

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, May 30, 1995/Jyaistha, 9, 1917 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met
at Eleven of the Clock

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

[English]

Mr. Speaker : Hon. Members, it is my said duty to inform the House of the passing away of one of our former colleagues, namely Shri R.R. Morarka.

Shri R.R. Morarka was a Member of First, Second and Third Lok Sabha representing Ganganagar and Jhunjhunu Parliamentary Constituencies of Rajasthan from 1952 to 1967.

He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1978 to 1984.

A veteran freedom fighter, he was closely associated with Mahatma Gandhi and actively participated in India's freedom struggle.

A businessman by profession, he served a number of Industrial and financial organisations.

A keen student of Economics, he was a fellow of Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, Bombay.

During his membership of this august House, he had served as Member of various Consultative and Select Committees. He was also the Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts.

A widely travelled person, he had special interest in various games and sports and was member of various sports clubs.

Shri Morarka passed away on 28 May, 1995 at Bombay at the age of 72 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolence 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.

11.04 hrs.

ORAL ANSWERS

[Translation]

PRINTED PRICES OF CONSUMER GOODS

* 761. †Shri Rampal Singh :
Shri Bairaaj Passal :

Will the Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Union Government are aware that the printed prices of the goods being sold in the market are much more than their actual market prices;

(b) If so, whether any action has been taken by the Government to protect the interest of the consumers;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor?

[English]

The Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer affairs And Public Distribution (Shri Buta Singh) : (a) to (d) a statement in laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) The Ministry's attention has been drawn to some Press articles to this effect. The price printed on package is only the maximum retail price and actual selling price may be lower than the market prices.

(b) to (d) The Ministry has constituted in February 1994 an Expert Committee comprising of representatives of Government Departments, Trade and Industry Associations and Consumer Organisations to review and suggest the best method of declaration of retail sale price on pre-packed commodities. The report of the Committee has not been received.

[Translation]

Shri Rampal Singh : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has admitted in his answer that the price printed on the package may be higher than the actual price. I would like to quote some such instances. A paint package shows marked price of Rs. 896 against the the actual retail price of