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Title: References made regarding 125th Birth Anniversary of Munshi Premchand.

12.01 hrs.

REFERENCE BY THE SPEAKER

Re: 125th Birth anniversary of Munshi Premchand

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, the 125th Birth anniversary of Munshi Premchand, one of the greatest writers of Hindi and Urdu fiction of this country, fell on 31st July, 2005.

Munshi Premchand wrote nearly 300 stories and novels. His short stories and novels describe the problems of the urban middle class and the rural population. His writings which hold a mirror to his times, presented with poignancy the bitter-sweet realities of life. His simple and lucid style depicted excellent usage of satire and subtle humour. He also emphasised on the need for communal harmony.

Munshi Premchand was a social reformer and thinker who used literature as a vehicle for social transformation. He supplemented Gandhiji's work in the political and social fields by adopting his revolutionary ideas as themes for his literary writings.

On this occasion of his 125th birth anniversary we pay our homage to this great son of India.

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