

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Wednesday August 6, 1986/
Sravana 15, 1908 (Saka)*

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

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[English]

HOMAGE TO VICTIMS OF FIRST ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED ON HIRO- SHIMA

MR. SPEAKER : Today, 41 years ago, the first atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Thousands of people were killed and many more were maimed and disabled for life. The years that have since gone by have witnessed the development of nuclear weapons that are thousand times more powerful than the atom bomb that fell on Hiroshima. The world community sits on a powder-keg today, for the nuclear weapons in the arsenals of the big powers are capable of destroying all living beings on earth many times over. We, therefore, reiterate the demand of all human kind for an immediate halt to the nuclear race and its extension to outer space followed by steps to dismantle the existing nuclear stockpiles. The determined efforts being made by six countries from five continents and the initiative taken by them to bring about nuclear de-escalation and disarmament are worthy of our appreciation. As they meet in Mexico City in pursuance of their efforts, we convey to them our best wishes for the successful outcome of their deliberations.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while in memory of the victims of the atomic holocaust.

The members then stood in silence for a short while

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Sir, an ex-Member of Parliament from Andhra Pradesh has died and there should be a reference in the House.

MR. SPEAKER : We have already written and when we get the confirmation, we shall do it. If you can write it down on your behalf and if you can certify it, we shall do it.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Forest-based industries

*286. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to start forest-based industries in different States; and

(b) if so, whether work has started in any State in this regard and, if so, what type of industries have been taken up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) The Central Government do not have any proposal to start forest based industries in different States.

(b) Does not arise.

DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Sir, I would like to know why the Government of India do not have any proposal to start