

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, December 6, 1993 | Agrahayan 15,
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*The Lok Sabha met at
Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER : I have to inform the House with profound sorrow about the passing away of Shri Samarendra Kundu, former MP and former Union Minister of State for External Affairs.

Shri Kundu was ill for the past few months and was receiving treatment at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He passed away early this morning. He was 63.

He was a member of the fourth, sixth and ninth Lok Sabha. He was Union Minister of State for External Affairs during August, 1977—July, 1979. He made valuable contributions in the parliamentary debates. His special interests were rural development, education, ecology, environment, trade union movement and international affairs. He was member of various parliamentary Committees, like Estimates Committee and General purposes committee. He was Chairman of the Committee on Environment and forests. He was a member of Consultative Committees on Steel as well as Department of Atomic Energy, Space, Electronics, Ocean Development and Ministry of Science and Technology.

Shri Kundu engaged himself very actively in the socio-cultural development of

Adivasis and rural poor, adult education and improvement of medical facilities. He was associated with several social, cultural and educational institutions.

A widely travelled person, he participated in various international conferences including the World Youth Conference at Tokyo in 1968, 36th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Harare and World Conference on Environment and Ecology in North Korea in October, 1990.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend. I am sure the house will join me in conveying our sincere condolences to Shrimati Kundu and other members of the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

11.03 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum) : We do not want to disturb the Question Hour. But three blasts have occurred in three trains, Bombay Rajdhani, Calcutta Rajdhani and the A.P. Express simultaneously this morning. I do not see the Railway Minister here. I request, through you, that a statement should be laid before the House as soon as possible.

SHRI RAM NAIK (Bombay North) : There has been a fire also in the dining car.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : Some hon. Members have been travelling by the Rajdhani Express.