

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Tuesday, December 2, 1997/Agrahayana 11,  
1919 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at  
Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[English]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum) :  
Suspend the Question Hour today also. Kindly invite  
them to the well also!

11.01 hrs.

### OBITUARY REFERENCE

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, I have to inform  
the House of the sad demise of one of our former  
colleagues, Shri Kapil Dev Shastri.

Shri Kapil Dev Shastri was a Member of Ninth Lok  
Sabha representing Sonapat Parliamentary  
Constituency of Haryana during 1989-91.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Shastri was a  
member of Committee Official Language, Committee on  
Petitions, and Consultative Committee of Ministry of  
Communications in 1990.

A man of letters, he contributed many articles in  
newspapers on the issues relating to social evils. His  
publications include *Sarvakhap Panchayat* and  
*Mahatma Bhakta Phool Singh*.

An active social and political worker, Shri Shastri  
took keen interest in the movements against social evils  
and strived hard for the education of women and  
children.

Shri Kapil Dev Shastri passed away on 25  
September, 1997 at Rohtak at the age of 75 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am  
sure the House will join me in conveying our  
condolences to the bereaved family.

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

11.02 hrs.

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

(Interruptions)

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (Silchar) : You have  
left out one name. Obituary Reference to the House  
also should be done!

[English]

11.02¼ hrs.

### LETTERS RE: RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS — *Laid*

SECRETARY-GENERAL : I beg to lay on the Table  
a copy each of the following papers :-

- (1) Letter dated the 28th November, 1997 from  
the Prime Minister (Shri I.K. Gujral) to the  
President tendering his own resignation and  
that of his Council of Ministers: and

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- (2) Letter dated the 28th November, 1997 from  
the President to the Prime Minister (Shri I.K.  
Gujral) accepting his resignation and the  
resignation of his colleagues from the  
Council of Ministers and requesting him to  
continue in Office till alternative  
arrangements are made.

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SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA (Amritsar) : One  
minute silence for the dissolution!...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : You are acting like a boy!

11.02¾ hrs.

### FINANCIAL COMMITTEES - A REVIEW

[English]

SECRETARY-GENERAL : I beg to lay on the Table  
(Hindi and English versions) of the "Financial  
Committees (1996-97) - A Review"

11.03 hrs.

### COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

#### Ninth Report

[English]

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (Hooghly) : I beg to present  
the Ninth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the  
Estimates Committee on action taken by Government  
on the recommendations contained in their Forty-Sixth  
Report (Tenth Lok Sabha) on Ministry of Surface  
Transport - Coastal Shipping.