

Title: References regarding passing away of Shri S.N. Singh, Member 5th Lok Sabha; Smt. Bonily Khongmen, member 1st Lok Sabha; Shri Ghamandi Lal Bansal, Member 1st Lok Sabha and Shri Ram Raghunath Chaudhary, Member 12th and 13th Lok Sabhas on 17.02.07, 17.03.07, 19.03.07 and 06.04.07 respectively. Mr. Speaker also made a reference to the terrorist attacks in Algiers on 11th April, 2007, resulted in the death of more than 30 civilians and injuries to more than 260 persons. He also made a reference to the terrorist incidents in Casablanca in April, 2007.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of four of our former colleagues, Shri S.N. Singh, Shrimati Bonily Khongmen, Shri Ghamandi Lal Bansal and Shri Ram Raghunath Chaudhary.

Shri S.N. Singh was a Member of the Fifth Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1977 representing Jhunjhunu Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan.

Shri Singh was also a Member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly for four terms from 1957 to 1962, 1967 to 1971, 1993 to 1998 and 1999 to 2003.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Singh was the Member, Rules Committee from 1972 to 1974 and Committee on Petitions from 1974 to 1975. He was also the Member, Bhartiya Bhasha Samiti from 1971 to 1973 and Central Advisory Committee for National Cadet Corps from 1973 to 1974.

An advocate by profession, Shri Singh was an active social worker. He worked relentlessly for the upliftment of rural poor. He was also a Member of the High Power Committee on Agriculture Reforms in Rajasthan.

Shri S.N. Singh passed away on 17th February, 2007 at Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan at the age of 81.

Shrimati Bonily Khongmen was a Member of the First Lok Sabha from 1952 to 1957 representing Autonomous Districts Parliamentary Constituency of Assam.

Earlier, Shrimati Khongmen was a Member of the Assam Legislative Assembly from 1946 to 1951. During her tenure, she held with distinction the office of Deputy-Speaker of the Assembly.

An active Parliamentarian, Shrimati Khongmen was a Member of the Panel of Chairmen in Lok Sabha. She also served as a Member of the Estimates Committee during 1955-56.

An able administrator, Shrimati Khongmen was Chairperson of the Assam Public Service Commission from 1960 to 1962. She was a Member of the Union Public Service Commission from 1963 to 1970. She also served as Chairperson of the Nagaland Public Service Commission from 1970 to 1974 and of the Nagaland Pay Commission in 1975.

Shrimati Khongmen was Member, Advisory Councils of Khasi, Jaintia and Makir Hills till 1952. She was also a member of the Indian Red Cross Society.

An educationist of repute, Shrimati Khongmen was unanimously elected twice as a Member of the Guwahati University Court. She was actively associated with the establishment of several schools in the Assam Hills and strived hard for providing basic education amongst tribals.

An active social worker, Shrimati Khongmen was a member of the Young Women Christian Association, Chairperson of the Eastern Indian Women's Association, Chairperson of the Indian Council of Child Welfare, Meghalaya, Vice-Chairperson of the Jeebon Roy Memorial Welfare Institute and other social and educational institutions.

Shrimati Khongmen was a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly at New York in 1955.

Shrimati Bonily Khongmen passed away on 17th March, 2007 at Shillong, Meghalaya at the age of 94.

Shri Ghamandi Lal Bansal was a Member of the First Lok Sabha from 1952 to 1957 representing the then Jhajjar-Rewari Parliamentary Constituency of erstwhile Punjab State.

Shri Bansal was a Member of the Rules Committee of the House from 1955 to 1956. [\[MSOffice2\]](#)

A multi-faceted personality, Shri Bansal served as the Secretary-General, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chairman and Treasurer of G.B. Pant Memorial Society and Treasurer, Indian Council of Youth. Shri Bansal was also Member of the Indian Council of World Affairs and of the Governing Body of Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi.

A widely traveled person, Shri Bansal represented the International Chamber of Commerce at the Fifth Session of the E.C.A.F.E. in 1949. He attended International Labour Conferences held at Geneva, Switzerland in 1950 and 1951.

Shri Ghamandil Lal Bansal passed away on 19th March, 2007 at New Delhi at the age of 93.

Shri Ram Raghunath Chaudhary was a Member of Twelfth and Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1998 to 2004, representing Nagaur parliamentary constituency of Rajasthan.

Earlier, Shri Chaudhary was a Member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly for three terms from 1972 to 1985. He served as Member of Estimates Committee and Public Undertakings Committee in Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.

An active Parliamentarian, Shri Chaudhary was Member, Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution and Consultative Committee, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers during Twelfth Lok Sabha. In Thirteenth Lok Sabha, he was Member, Committee on Industry and Committee on Official Languages.

An agriculturist and a well-known social worker, Shri Chaudhary was associated with various social and agro institutions. He served as Chairman of the Young Farmers' Forum, Rajasthan; Nagaur District Land Development Cooperative Bank Limited, Nagaur and Agro Sales and Manufacturing Cooperative Limited, for three years. He was member of National Farmers' Educational Welfare Society, New Delhi; Bhartiya Krishak Samaj; Food and Agricultural Organisation of India and Agricultural Prices Commission of India.

A sports enthusiast, he worked hard for promotion of sports in his State. A widely traveled person, Shri Chaudhary attended Agricultural Exchange Programme and the International Forum for Youth Exchange at United States of America.

Shri Ram Raghunath Chaudhary passed away on 6th April, 2007 at Ajmer, Rajasthan 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 also expresses its shock and grief over the terrorist attacks in Algiers on 11th April, 2007 which resulted in the death of more than thirty civilians and injuries to more than hundred and sixty persons. The attack on the office of the Prime Minister and the Interior Minister of the Government of People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, is deplorable.

The House also expresses its shock and grief over the terrorist incidents in Casablanca in April, 2007 aimed at the civilian population and at disrupting peace.

The scourge of terrorism cannot be condoned in any form and must be confronted with determination and firmness.

The House reiterates the solidarity of the people of India with their Algerian and Moroccan brethren in their common struggle against the menace of global terrorism.

The House strongly condemns these terrorist attacks on innocent civilians and expresses its empathy with the bereaved families.

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

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The Members then stood in silence for a short while.
