

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Friday, March 25, 1988/Chaitra 5, 1910
(Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at
Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House about the sad demise of a sitting Member, Shri Sarat Kumar Deb, elected from Kendrapara Constituency of Orissa. He was hospitalised for some time and had to be operated twice. The end came suddenly early this morning. He passed away at a very young age of 46 years.

Earlier, he had been a Member of Orissa Legislative Assembly from 1971-85. He had also been a Member of the Council of Ministers in the State of Orissa and served as Chairman of Committee on Estimates and Committee on Public Accounts there. He was also Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly during 1983-85.

An agriculturist, he worked for upliftment of rural masses.

An able parliamentarian, he took keen interest in the proceedings of the House particularly relating to problems of agriculturists.

I have also to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, namely, Sarvashri Harish Chandra Sharma

and Pitamber Sinha.

Shri Harish Chandra Sharma was a member of the Second Lok Sabha during 1957-62 and represented Jaipur constituency of Rajasthan.

A well known political and social worker, he organised several workers' unions and served them in various capacities. He championed the cause of the depressed classes and the weaker sections of the society. He took keen interest in the spread of labour and cooperative movement in his State.

Shri Sharma passed away at Jaipur on 21 January, 1988 at the age of 61 years.

Shri Pitamber Sinha was a member of the Seventh Lok Sabha during 1983-84 representing Bettiah constituency of Bihar. Earlier, he had been a member of the Bihar Legislative Assembly during 1962-80 with a break in 1969.

An agriculturist, he took keen interest in the Kisan movement and served as President of Bihar State Kisan Sabha. An educationist, he evinced special interest in spreading education in the rural areas and established a number of primary and secondary schools in Champaran District.

Shri Pitamber Sinha passed away at East Champaran (Bihar) on 3 March, 1988 at the age of 65 years.

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 departed souls.

The members then stood in silence for a short while 11.04 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER: the House stands adjourned to meet again at 11 A.M. on Monday.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Monday, March 28, 1988/ Chaitra-8, 1910 (Saka)