

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Wednesday, August 9, 1995/Sravana 18, 1917 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House with profound sorrow of the passing away of our former colleague Chaudhary Sunder Singh.

Chaudhary Sunder Singh was a Member of Seventh and Eighth Lok, Sabha during 1980-89, representing Phillaur parliamentary constituency of Punjab.

Earlier, he had been a Member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly during 1946-80. During his long association with Punjab Legislature spanning well over three decades, he served his home State ably in various capacities. He was Parliamentary Secretary, Government of Punjab during 1946-47. His administrative skills came to fore, while he held the ministerial portfolios of Excise, Taxation and Labour, during 1952-56; Excise and Taxation during 1962-66 in the State Government of Punjab.

A veteran freedom fighter, renowned *Gandhivadi* and a social worker, he strove relentlessly for amelioration of the lot of the depressed and downtrodden classes as well as Landless tenants. He authored a thought-provoking social treatise entitled 'Untouchables'.

A widely travelled person, he nurtured a keen interest in the works of Swami Vivekananda, Guru Nanak and Mahatma Gandhi.

Chaudhary Sunder Singh passed away on 5th August, 1995 at his village Dalia Ramjanpur, district Gurdaspur, Punjab at the age of 89 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure, the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

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

11.02 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

MR. SPEAKER: We propose to take up the references to the fiftieth year's remembrance of the incident in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and of the 9th August, 1942 Quit India Movement immediately after the Question Hour.

Now Question Number 141-Shri Phool Chand Verma.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Ayurvedic Colleges

*141. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Ayurvedic Colleges in the country and the number of students admitted annually in these colleges;

(b) the number of registered Ayurvedic practitioners in the country;