Shri Verma was associated with various social and cultural activities. He was the Convenor, Bharat Sevak Samaj, Giridih; and Farmers' Liberation Front. He was President, Mica Workers Trade union, Giridih and Vice-President, Steel Workers Revolutionary Trade Union, Bokaro.

Shri R.L.P. Verma passed away on 15th January, 2004 at Giridih, Jharkhand at the age of 66.

We deeply mourn the demise of our friend and I am sure the House will 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.

11.03 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

श्रीमती निवेदिता माने (इचलकरंजी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, महाराष्ट्र के सतारा के पूर्व सांसद श्री अभयसिंह राव भोंसले का भी निधन हो गया है। उनके बारे में शोक प्रस्ताव कब आएगा ?

MR. SPEAKER: In due course of time, we will do it.

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