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Title: Mr. Speaker made references to the passing away of Sarvashri Baldev Singh Jasrotia, member 6th Lok Sabha and Shri Ashfaq Hussain, members 7th Lok Sabha on 25.08.2008 and 20.12.2008, respectively.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, Shri Baldev Singh Jasrotia and Shri Ashfaq Husain.

Shri Baldev Singh Jasrotia was a Member of the Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979, representing the Jammu Parliamentary Constituency of Jammu & Kashmir.

An advocate by profession, Shri Jasrotia strove for bringing parity in the socio-economic and political status of the people and worked for the welfare of the poor, downtrodden disabled and the deprived sections of the society.

Shri Baldev Singh Jasrotia passed away on 25 August, 2008 at Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir at the age of 89.

Shri Ashfaq Husain was a Member of the Seventh Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984, representing the Maharajganj Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Husain was a member of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation during the Seventh Lok Sabha.

An agriculturalist by profession, Shri Husain started his political career at the grass-root level. He was a Member, Executive Committee, Gorakhpur Zila Parishad from 1974 to 1978. He was the Secretary, Indo-Soviet Friendship Association and a Member of the Executive Committee of the State Indo-Soviet Cultural Society.

Shri Husain strove for the welfare of the deprived and backward sections of the society particularly the craftsmen and weavers. He was a Member of the first Backward Classes Commission constituted in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Ashfaq Husain passed away on 20 December, 2008 at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 74.

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 deceased.

11.02 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

...(Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, I have given notice to suspend the Question Hour...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, these are all taken up after the Question Hour.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please speak one-by-one.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. friend, Mr. Gangwar, I know, no doubt, you are agitated. I respect your sentiments. The Government has committed to make a Statement. I have directed them to make a Statement and I am sure they will make a Statement as soon as possible.

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI):
Sir, we will make a statement....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: They will make it as soon as possible.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Let us try to find it out.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Let us hear the learned hon. Leader of the Opposition.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI (GANDHINAGAR): Sir, there have been occasions where demand for suspension of Question Hour has not been made by the House but the Chair itself has done it. Only on 11th of this month, I was suddenly informed that the debate on Mumbai will start at 11 o'clock. I was prepared to come at 12 o'clock and instead I got an immediate summons.

MR. SPEAKER: We know your ability to respond to the situation.[\[R1\]](#)

SHRI L.K. ADVANI : Therefore, there have been occasions where a demand may not have been made by the House, but the Chair itself...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I have said that as soon as possible the Statement should be made.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI L.K. ADVANI : Sir, on these two issues the House is agitated. We are agitated on the issue of a Minister of the Government taking a stand which has made him a hero in Pakistan and therefore we feel...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I have already said that as soon as possible the statement should be made.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: So, if you could direct the Government on these two issues...(Interruptions)

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR (BANGALORE SOUTH): Sir, they can do it at 11 o'clock itself. Let the Minister come and give the statement now...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Let me hear what the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs has to say on this.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Sir, rightly the Government responded because...(Interruptions)

श्री लाल मुनी चौबे (बक्सर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, ...[\(व्यवधान\)](#) इसका क्या मतलब है? ...[\(व्यवधान\)](#) एक मंत्री ने ...[\(व्यवधान\)](#) *

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Both LIC and GIC employees are on strike...(Interruptions) All the offices are closed...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) अँ!*

MR. SPEAKER: Please do not show placards. You have just become a Member and you are misbehaving.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I do not know whether you want the House to

* Not recorded.

run or you do not want the House to run. किसी की बात सुनायी नहीं पड़ रही, किसी की बात समझ में नहीं आ रही है।

...[\(व्यवधान\)](#)

MR. SPEAKER: I have directed the Government and the Statement will be made. Let the Question Hour go on and after that you can raise it. Do you not want the House to run?

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I do not know what your intention is. [R2]

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I do not know what you want and I cannot understand it. I have asked him before the nation and the nation has seen it. I have directed to do it as soon as possible. I hope they will respond as soon as possible. Let the statement come. In the meantime, we can go on with the Question Hour. This is not the time to raise your matter. This is not the time to raise it. Knowing everything, you are doing it. You do not want the House to run. What can I do? Tell me. I have to give a direction unless I am told when the statement will be given. I will have to give a direction now.

...(Interruptions)

श्री खारबेल स्वर्ई (बालासोर) : महोदय, आपने कितने दिन से बोला है कि सरकार स्टेटमेंट देगी। ... (Interruptions)

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, the statement will be made today....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I want to know when it will be made today.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Find out as to when it will be made.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The Statement will be made at 12 Noon. At 12 Noon, the Statement will be made. Now please allow the Question Hour. 12 बजे स्टेटमेंट होगा। You have to make the Statement at 12 Noon.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Yes, Sir. ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Now allow the Question Hour to go on. 12 बजे स्टेटमेंट होगा।

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Only 45 minutes are left for the Question Hour. Please allow the Question Hour.

...(Interruptions)

12.00 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Twelve of the Clock.

(Mr. Speaker in the Chair.)