

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Wednesday March 27, 1985/Chaitra  
6, 1907 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock*

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

### OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Dajiba Balwantrao Desai who was a member of the Sixth Lok Sabha during 1977-79. He had also been a member of the Rajya Sabha during 1960-66.

A well-known political and social worker, he worked for adult education amongst Scheduled Castes and weaker sections of the Society and was President of Dakshin Maharashtra Shikshan Mandal, Belgaum. He was the editor of a monthly and a weekly.

Shri Desai passed away at Alibag, Raigad district of Maharashtra on 19 March, 1985, at the age of 59 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of Shri Desai and I am sure the House will join me in conveying the condolences to the bereaved family. The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

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

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## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

### Development of GIR Forest

\*201. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to develop Gir Forest as a 'Safari' Park for promotion of tourism;

(b) whether any funds have been earmarked for the the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BIR SEN) : (a) to (c). The Gujarat State Government has a proposal to develop a safari park at Gir and has made a provision of Rs. 12.52 lakhs for this purpose during 1984-85.

SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : The Gir forest is already a sanctuary, part of it at least; and the other part is a national park where tourists are already visiting. By making this a Safari park, I would like to know from the hon. Prime Minister what additional advantage would this particular forest get, and whether the organizations which are experts in this particular subject would get any further advantage say, in the running of this Safari park.

SHRI BIR SEN : It is primarily an educational project. People are educated about the natural history of the land; and tourists who visit it also know about the ways of animals—how they live and how they behave. This is a general education for people—for children, students etc.