

LOK SABHA DEBATES

Vol. XXXIII, First day of the Eleventh Session of the Tenth Lok Sabha No. 1

LOK SABHA

Monday, July 25, 1994/
Sarvana 3, 1916 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at
Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

11.02 hrs.

[*English*]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, we are going to make obituary references to our former colleagues who are no more. But, before I make the obituary references to them, we would like to refer to the sad demise of President Kim-II-Sung of North Korea. This House wishes to place on record its profound sorrow and grief at the passing away of President Kim-II-Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. President Kim-II-Sung will be long remembered for his valiant services to his country and as a great revolutionary and nationalist. President

Kim-II-Sung was not only a father figure to his people but his charismatic personality was acknowledged by all. With his passing away, ends an era. He was, till his death, the longest serving leader and was a legend in his life time.

Relations between India and Democratic People's Republic of Korea have always remained cordial and friendly. We also recall President Kim-II-Sung's significant role within the Non-aligned Movement. As recently as April, 1992, President Shankar Dayal Sharma, as Vice President of India, had visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and had the occasion to participate in the 80th birthday celebrations of President Kim-II-Sung.

This House wishes to convey its heartfelt sympathy to the people and Government of Democratic People's Republic of Korea and to the members of the family of the late President.

I have also to inform the House with profound sorrow of the passing away of three of our former colleagues, namely Sarvashri Anant Prasad Dhusia, Tula Ram and Kumari Abha Maiti.

Shri Anant Prasad Dhusia was a member of Fifth Lok Sabha during 1971-77. He represented Basti Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh. An educationist by profession, Shri Dhusia was a devoted social worker and worked for the upliftment of the depressed classes of the society. He also had special interest in the fields of education, cottage industries and fisheries. He took keen interest in the proceedings of the House.

Shri Anant Prasad Dhusia passed away on 27 June, 1994 at Basti at the age of 81 years.

Shri Tula Ram was a Member of Second to Fifth Lok Sabha. He represented Etawah Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh from 1957 to 1962 and Ghatampur Parliamentary Constituency from 1967-1977.

Earlier, he was a Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly during 1952-57.

An agriculturist and teacher by profession, Shri Tula Ram was a member of Lucknow University Court.

A devoted social and political worker, he served as the General Secretary of District Depressed Classes League. He also took special interest in solving the problems of rural people and welfare of the weaker sections of the society.

An active parliamentarian, he also served as a Member of Estimates Committee.

Shri Tula Ram passed away on 27th June, 1994 at Etawah at the age of 80 years.

Kumari Abha Maiti was a Member of Sixth Lok Sabha during 1977-79 and was Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry. She represented Panskura Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal. She was also a Member of Rajya Sabha during 1960-62.

Earlier, she was a Member of West Bengal Legislative Assembly for two terms during 1952-57 and 1962-69. She served the State of West Bengal as a Minister

holding the portfolios of Home, Refugee and Social Welfare during 1962-69.

Kumari Abha Maiti was a freedom fighter and she actively participated in the 'Quit India' Movement in 1942.

A social and political worker, she worked for the upliftment of weaker sections of the society and for the benefit of rural people.

A journalist by profession, Kumari Abha Maiti was the editor of 'Satyagraha Patrika' and was the Chairperson of Editorial Board of 'Juger Dak'. A widely travelled person, she had attended the 12th Congress of the Federation of Professional Women, in Canada, in 1971.

As an active Parliamentarian, she made significant contributions to the proceedings of the House.

Kumari Abha Maiti passed away on 2 July, 1994 at Kuala Lumpur at the age of 69 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to pay homage to one of the great leaders of our time, President Kim-II-Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. He guided the destiny of his nation for over four decades, first as a revolutionary and as soldier; and after the formation of DPRK, as its Premier and later as President. So complete was his identification with his country that he came to personify it. His passing away leaves a void that will be difficult to fill.

President Kim-II-Sung was a strong votary of the Non-Aligned Movement. India's relations with DPRK was very good during his time. The people of India share the grief of the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. I also wish to place on record the condolence of this House on the passing away of this great leader.

We continue to look forward to strengthening our friendly relations with DPRK.

Three former Members of this House passed away in the period after the last Session. Kumari Abha Maiti was a veteran leader. She was one of our important colleagues in the Congress party in those days. She was a freedom fighter who took an active part in the Quit India Movement. She was also a prominent journalist whose writing showed her jealous concern for women and for the rural poor. As a Minister in West Bengal and later as Minister of State for Industry here, she displayed remarkable administrative ability and leadership qualities. She was also a Member of Rajya Sabha for two years.

She maintained a life-long commitment to the uplift of the weaker sections of society.

Shri Anant Prasad Dhusia was a Member from Basti elected in 1971. He took keen interest in social work particularly in promoting education among the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. He took special interest in helping the rural poor in setting up cottage industries in their homes to be able to make a living in the village itself.

Shri Tula Ram was a Member for four successive terms from 1957. He

was also a Member of the Estimates Committee. He did a great deal of work in rural areas and in agriculture. He worked tirelessly for the welfare of the weaker sections of society.

Sir, I would like to place on record our deep condolences to the families of these Members and, of course, to the friendly people of DPRK on this occasion.

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Lucknow): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I and my party share the sorrow and grief expressed by your goodself and by the hon. Prime Minister on the sad demise of the President of North Korea, Shri Kim-II-Sung and Kumari Abha Maiti, Shri Tula Ram and Shri Anant Prasad Dhusia and place our deep condolences on record.

I have had the opportunity of working with Kumari Abha Maiti. Her contribution within the House and outside was very significant. She succeeded in earning a special place for herself in the social life. We all are profoundly grieved on her sad demise.

Shri Tula Ram and Anant Prasad also were Members of 5th Lok Sabha. Their's was a remarkable contribution to the House. I place deep condolences on behalf of myself and my party on record on their demise.

Shri Kim-II-Sung of North Korea was a great leader, a crusader and a nation-builder. There were dissenting differences with his ideology and his way of working but under his leadership, North Korea successfully overcame great challenges and moved ahead on the path of progress after crossing all the obstacles in its way.

I did not get an opportunity to see him personally. I wanted to visit North Korea, *via* South Korea but he was averse to my seeing him after visiting South Korea. He wanted me to visit North Korea directly. According to him it was not proper to visit North Korea *via* South Korea. This also gives an insight into his personality and his style of functioning. Those who know him say that he was a different personality from within than what he looked outwardly. He was a very sensitive, sweet and affectionate personality.

We all share this national mourning of North Korea and I reiterate my solidarity with what you and hon. Prime Minister said in this connection.

SHRI SHARAD YADAV (Madhepura): Mr. Speaker Sir, I and my party join you, hon. Prime Minister and hon. Atalji in expressing our deep condolences on the demise of great leader of North Korea Shri Kim-II-Sung. I agree that North Korea has, today, strongly emerged as a nation and the leadership Shri Sung has provided in unifying this nation emotionally and in its development is unique.

I, on behalf of myself and my party place on record our deep condolences to the bereaved family of a leader whose remarkable life, full of a crusader's zeal, was dedicated to the nation building.

I, too, have had an opportunity of working with Kumari Abha Maiti. She was a Minister here in 1977. All these three Members Contributed actively in the debates and discussions of this House.

Lastly, I once again express my condolences to their bereaved families and thank you.

[English]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): Mr. Speaker Sir, today we grieve the passing away of an outstanding world leader and statesman President Kim-II-Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. President Kim-II-Sung had fought for the liberation of his country and his people from an early age and he had put up a relentless battle against the imperialist forces, whether it be the Japanese Imperialism or the US imperialism. And he was able to free his country from the stranglehold of those countries.

Sir, his contribution towards the practical application of Marxism-Leninism, is for all to see. He realised that the principles of Marxism-Leninism based on a scientific concept, had to be applied in the concrete situation obtaining in his country and there lies his success. That is why, we find that North Korea is a country where there is no unemployment, no poverty and no hunger. He made significant contribution to the improvement of the conditions of the people of his country. And now Sir, we see in stark contrast, what is happening to some of the former socialist countries. He had also been fighting relentlessly for the unification of the two Koreas. A life long fighter against imperialism, believer in the scientific basis of Marxism-Leninism, an exponent and strong supporter of the Non-Aligned Movement and a father figure so far as the socialist world is concerned, his passing away is a great blow not only to the friendly people of the country of North Korea but to all who are striving for the establishment of societies free from exploitation and free from hunger. His passing away has been at an inopportune time, in a sense, because negotiations are going to start on the question of nuclear arms. We

hope that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will continue to follow the ideals and example of President Kim-II-Sung.

We shall continue to have the closest friendly relations with the Government and people of North Korea. Sir, on my behalf and on behalf of my Party I convey our sincerest condolences to the Government and friendly people of North Korea. We hope that this tragic loss will not halt the progress, both of the country and the friendly people of North Korea.

So far as other colleagues, whom we have lost, are concerned, I have had the privilege of working with them in this House since the Fifth Lok Sabha and I distinctly remember their active participation and contribution to the proceedings of this House. I also mourn their loss and I request you, Sir, to convey our sincerest condolences to the members of bereaved families.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA
(Midnapore): Mr. Speaker, Sir, first of all, on behalf of my Party I wish to offer our condolences at the passing away of these three colleagues of ours who made their own contributions to the work of this House.

Kumari Abha Maiti belonged to the District of Midnapore of West Bengal, which district has earned quite a place for itself in the course of freedom struggle, particularly during 1942 Movement. She belonged to a group, I should say, of Congressmen hailing from Midnapore district. We all remember Shri Satish Samant and several other old freedom fighters, both the Congressmen and Communists, who were strong in their own way in the district of Midnapore

which became a bastion of the Freedom Movement. Kumari Abha Maiti was a part of that legacy and she had distinguished herself in the House. She worked as a Minister also in the House.

We shall also miss the absence of our two other colleagues, Shri Tula Ram and Shri Anant Prasad Dhusia.

So far as President Kim-II-Sung is concerned, I had the good fortune to visit his country two years ago as a guest of the Workers Party of Korea. I met him personally and also had for quite a length of time talks with him.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, you have referred and the Prime Minister also referred to the fact that we have very good relations between our two countries, but I must say that it was the ardent desire of the Government, the ruling party and of the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that the Indian Prime Minister should pay at least one official visit to their country which unfortunately was not possible to bring about upto now. Especially, since the Prime Minister visited South Korea, they were all the more eager that a visit to their country should also be arranged. I know the Prime Minister also was quite eager to go, but anyway during the life time of President Kim-II-Sung it could not come about. And, it is a tragic irony also that he passed away, though at a ripe old age, on the eve of the historically crucial moment when for the first time a Summit meeting, face to face meeting, between President Kim-II-Sung and the President of South Korea was about to take place which I think would have gone a long way in restoring peaceful and normal conditions in that part of the world and also helping towards the peaceful re-unification of the country which has been divided. From

our own experience in this country, we all feel that any country once divided, if by the efforts of their own people, can be peacefully reunited on the basis of certain agreed principles, nothing could be better.

Unfortunately on the eve of that historic Summit Conference he has passed away.

All I want to say, Sir, is that, there used to be quite a lot of arcasm and chides, particularly, in the Western Press about the fact that he was always referred to in his country as the great leader. Anybody who visits that country once and sees with his own eyes as to how that country has been transformed and developed over the years under his leadership would not be surprised that his people, at least, do really sincerely regard him as the great leader. I do not wish to add anything but the liberation of his country and its advance to its present position was entirely due to his efforts.

Today, when he has passed away, it is fitting that our country should pay a tribute to his memory. So, Sir, I join with others in hoping that his country will be able to further advance and progress along the path which they have chosen.

[Translation]

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are all grieved by the passing away of our three former senior Members.

Shri Anant Prasad Dhusia was my neighbour in district Basti and, usually, we worked together. One who met him was greatly impressed by his innocent disposition and his deep faith in the

upliftment of the poor and down-trodden. He continued to work for the upliftment of the poor even when he was no more a Member of Parliament. He is not with us today.

Shri Tula Ram was no less than him. I also had an opportunity to work with him. He was greatly interested in social works and did a lot in the creative field. He worked throughout his life for his constituency, his district and particularly for the landless labourers. I am confident that the people of his district will emulate his example and complete his unfinished task.

The innocent nature, smiling face and simple personality of Kumari Abha Maiti left an indelible impression on whosoever met her. She worked tirelessly for the upliftment of the women on national and international level. She had creative suggestions for her mission and was constantly anxious to achieve her goal. I am sure that the path she showed will lead to the upliftment of the country's weaker sections and the women in particular.

I urge you to convey our party's condolences to their bereaved families.

[English]

Mr. Speaker, Sir, President, Kim-Il-Sung will be known in the history as a greater revolutionary and also a great statesman. He will be known as a builder of the modern Democratic People's Republic of Korea. I had an occasion to meet him twice, first about 19 years before and then last I met him was 4 years before.

During my both the visits, I had seen how North Korea has progressed

in all aspects. It is a delight to see a new generation, a vibrant generation and a young generation, full of vitality and the most important thing is that every inch of his land was used for agricultural purposes. He was a man who was always concerned with peace, with international cooperation and he was a great friend of India. In my last meeting, he, specially, conveyed the feeling that he would like that India and Korea should work together along with other Asian countries.

His last concern was the unity of the Asian countries. He could see that there was an onslaught on the developing countries in the field of economics, in the field of politics. Therefore, he was concerned with all this.

He was really working hard for the unity of the developing countries, particularly the Asian people.

I am sure, his loss is not only to the democratic people of Korea but to the entire people who are fighting for peace, who are fighting for building a new world, who are fighting for a new civilization and a new culture.

I would like you to convey our feelings on behalf of my party to the democratic people of South Korea.

SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN (Gobichettipalayam): Mr. Kim-Il-Sung headed North Korea regime in the Second World War when two Koreas came into existence. He had been the President of North Korea for the past 46 years. Throughout his long tenure, he had maintained excellent and cordial relationship with India. I hope the same relationship will continue in the new regime also.

He was a source of strength for peace and solidarity. He had given his support and cooperation to India at the times of crisis. He supported the Kashmir issue and other important issues. In his death, India has lost a good friend.

Three of our former Members of Parliament passed away. They will be remembered for their valuable contribution.

On behalf of AIADMK, I pay my tribute and homage to all of them.

SHRI CHITTA BASU (Barasat): I join you and the Prime Minister and other distinguished colleagues in the House to pay on my behalf and on behalf of my party respectful homage to Kim-Il-Sung, the President of the DPRK and the General Secretary of the Korean Workers' Party.

The world knows that he was a great patriot and universally respected by the people of Korea. He was consistent and valiant fighter against imperialism and neo-colonialism. He was a consistent friend of India.

The people of Korea and the people of India have got many common values to sustain. He lived and worked for building socialism in his country. He lived and worked to defend world peace. He lived and worked to continue the fight against imperialism and neo-colonialism and all kinds of machinations of the warmongers of the world. He had undying faith in the ultimate victory of socialism. He contributed for further enrichment of the universal teachings of scientific socialism by introducing his very scientific idea, which is called the *juchi* idea of applying scientific and universal teachings of Marxism, Leninism in the concrete situation of the country.

His demise is a great loss not only to the people of Korea but to the world forces who are fighting against imperialism, who are fighting against neo-colonialism, who are fighting for the defence of peace, who are fighting, as their goal, for establishing socialism.

On behalf of my party, I, once again, pay my respectful homage to that great leader and great Statesman of the world.

We had lost during the intervening period some of our valued comrades.

Sir, I, on behalf of my party and on my own behalf, also express my grieved shock at the sad demise of Shri Anant Prasad Dhusia, Shri Tula Ram and Kumari Abha Maiti. I had the opportunity of having some close contacts with Kumari Maiti, who worked for the upliftment of the downtrodden, particularly women.

With these words, I thank you.

SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO (Bapatla): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I associate myself with the feelings expressed in the House on the sad demise of the President Kim-II-Sung, President of North Korea. He was a great warrior, nationalist, revolutionary and a great leader. Mr. Speaker, Sir, he was responsible for the development of the whole of Korea and he maintained good relations with India. He was a strong believer of Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, he was the President of Korea for the last four decades. His sad demise is sad not only for the Koreans but for all Asians and all the people. I extend on behalf of my party and on my own behalf, my deep condolences to the friendly people of

Korea. I also express my deep condolences to the family members of Shri Anant Prasad Dhusia, Shri Tula Ram and Kumari Abha Maiti. Thank you, Sir.

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

11.36 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

11.38 hrs.

ORAL ANSWER TO QUESTION

[Translation]

Prime Minister's Visit to Russia

+

*1. **DR. SAKSHIJI:**
SHRI DATTATRAYA
BANDARU:

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime minister visited Russia recently;

(b) if so, the issues discussed by him with Russian leaders and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any agreements were signed during the visit in various spheres;

(d) if so, the salient features thereof and the extent of their usefulness in strengthening bilateral relations; and