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Friday, December 20, 1985/ Agrahayana 29,
1907 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

MEMBER SWORN

Shri Chandrashekhar Singh (Banka)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, namely, Shri Kanhaiya Lal Balmiki and Pandit Chatur Narain Malviya.

Shri Kanhaiya Lal Balmiki was a member of the Provisional Parliament, First, Second and Third Lok Sabha during 1950—52, 1952—57, 1957—62 and 1962—67 respectively representing Bulandshahar and Khurja constituencies of Uttar Pradesh.

A veteran freedom fighter, he actively participated in the freedom struggle and was imprisoned for a long period. A political and social worker, he dedicated himself to the cause of education and uplift of weaker sections of society and identified himself with

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the Municipal workers. He was associated with several social organisations besides being involved in the Arya Samaj Movement.

Shri Kanhaiya Lal Balmiki passed away on 2 September, 1985 at New Delhi at the age of 67 years.

Pandit Chatur Narain Malviya was a member of the First Lok Sabha during 1952—57 representing Raisen constituency of the then State of Bhopal. He was elected to the Bhopal Legislature in 1937. He was a Minister in the then princely State of Bhopal and held important portfolios during 1948-49.

A veteran freedom fighter, he actively participated in the freedom struggle and suffered imprisonment for a long period. He organised the movement for the accession of Bhopal and the establishment of responsible Government there.

A dedicated social worker and labour leader, he organised a movement against the practice of untouchability. He was associated with several social organisations. He was keenly interested in the spread of education, welfare of weaker sections of society and in the development of cottage industries. A widely travelled person, he was the author of several publications.

Pandit Chatur Narain Malviya passed away on 30 November, 1985, at Bhopal at the age of 76 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 to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while)

RE : EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF
COMMONWEALTH SPEAKERS AND
PRESIDING OFFICERS

[English]

PROF. N. G. RANGA (Guntur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I have a minute? May I congratulate you on behalf of all Parties in the whole of the Parliament on the excellent opportunity we are going to have by holding the Conference of Speakers of Parliaments all over the Commonwealth over which you are going to preside?

We are surely conscious of the privilege that we achieve through you, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : Thank you. It is the privilege of all of you, Sir.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE (Rajapur) : Why was this secret concealed from us so far?

MR. SPEAKER : It is the eldest of the family who divulges the secret.

[Translation]

It has already been included in the Bulletin.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Proposal to Establish Nickel Project at
Sukinda in Orissa

*470. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES
be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of import of nickel during the last three years and the cost thereof ;

(b) the extent of nickel-ore available at Sukinda in Orissa ;

(c) whether a proposal for establishment of the first nickel project in the country at Sukinda in Orissa is under consideration of the Union Government for a very long time ; and

(d) when this project will be established and the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (d) A statement is given below.

Statement

(a) The extent of import of nickel during the last three years and the cost thereof is indicated below :—

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1982-83	4086	2003.83
1983-84	4351	2156.97
1984-85	16302	9800.00

(b) The nickel ore reserves in the Sukinda area of Cuttack District (Orissa) are estimated at 154.50 million tonnes with 1.05% nickel content.

(c) and (d) Sanction was accorded for a 4,800 tonnes per annum nickel extraction plant, based on the ore deposits in Sukinda and based on indigenous technology in April, 1974. The technology, when tried out on a pilot plant scale, did not yield satisfactory results. It, therefore, became necessary to evaluate the available data. This was undertaken with the assistance of the Canadian International Development Agency. The evaluation brought out the need for additional exploration, laboratory and pilot plant test work before a feasibility report could be prepared. Offers received indicated that the cost of carrying out further studies would be about Rs. 48.71