

12.00 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

[English]

MR SPEAKER Hon ble Members it is with deep regret that I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Sarvashri B T Ranadive and R Mohanrangam

A veteran freedom fighter and outstanding Marxist theoretician Shri Ranadive Served on several trade union organisations in various capacities. He was President of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions since its inception in 1970

Shri Ranadive Plunged into freedom struggle and communist movement at an early age and suffered imprisonment several times

A prolific writer, he authored a number of books mainly on political subjects

Shri Ranadive passed away at the Tata Memorial Hospital in Bombay early this morning after a brief illness at the age of 85

Shri Mohanrangam represented Chengalpattu constituency of Tamil Nadu during Sixth Lok Sabha, i e , from 1977 to 1979. Later, he was elected to the Rajya Sabha in June 1980 and continued to be its member till September, 1982. He was re-elected to that House in February 1983

A prominent political worker, Shri Mohanrangam was a member of the Senate of the University of Madras during 1973-76. An ardent champion of the poor and downtrodden Shri Mohanrangam worked ceaselessly for Harijan welfare. Shri Mohanrangam took keen interest in parliamentary work and made significant contribution thereto. He was also a Member of the Privileges Committee of this House

Shri Mohanrangam passed away yesterday at Madras at the age of 56

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 stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow

The members then stood in silence for a short while

12.03 hrs

RE ALLEGED TAPPING OF TELEPHONES AND BUGGING OF PREMISES OF POLITICIANS

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR SPEAKER I am unable to hear anything. Whom should I listen to?

(Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER It is difficult for me to hear you

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR SPEAKER I cannot hear anybody. Please sit down

(Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER I am not able to hear you

(Interruptions)