

[Sh. Mahabir Prasad] was passing the site and collided with the derailed second class-cum-luggage brake van of No. 413 Up Passenger train. As a result, 4 passengers died and 3 suffered injuries. Divisional Railway Manager, Danapur accompanied by his officers and doctors rushed to the site and necessary medical assistance was rendered to the injured passengers.

Ex-gratia relief to the next of kin of the dead and to the injured is being arranged.

Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle will be holding a statutory inquiry into this accident.

I and my senior Colleague Shri Madhavrao Scindia and all the railway men and women extend our deep condolences to the kith and kin of those who lost their lives and sincere sympathies to the injured in these two unfortunate accidents. I am sure that the House joins us in extending heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

16.14 hrs.

STATEMENT CLARIFYING CERTAIN
REMARKS MADE BY PRIME MINISTER
DURING QUESTION HOUR ON 27-2-
1989.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIMATI SHEILA DIKSHIT): My Chairman, Sir, it is unfortunate that this morning, the opposition chose to walk out of this House on uncalled for grounds. While referring to the reported support of Khalistan by a leader of the opposition, the Prime Minister did not attack the entire opposition. In fact, he did mention and appreciate the role of several opposition parties in condemning and meeting the challenge of terrorism.

It seems that the opposition walk out was part of a politically motivated strategy.

I do hope that with this clarification the opposition Members will come back and join the proceedings of the House.

16.15 hrs.

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—*Contd.*

[English]

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to support the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address moved by Hon. Gadgilji. Sir, the President's Address no doubt is a customary thing. On the opening day of the first session of the Parliament in a calendar year, he addresses both the Houses, but it is of a great significance. His Address essentially is an overview or the summing up of Government's performance and it also aims at giving advice to the nation as a Head of the nation.

Sir, in his Address the President has made a very comprehensive assessment of different spheres of the national activity. He has particularly dealt with the economical, political and foreign affair aspect.

The President has rightly referred to Nehruism. This being the Nehru centenary year, not only we in our country but throughout the world the countries are celebrating the Nehru centenary year. Not only we, the entire world is proud of a son like Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. He is in fact one of the greatest sons of this country and of the entire world. We are really fortunate in having a stalwart like Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru as our first Prime Minister was a doer of deeds and a dreamer of dreams. He himself sacrificed enormously in the freedom movement. We are fortunate to have him as our first Prime Minister. After four decades of freedom, we cannot think for a moment as to what would have happened to India if we did not have a Prime Minister of his calibre or a