

LOK SABHA DEBATES

LOK SABHA

Friday, March 1, 1996/Phalgun 11, 1917 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at two Minutes Past
Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Hon Members, I have to inform the House with profound sorrow of the passing away of one of our colleagues Shri Rudasen Chaudhary and three of our former colleagues namely Shri Gopi Ram, Sardar Swaran Singh Sokhi and Shri Bishan Chander Seth.

SHRI RUDRASEN CHAUDHARY : Was a sitting Member of Lok Sabha representing Bahraich Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh. Earlier, he had been a Member of the Sixth and Ninth Lok Sabha representing Kaisarganj parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh during 1977-79 and 1989-91.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Chaudhary worked hard for rural upliftment and for motivating farmers and the agricultural labourers in the values of education and modern methods of agriculture.

An active political worker he had been imprisoned on several occasions for his participation in various movements and satyagrahas.

Shri Rudrasen Chaudhary had special interest in seminars and discussions. He wrote a few articles on problems of agriculture in some journals. He had also organised discussions on the problems of agriculture and allied fields.

An active parliamentarian, he was a Member of several parliamentary and Consultative Committees. He also served as a Member of the Committee on Public Undertakings.

Shri Chaudhary who had been ailing for some time breathed his last in the morning today at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi at the age of 66 years.

SHRI GOPI RAM : Was a member of the First Lok Sabha representing Mandi-Mahasu Parliamentary Constituency of Himachal Pradesh during 1952-57.

He was also a member of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly for three terms during 1957-72.

An active social and political worker, Shri Gopi Ram started his public life as a Member of Mandi Municipality in 1949. He served as a member of Provisional Advisory Committee of Community Projects of his area and was

also a Member of Regional Employment Advisory Committee of Punjab Circle.

A man of masses, Shri Gopi Ram worked hard for the welfare of downtrodden and served as an Associate Member for Himachal Pradesh in the Backward Classes Commission.

Shri Gopi Ram passed away on 22nd September, 1995 at Chadyana near Mandi District at the age of 73 years.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI : Was a member of Fifth Lok Sabha representing Jamshedpur Parliamentary constituency of Bihar during 1971-77.

An active social worker, Shri Sokhi involved himself in the labour movement and worked hard for their welfare.

Sardar Swaran Singh Sokhi passed away on 29th November, 1995 at New Delhi at the age of 71 years.

Shri Bishan Chander Seth was a member of Second and Third Lok Sabha representing Shahjahanpur and Etah parliamentary constituencies of Uttar Pradesh during 1957-62 and 1962-67 respectively.

A businessman by profession, he was a leader of Arya Samaj. Besides, he held various positions in several social and cultural organisations.

A well known social worker, Shri Seth was the Manager and the Secretary of Sardar Patel Hindu Inter College, Shahjahanpur. He authored two books in Hindi.

Shri Bishan Chander Seth passed away on 11th February, 1996 at Brindavan in Uttar Pradesh at the age of 89 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 as a mark of respect to the deceased.

11.06 hrs

*The Members then stood in silence
for a short while*

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Midnapore) : Sir, on a previous occasion also I had pointed out and now I am pointing out again, I do not understand why obituary references are made six months after the hon. Member passed away. Surely there is some mechanism by which information can be obtained earlier by the office. This one gentleman passed away in the last September.

MR. SPEAKER : You will please understand that people are living at distant places. These are references made to the old people and we do not want to make the references without having an authentic report.