

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Tuesday, July 16, 1991/Asadha 25,
1913 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[*English*]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members,

I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, namely, Shri Dattatraya Parashuram Karmarkar and Shri Jagannathrao Joshi.

Shri Dattatraya Parashuram Karmarkar was a Member of First Lok Sabha during 1952—57 representing the Dharwar-North constituency of erstwhile State of Bombay. Earlier, he was a Member of Central Legislative Assembly and Provisional Parliament. Later he became Member of Rajya Sabha (1962—68).

He was a renowned parliamentarian and an able administrator. As a Union Minister he held with distinction various important portfolios.

He led the no-tax campaign in Ankola Taluka during 1930—32. He took keen interest in the field of historical research and was associated with various research societies in different capacities.

A widely travelled person, he represented the country at several international conferences on trade and employment. He was a leader of Indian delegation to the ECAFE Conferences held at Lahore and Rangoon in 1951 and 1952 respectively.

Shri Karmarkar was a man of letters and had many works to his credit, such as "History of Congress" (in Kannada), "A Primer to Constitutional History". He also edited the "Vijaynagar Commemoration Volume".

He passed away on 20 June, 1991 at the ripe age of 89.

Shri Jagannathrao Joshi served the Lok Sabha continuously for two terms during 1967—77 representing Bhopal and Shajapur constituencies of Madhya Pradesh, respectively. Later he became a Member of Rajya Sabha during 1978—84.

A renowned social and political worker, he devoted his entire life for the political awakening among the masses and actively participated for liberation of Goa from the foreign domination.

He was an erudite orator. His forceful and effective participation in parliamentary proceedings left an indelible imprint and placed him in the rank of eminent parliamentarian about whom this House and the people of this country will always feel proud of and remember him with gratitude.

Shri Joshi passed away on 15 July, 1991 at the age of 71.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

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

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

SHRI PIUS TIRKEY : Sir, it appears that the ruling Congress Party has boycotted the proceedings of the House today as only a few Ministers are sitting here.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Electrification of Railway Routes

*41. SHRI ASHOKRAO ANANDRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the target set for the electrification of railway routes during 1990-91;

(b) whether the target has been fully achieved ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and

(d) the target set for the year 1991-92 ?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN) : (a) Electrification of 1040 route kms. was targeted for completion during 1990-91.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Due to teething problems encountered in commissioning of the associated new communication system.

(d) Electrification of 675 route kms.

[*Translation*]

SHRI ASHOKRAO ANANDRAO DESHMUKH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, requisite progress in electrification of Railway routes has not been achieved so far. The shortage of coal or the constraints in transportation of coal leads to more and more consumption of diesel. Thus the burden on foreign exchange is steadily increasing. Hence, I want that all the railway lines that are constructed from today onwards should be electrified. As per your statement, you had proposed to electrify 1014 km. of railway routes during 1990-91. I would like to know the names of those States where you have carried out the electrification work and whether certain portions of Maharashtra have also been covered under it? Is the Government going to electrify Manmad-Aurangabad Parbhani-Parsi Railway line falling in my constituency ?