

Title: References regarding the passing away of Sarvashri Suni Dutt, Sitting Member and Member, 8th-10th and 13th Lok Sabha on 25.05.05 ; Shri P.K.Vasudevan Nair, Sitting Member and Member 2nd-4th Lok Sabha on 12.07.05 ; Shri Hukam Ram, Member, Sixth Lok Sabha on 12.05.05 ; Shri Murlidhar Mane, Member, Eighth Lok Sabha on 24.05.05 ; Shri Chhangur Ram, Member, Seventh Lok Sabha on 16.06.05 ; Shri Laxminarain Tripathi, Member, Tenth Lok Sabha on 19.06.05 ; Shri Balram Singh Yadav, Member, 8th, 12th, 13th Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha (1990-1996) on 04.07.05 and Dr. Biplab Dasgupta, Member, Ninth Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha (1994-2000) on 17.07.05 and the innocent lives lost in terrorist attacks in London on 7.07.05 and Egypt on 23.07.05

**11.02 hrs.**

## **OBITUARY REFERENCES**

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our sitting colleagues and six of our former colleagues, namely Shri Sunil Dutt, Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair, Shri Hukam Ram, Shri Murlidhar Mane, Shri Chhangur Ram, Shri Laxminarain Tripathi, Shri Balram Singh Yadav and Dr. Biplab Dasgupta.

Shri Sunil Dutt was a sitting Member of the Lok Sabha representing the Mumbai North-West Parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra. He also represented the same constituency in the Eighth to Tenth and Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1984 to 1996 and 1999 to 2004.

He was the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports at the time of his demise.

An able Parliamentarian, he was a Member, Consultative Committee constituted under the Punjab State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1987 in the Ninth Lok Sabha and a Member, Committee on Human Resource Development from 1999 to 2000.

Displaced by the partition of India in 1947, Shri Dutt by dint of his hard work and sheer grit and determination established himself as a versatile actor, producer and director in the Hindi film world. He acted in nearly hundred films. At Frankfurt Film Festival in 1967, the Grand Prix Award was conferred on Shri Dutt for his path-breaking one-actor feature film, "Yadein". Of his all time great moves, "Mother India" and "Dard Ka Rishta", the film made in aid of cancer patients, stand out among his several popular movies. Accomplishment in films was just one facet of the multifaceted personality of Shri Dutt. He served with distinction as the Sheriff of Mumbai from 1982 to 1983. He was Patron of the Spastic Society of India.

A zealous philanthropist, he took innumerable initiatives for the welfare of the deprived, under-privileged and needy sections of the society *inter alia* by facilitating medical help in the treatment of cancer and establishment of cancer treatment hospitals and also providing relief to the victims of natural calamities such as earthquake, etc.

During the days of Indo-Pak conflicts of 1965 and 1971 Shri Dutt and his Ajanta Arts Welfare Troupe, through inspirational and entertainment programmes bolstered the morale of the Indian Jawans in border areas.

An advocate for peace and communal harmony, Shri Dutt organised and led Mahashanti Padyatra from Mumbai to Amritsar in 1987, travelling over two thousand kilometres for promoting peace and harmony in Punjab. He undertook a peace march from Nagasaki to Hiroshima in Japan in 1988 for the cause of world peace and nuclear disarmament. His exemplary efforts, sincerity and dedication won him accolades from all over the world.

Shri Dutt was conferred many honours and awards for achievements and welfare activities. Some of the major awards and honours conferred upon him were – Padmashree in 1968; "Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan Award" for International Peace, Communal Harmony, Unity and National Integration by Aalami Urdu Conference, New Delhi, 1988; Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Award for National Integration and Communal Harmony in 1997; Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award in 1998 for promoting peace, harmony, fight against violence and terrorism; and National Integration Award from Priyadarshini Academy, Mumbai in 1989 for outstanding contribution to the cause of national integration.

Even as the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Dutt took many novel initiatives. These are the chalking up of the National Plan under National youth Policy and Convergence, Strategies for empowering youth clubs with particular focus on adolescent youth. Another scheme named the 'Gandhi

Gramodaya Sankalp Abhiyan' has been launched for facilitating development of a few self-reliant villages in accordance with Gandhiji's principles of Gram Swaraj.

The Ministry of Sports under his stewardship also finalised arrangements for the smooth and successful conduct of Commonwealth Games to be held in Delhi in 2010. Special anti-doping steps were taken to encourage healthy competition among sportspersons. To further encourage the sportspersons, the scale of rewards under the various schemes implemented by the Government have been suitably enhanced.

Shri Dutt was a noble soul with a vision and zeal to perform and contribute, be it the film industry, philanthropy or social work. He campaigned for peace and communal harmony, against drug abuse and for better care for cancer and AIDS patients.

Shri Sunil Dutt passed away on 25 May, 2005 at Mumbai, Maharashtra at the age of 76.

Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair was a sitting Member of the Lok Sabha, representing the Thiruvananthapuram Parliamentary Constituency of Kerala. Earlier, he was a Member of the Second, Third and the Fourth Lok Sabhas, from 1957 to 1970, representing, respectively the Thiruvalla, Ambalapuzha and the Peermade Parliamentary Constituencies of the State.

Shri Nair was the Leader of the Parliamentary Party of the Communist Party of India and the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Labour and a Member of the General Purposes Committee of the House at the time of his demise. During his earlier career as a Member of the House he had actively served in the various Parliamentary Committees. He was a Member of the Committee on Petitions from 1960 to 1970; House Committee from 1962 to 1965; Estimates Committee from 1963 to 1965; and the Business Advisory Committee from 1966 to 1967. He was also a member of the Consultative Committee under the Kerala State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act 1965.

One of the most respected leaders of modern Kerala, Shri Nair served the State and the country with distinction. He was a Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly from 1977 to 1982 and a Minister of Industry in the Government of Kerala from 1977 to 1978 before becoming its Chief Minister in October 1978 which office he held till October 1979 and he had left a great impact on the State during that short period.

Coming in to public life from his student days, during the pre-Independence period, Shri Nair was the President of the Students Union of the Union Christian College, Alwaye from 1945 to 1946 and of the Kerala Student's Federation from 1948 to 1951 and later of the All India Youth Federation. He was also the President of the Kerala Peoples' Arts Club, Kayamkulam, and the Chairman of the prestigious Vayalar Ramavarma Trust in Kerala.

A widely travelled person, Shri Nair visited the erstwhile Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, to name a few countries. A very well-read leader, he had authored a biographical book besides a large number of booklets on political and social issues. He was also the Editor of 'Navayugam' a political weekly, published in Kerala.

Shri Vasudevan Nair was one of the leading figures of the Left Movement in the country and a committed champion of the working class and the downtrodden. He was a man of strong ideological conviction and of impeccable integrity. Throughout his life, he had selflessly served the cause of the poor and the deprived people of the country. Known for his extremely friendly demeanour and suave and affable nature, Shri Vasudevan Nair was an able administrator, a veteran parliamentarian and an outstanding public figure. In spite of his failing health in recent months, he used to take active interest in the proceedings of the House and in the functioning of the Standing Committee on Labour of which he was the Chairman. His demise is an irreparable loss to the political life in the country.

Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair who was ailing for some time passed away on 12 July, 2005 at New Delhi at the age of 79.

Shri Hukam Ram was a member of the Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing Jalore parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Hukam Ram was a member of the Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

A teacher by profession, Shri Hukam Ram was an active social worker. He relentlessly worked for the uplift and welfare of the needy and the poor. He was instrumental in setting up of Meghwal Colony at Bali and a Hostel for Scheduled Castes at Falna in Pali District, Rajasthan. He held the office of President, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Employees' Welfare Association, Rajasthan; Vice-President of All-India Federation of Scheduled Castes and Tribes; Vice-President of Backward Classes and Minorities Employees' Welfare Association, Bapu Bhavan, New Delhi; and the Secretary, Shri Meghwal Samaj, Pali District, Rajasthan.

Shri Hukam Ram passed away on 12 May, 2005 at Pali, Rajasthan at the age of 79.

Shri Murlidhar Mane was a member of the Eighth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1989 representing Nasik Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra.

Shri Mane was a member of the Committee on Government Assurances from 1987 to 1989.

Shri mane served as a member, Advisory Board, Regional Employment Exchange, Nasik from 1975 to 1980. He was also a member of the Maharashtra State Wildlife Advisory Board during 1983.

A committed social worker, Shri Mane organised blood donation and family planning camps and youth rallies. He worked for the development of slums and eradication of illiteracy. He took keen interest in organising the youth with a view to bringing them into the mainstream of the national life.

Shri Muralidhar Mane passed away on 24 May, 2005 at Mumbai, Maharashtra at the age of 56.

Shri Chhangur Ram was a member of the Seventh Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984 representing Lalganj Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Chhangur Ram was a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1962 to 1967 and 1969 to 1974.

An agriculturist and social worker, Shri Chhangur Ram was the President, Zila Gramin Mazdoor Union, Azamgarh; Vice-President, Prantiya Gramin Mazdoor Union, Lucknow and member, Akhil Bhartiya Gramin Mazdoor Federation. He served as the administrator of 'Adarsh Purv Madhyamik Vidyalaya' and was the founder and Chairman of 'Lok Nirdhan Sansthan', Singhapur.

Shri Chhangur Ram passed away on 16 June, 2005 at Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 73, after a brief illness.

Shri Laximinarain Tripathi was a member of the Tenth Lok Sabha from 1991 to 1996 representing the Kaisarganj Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Tripathi was a member of Committee on Papers Laid on the Table from 1992 to 1994 and Committee on Energy from 1993 to 1995.

An active social worker Shri Tripathi was the Founder President of Jansangharsh Samiti, an organisation set up for social service. He also founded a Trust named 'Pandit Satya Dev Mani Tripathi Jankalyan Evam Manav Seva Sansthan'. This Trust is presently running two Senior Secondary schools.

Shri Laxminarain Tripathi passed away under tragic circumstances on 19 June, 2005 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, at the age of 65.

Shri Balram Singh Yadav was a Member of the Eighth, Twelfth and Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1984 to 1989 and 1998 to 2004 representing the Mainpuri Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Yadav was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1990 to 1996, representing the State of Uttar Pradesh. He was a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1969 to 1974 and again from 1980 to 1984.

An able administrator, Shri Yadav served as Minister of State for Mines from 1991 to 1995 and Minister of State for Planning and Programme Implementation from 1995 to 1996 in the Union Council of Ministers. Earlier in the Uttar Pradesh Government, he served as a Deputy Minister from 1969 to 1970 and Cabinet Minister from 1971 to 1973 and again from 1980 to 1984.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Yadav was a member of the Committee on Public Undertakings; Committee on Petroleum, Chemicals and Fertilizers; House Committee; and Consultative Committee, Ministry of Civil Aviation from 1998 to 1999. He was also a member of the Committee on Public Undertakings; Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests from 1999 to 2000 and member, Public Accounts Committee during 2000-2001.

An agriculturist and advocate by profession, Shri Yadav was associated with the Co-operative Movement in his initial years of public life. He was Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Mandi Parishad Limited and Uttar Pradesh Agro Industrial Corporation Limited, Lucknow from 1980 to 1982. He also held the position of Senior Vice-President, Yuva Kalyan Board, Uttar Pradesh from 1982 to 1984.

A widely traveled person, Shri Yadav was member of Indian Parliamentary Delegation to Yugoslavia in 1986 and to Turkey in 1992 and 1998.

Shri Balram Singh Yadav passed away on 4 July, 2005 at Etawah, Uttar Pradesh, at the age of 66.

Dr. Biplab Dasgupta was a Member of the Ninth Lok Sabha from 1989 to 1991 representing the Calcutta South Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal.

He was a sitting Member of the Rajya Sabha at the time of his demise. Earlier he was a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1994 to 2000 also.

An able parliamentarian, Dr. Dasgupta was a member, Consultative Committee, Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation in 1990. During his membership of the Rajya Sabha he served as a member, Committee on Finance from 1994 to 1999; Joint Committee on Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament from 1996 to 2004; Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests from 2004 onwards and Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

An economist by profession, and a renowned political and social worker, teacher and educationist, Dr. Dasgupta was educated at reputed centres of learning such as the Calcutta University, College of Arts and College of Law; London School of Economics; and Institute of Computer Science, London University. He was the General Secretary, All India Students' Federation, Calcutta District Committee from 1957 to 1959 and the Association of Indian Communists of Great Britain from 1971 to 1977. He was the Convenor, U.K. Committee for Civil Liberties in India from 1975 to 1977.

Dr. Dasgupta was Lecturer in Statistics and Economics, London University, from 1965 to 1972; Reader and Fellow, Institute of Developmental Studies, University of Sussex from 1972 to 1980; Professor of Economics, Calcutta University from 1980 to 1998; Member, Senate, Calcutta University from 1984 to 1988; President, Governing Body, South Calcutta Law College since 1984; Visiting Professor, Institute of Social Studies, the Hague in 1980 and Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Delhi from 1984 to 1988 and Director, Centre for Urban Economic Studies Calcutta University 1980 to 1987 and again from 1992 to 1998. He also undertook various temporary assignments as Consultant and Expert for the International Labour Organisation and other bodies of the United Nations.

Dr. Dasgupta was also the Honorary Executive Vice-Chairman, West Bengal Comprehensive Area Development Corporation from 1978 to 1987 and Joint Secretary, All India Kisan Sabha from 1986 to 1989.

An erudite scholar, Dr. Dasgupta was the author of many academic works like, *The Oil Industry in India; The Naxalite Movement; Patterns and Trends in Indian Politics; Migration from Rural Areas; Agrarian Change and the New Technology in India;* to name a few. He also wrote three travelogues in Bengali. They are: *Killimanjaror Deshe; Atlantic Africa; and Sahara.* Till his last day he was the Editor of the well-known Bengali journal *Nandan*.

A widely travelled person, Dr. Dasgupta attended many international seminars, conferences and workshops all over the world.

In his passing away the country has lost a multifaceted personality, an outstanding scholar, an economist of repute, and a champion of the downtrodden and of the working class.

Dr. Biplab Dasgupta passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 at Kolkata at the age of 66 after a brief illness.

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.

Hon. Members, as you are all aware, the entire country was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the terrorist bomb blasts in London on 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2005. The bomb blasts 7<sup>th</sup> July resulted in the loss of many innocent lives and injury to many more. The President and the Prime Minister condemned the terrorist acts and expressed sympathy and solidarity with the people of the UK in their hour of grief. India, being a victim of terrorism for more than two decades, shares with deep empathy the anguish and pain of the people of the UK at these heinous acts.

We are also deeply shocked and grieved by the horrendous terrorist attacks on civilians in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt in the early hours of Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2005, on the auspicious occasion of the Arab Republic of Egypt's National Day, resulting in large-scale civilian deaths and injury. We strongly condemn this ruthless attack on innocent civilians by terrorists, and offer our sincere condolences to the bereaved families and to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Such terrorist attacks underscore the need to strengthen our cooperation in a coordinated and concerted manner in order to free the world of this scourge.

We deeply mourn the loss of lives in these dastardly acts and the House expresses its deep sense of anguish and sorrow over these incidents.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

**11.22 hrs.**

*The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

**11.23 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock  
on Tuesday, July 26, 2005/Sravana 4, 1927 (Saka).*