

## LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Wednesday, July 24, 1991/  
Sravana 2, 1913 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

#### MEMBER SWORN

SHRI P. C. THOMAS (Muvattupuzha)

11.02 hrs.

#### OBITUARY REFERENCES

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Members. I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, namely, Shri Bhakt Darshan and Shri Shankar Dayal Singh.

Shri Bhakt Darshan represented Garhwal constituency of Uttar Pradesh successively for four terms during First, Second, Third and Fourth Lok Sabha between 1952-70.

Educated at Shantiniketan, Shri Bhakt Darshan joined the freedom struggle at an early age and suffered imprisonment for several years.

He was a noted parliamentarian and an educationist as well. As a Union Minister during 1963-71 he held with distinction various important portfolios.

During his long public life, Shri Bhakt Darshan took keen interest in the development of Garhwal and was associated with several organizations connected with the development of the region.

He was deeply involved in the promotion of Hindi and was intimately connected with various social and cultural organisations.

A promoter of healthy journalism, he was founder Editor of 'Karma Bhumi', a Hindi weekly. He had two publications—'Suman-Smriti-Granth' and 'Garhwal-Ki-Diwangat Vibhutiyan' to his credit.

A renowned and dedicated social and political worker, he truly believed in the Gandhian way of life and organised the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund. He worked relentlessly for the welfare of ex-servicemen and serving soldiers and also established Azad Hind Fauj Relief Fund.

Shri Bhakt Darshan passed away on 30 April, 1991 at the age of 79.

Shri Shankar Dayal Singh was a member of Eighth Lok Sabha during 1984-89, representing Dhanbad constituency of Bihar.

Earlier he had been a member of Bihar Legislative Council and Bihar Legislative Assembly for several years. He was a member of the State Council of Ministers for several years and held various portfolios with distinction.

An active political and social worker, he vigorously worked for the spread of education and established several educational institutions.

Shri Singh actively participated in the proceedings of the House and his contributions were much appreciated.

He passed away on 14 July, 1991, at the age of 66.