

## LOK SABHA DEBATES

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

[English]

#### OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as we meet today after an interval of about two months, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the demise of six of our former colleagues, namely, Shri R.D. Bhandare, Dr. Karni Singh, Sarvashri S.B.P. Pattabhiramarao, Lakshmu Bhawani, P. Thanulingam Nadar and Anant Prasad Sharma.

Shri R.D. Bhandare was a member of the Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1973 representing Bombay-Central Constituency of Maharashtra. Earlier, he had been a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly during 1957-60. An able administrator, he resigned from the membership of Lok Sabha in 1973 on his appointment as Governor of Bihar and held that office upto June 1976. Thereafter, he assumed the office of Governor of Andhra Pradesh from June 1976 to February 1977.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Bhandare took keen interest in the proceedings of the House and served as Chairman of several Parliamentary Committees including the Committee of Privileges. He also served as

Leader of the Opposition in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly during 1960-62.

A veteran social worker, educationist and Professor of Law, Shri Bhandare worked *untiringly* for the eradication of untouchability and for welfare of the weaker sections of society. Shri Bhandare was a Founder Member of the Republican Party of India and remained its President from 1964 to 1966. He was also associated with several educational organisations and served as member of the Bombay University Senate, Executive Council of the Benaras Hindu University and Court of Jawaharlal Nehru University. He was a member of the Parliamentary Committee to draft the New Education Policy of India. He did research in the Social and Political Institutions of Buddhist times in the Bombay University and also published a book titled 'Problems of Buddhists in India'.

A widely travelled person, Shri Bhandare served as advisor to the Delegation to the 22nd Session of the UN General Assembly in 1967. He was one of the Indian delegates to the IPU conference held at Vienna in 1969.

Shri Bhandare passed away at Bombay on 5th September 1988 at the age of 73.

Dr. Karni Singh was a member of the First to Fifth Lok Sabha during 1952-77 representing Bikaner constituency of Rajasthan.

An able parliamentarian, Dr. Karni Singh served as a member on the Consultative Committees of several Ministries of the Union Government. A social and political

worker, he served as member of the All Party Committee on Political Defections.

An eminent sports personality, Dr. Karni Singh represented India in several championships abroad and won many medals. An ace shooter of rare distinction, he represented India in the shooting events at the Olympic Games held in Rome 1960, Tokyo 1964 and Mexico 1968. He also participated in the World Shooting Championships at Oslo, Cairo, Bologana and San Sebastian. He won silver medal for India in Clay Pigeon trap shooting at Cairo in 1962. He remained the unbeaten National Champion in clay pigeon trap shooting from 1960 to 1977. It was in recognition of his contribution to sports that he was honoured with Arjun Award in 1962.

A widely travelled person, Dr. Karni Singh was gifted with high *Erudition*. He authored a book titled 'The Relations of House of Bikaner with the Central Powers 1465-1949'.

Dr. Karni Singh passed away at New Delhi on 6th September 1988 at the age of 65.

Shri S.B.P.Pattabhi Rama Rao was a member of the Fifth to Seventh Lok Sabha during 1971-84 representing Rajahmundry constituency of Andhra Pradesh. Earlier, he had been a member of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council of Andhra Pradesh during 1952-67 and 1968-70, respectively.

An able parliamentarian and administrator, Shri Rao served in the Union Council of Ministers as Minister of State for Finance and as Minister of State for Industry. He also served as Minister in the then composite Madras State during 1952-54 and in the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1954-62. He was Chairman of several Parliamentary Committees, including the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit and the Estimates Committee.

An agriculturist, a prominent lawyer and

social worker, Shri Rao served as Executive Member of the Madras State Provincial Co-operative Bank Ltd. during 1944-52. He was a Member of the Southern Board of Directors, Reserve Bank of India during 1964-52. He was the Chairman of the National Shipping Board during 1972-74.

A widely travelled person and a veteran academic, Shri Rao was associated with Andhra University as member of its Senate and Syndicate during 1938-52 and 1942-52, respectively. He was also the Pro-Chancellor of Sri Venkateswara University during 1954-55 and 1956-62 and of Andhra University during 1957-63. He was recipient of Hony. D. Litt. from Andhra University and Doctor of Laws from Sri Venkateswara University for his accomplishments in letters, art and Science.

Shri Rao passed away at Madras on September 21, 1988 at the age of 77.

Shri Lakhmu Bhawani was a member of the Third Lok Sabha during 1962-67 representing Bastar constituency of Madhya Pradesh.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Bhawani took keen interest in co-operative movement and served as a member of the Board of Directors of Co-operative & Land Mortgage Bank, Bastar District.

Shri Bhawani passed away at Bastar on 26, September, 1988 at the age of 71.

Shri P. Thanulingam Nadar was a member of the Second Lok Sabha from Nagercoil constituency of the then Madras State during 1957-62. Earlier, he had been a member of the Travancore Legislature during 1948-49 and later he was elected twice to Travancore Cochin Legislature during 1949-50 and 1953-55.

An advocate by profession, Shri Nadar was an active political worker. He evinced keen interest in the development of agriculture.

Shri Nadar passed way at Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, on 3 October, 1988 at the age of 73.

Shri Anant Prasad Sharma, was a member of the Third and Fifth Lok Sabha during 1962-67 and 1971-77 respectively, representing Buxur constituency of Bihar. He had also been a member of Rajya Sabha during 1968-71, 1978-83 and again from August, 1984 to 2 April, 1988.

A veteran freedom fighter and trade unionist, Shri Sharma left college studies to join the National Movement for Freedom. He was associated with several trade union organisations in various capacities. He represented Indian Labour at the International Labour Organisation at Geneva in 1956 and also at the Golden Jubilee of ILO in 1969.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Sharma served as Member of the Railway Convention Committee during the Third Lok Sabha. He was Chairman of the Committee on Petitions in 1971. Later he was inducted in the Union Council of Ministers and held several portfolios with distinction during 1974-77 and 1980-83.

A widely travelled person, Shri Sharma was the leader of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. He represented India at the Anniversary Celebrations of Iraqi Revolution held at Baghdad in 1970. He was a member of the goodwill Mission to Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Libya and was also the Indian Delegate to the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of United Nations Organisation in 1970.

He adorned the gubernatorial office and served as Governor of Punjab and west Bengal.

Shri Sharma passed away at New Delhi on 11 October, 1988 at the age of 69.

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

reaved families.

The House may now 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]

### Setting up of Filaria Research Centre in Alleppey

\*3. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given on 1 August, 1988 to Unstarred Question No.774 regarding elephantiasis cases in Kerala and state;

(a) the reasons for substantial increase in the number of cases of elephantiasis reported during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have taken any new measures in the recent times to check the disease in view of the steady increase in the number of cases reported;

(c) whether a proposal is pending with Union Government for setting up a Filaria Research Centre in Alleppey, which is the most affected district in the country; and

(d) if so, the response of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) to (d). A statement is given below:

### STATEMENT

The reasons for an increase in the number of elephantiasis cases detected are due to

(i) increased case detection facilities