

## LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Thursday, August 6, 1992 / Sravana  
15, 1914 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

#### **Homage to victims of First Atomic Bomb Dropped On Hiroshima**

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, this day, we are reminded of the widespread devastation and unimaginable human agony caused by dropping of first ever atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on the 6th August, 1945. Hardly had the world recovered from this shock, another atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Nagasaki in Japan on the 9th August, 1945.

The World had never been same again. The radioactive fallout of the bombs was so intense that even the succeeding generations could not escape its awful consequences. Ever since, the threat of nuclear war with all its catastrophic consequences hung like a damocles sword upon the human race. So, it is not surprising when the World heaved a sigh of relief, when steps were initiated in the direction of disarmament and dismantling of nuclear stock piles.

It is, however, heartening that some efforts are being made to defuse the crisis and dismantle the nuclear weapons. This House, extends its wholehearted support to

all such endeavours which seek to restore Peace in the strife-ridden planet of ours and dismantle the nuclear weapons.

The House may now stand in silence for a shortwhile in memory of the victims of the atomic holocaust.

11.02 Hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a shot while.

11.04 hrs

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: As the hon. Members are aware, Shri Achyut Patwardhan,, an eminent freedom fighter, a Gandhian ,, a Socialist and a thinker passed away on 5 August, 1992 at Varanasi. He was 87.

Shri Patwardhan,, was in forefront in the freedom movement. His role in the Quit India Movement made him a legend. It is a bit strange coincidence that only a few days after we would be celebrating 50th Anniversary of that great event in which he, a soldier of Mahatma-ji,, fought the battle of freedom with British Raj.

Before plunging into Gandhiji's Civil Disobedience Movement in 1932, Shri Patwardhan, worked as a Professor of Economics. During his Professorship, he visited England and other European countries where he came under the influence of socialist and communist ideologies.