

LOK SABHA

Friday, March 11, 2005/ Phalguna 20, 1926 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

(MR.SPEAKER in the Chair)

Title: References made to the Platinum Jubilee of the Dandi March led by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

REFERENCE BY THE SPEAKER

Platinum Jubilee celebration of Dandi March

MR. SPEAKER: As the hon. Members are aware, on 12th March, 2005, the nation celebrates the platinum jubilee of the Dandi March. On this historic occasion, the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, alongwith a group of patriotic volunteers challenged the imposition of salt tax by the British Government. The non-violent protest through the medium of salt *satyagraha* had an appeal across regional, class and ethnic boundaries throughout the country.

On this occasion, we recall the spirit of idealism and self-sacrifice that characterized our freedom struggle and pay our tributes to the memory of the Father of the Nation and the non-violent *satyagrahis* whose heroic efforts led to the Independence of the country.
