

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, we meet today after an interval of about two-and-a-half months. Before we start the proceedings, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the passing away of Mr. Samora Machel, President of Mozambique, Shri T. Anjiah, a sitting member and four of our former colleagues namely Sarvashri Suddansu Bhushan Das, Datta Katti, G.S. Reddy and S.A. Muruganatham.

To speak of Samora Machel is to speak of the history of Mozambique. Born into a family of poor farmers in 1933, he threw himself into the struggle for freedom from the colonial rule. Joining the FRELIMO Party at its inception in 1962, he rose to be the Supreme Commander of the FRELIMO Combat Unit in 1967 and leader of the Party in 1969 on the assassination of Eudardo Mondlano. He led his party in an armed struggle to achieve victory and independence for Mozambique. But peace did not come to Mozambique with independence. Africa would be free only when colonialism is eradicated from the Continent. He saw the struggle in Mozambique only as a part of a single movement which would not achieve its end until Rhodesia, Angola and Namibia were liberated and the racist white minority

rule in South Africa eliminated. Angola became independent soon after Mozambique's own liberation. Some years later saw the emergence of an independent Zimbabwe. Namibia still continues to be under the illegal occupation of South Africa. He considered the destruction of apartheid as the political liberation of all the people of South Africa. The death of Samora Machel will not stop the march of history to its final culmination in a free South Africa.

Samora Machel adhered to the principles of Non-alignment. He visited India in 1982 at the invitation of the late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi. He came again to attend the 7th Meeting of the Non-aligned Heads of State/Government. He was here once more to attend the funeral of Smt. Indira Gandhi.

Tempered in long years of struggle, Samora Machel's personality was cast in a heroic mould. He belonged to a generation of valiant fighters against colonialism and oppression. He belonged to entire humanity and his death is mourned by freedom-loving peoples all over the world.

Shri T. Anjiah was sitting member of Lok Sabha representing Secunderabad constituency of Andhra Pradesh. He had been a member of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly during 1957-78 and 1981-84 and of the Rajya Sabha during 1978-80.

Shri Anjiah started his career as a trade union worker on daily wages of six annas. He rose to become the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in October, 1980 and held the office till February, 1982. Earlier, he served as Minister for Labour in the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet during 1972-73 and 1974-77 and also as Minister of State for Labour in the Union Council of Ministers for the first time in 1980 and again from December 31, 1984 till January 20, 1986.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Anjiah gave up his studies to participate in the

Quit India Movement in 1942. Frank and soft-spoken, Shri Anjiah was one of the founder members of the Trade Union Movement in the erstwhile Hyderabad State and President of Indian National Trade Union Congress, Andhra Pradesh Branch during 1952-58. It was during his tenure as the Union Labour Minister in 1980, that payment of bonus was made compulsory in all industries.

A dedicated social worker, Shri Anjiah was instrumental in strengthening the Trade Union Kisan Movement and improving the conditions of weaker sections including minorities and physically handicapped. He took active part in the advancement of children's and adult education and in the efforts at solving the unemployment problem. A widely travelled person, he evinced keen interest in arts, science, engineering and technology.

Shri Anjiah passed away at New Delhi on 18th October, 1986, at the age of 57 years.

Shri Sudhansu Bhushan Das was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha during 1962-67 representing Diamond Harbour Constituency of West Bengal.

A well-known political and social worker, he was associated with several social organisations since his school days. An advocate by profession, Shri Das took active part in spreading education and cooperative movement in rural areas. He was also connected with banking institutions for a considerable period.

Shri Das passed away at Calcutta on 22nd August, 1986, at the age of 71 years.

Shri Datta Katti was a Member of the Second Lok Sabha during 1957-62 representing Chikodi Constituency of the then State of Mysore.

A well-known social worker, he worked for the upliftment of the worker sections of society. He served as the President of Karantak Pradesh Scheduled Castes Federation. Lawyer and teacher by profession, he edited a Marathi weekly for a year. He was also the author of a book in Marathi on Dr. Ambedkar.

Shri Datta Katti passed away at Miraj on 22nd September, 1986, at the age of 65 years.

Shri G.S. Reddy was a Member of the Fourth, Sixth and Seventh Lok Sabha during 1967-70, 1977-79 and 1980-84, respectively, representing Mriyalguda Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Reddy worked for the removal of untouchability and for land reforms. He held various positions in several social and religious organisations and was also the Editor of a Telugu Paper.

Shri Reddy passed away in a tragic road accident on 7th October, 1986, at the age of 69 years.

Shri S.A. Muruganantham was a Member of the Fifth Lok Sabha during 1971-77 representing Tirunelveli Constituency of Tamil Nadu.

A well-known political and social worker, he was associated with several trade unions and social organisations in various capacities. A journalist by profession, he was the Editor of a Tamil fortnightly.

Shri Muruganantham passed away at Tuticorin on 17th October, 1986, at the age of 60 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.

11.08 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

[*English*]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I