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*Friday, August 1, 1986/ Sravana 10,
1908 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at
Eleven of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[*English*]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER : I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, namely, Shri Budha Singh Utiya and Prof. Satya Deo Singh.

Shri Budha Singh Utiya was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha during 1962-67 representing Shahdol constituency of Madhya Pradesh.

An agriculturist and educationist by profession, Shri Utiya was keenly interested in the spread of adult education. A well-known social worker, he took active part in rural uplift and community leadership.

Shri Utiya passed away at Shahdol on 29th May, 1986 at the age of 80 years.

Prof. Satya Deo Singh was a member of the Seventh Lok Sabha during 1980-84 representing Chapra constituency of Bihar.

A well-known academician, he served as Professor in a college. A political and social worker, Shri Satya Deo Singh was interested in the spread of literacy and worked for the uplift of the down-trodden. He was an able parliamentarian and took active part in the proceedings of the House.

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Prof. Singh passed away at Patna on 17th July, 1986 at the age of 53 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolence 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.*

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*Translation*]

Strengthening Indo Pak Relations

*224. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps proposed to be taken by Government to further strengthen relations with Pakistan ?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : The Simla Agreement provides the framework for the improvement of relations with Pakistan by committing both countries to the principles of non-interference, peaceful and bilateral settlement of differences and increased trade, travel, cultural and economic exchanges. Government is willing to take further measures in different fields and pursue proposals including those in respect of non-discriminatory trade, cultural exchanges, easing of travel arrangements, exchange of newspapers, journals and release of detainees. The response of the Government of Pakistan is awaited in respect of these proposals.