

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, December 20, 1993/Agrahayana  
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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### Obituary References

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Honourable Members, I have to inform the House with profound sorrow about the passing away of our colleague, Shri Shiva Sharan Sinha, a sitting member of the House.

Shri Shiv Sharan Sinha died of brain haemorrhage at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi on 18 December, 1993 at the age of 75 years. He represented Vaishali parliamentary constituency in Bihar.

Earlier he was a member of Bihar Legislative Assembly from 1962-68 and 1982-90 and was also a member of Bihar Legislative Council during 1972-76. While being a member of Bihar Legislature, he served with distinction as Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances, and as Convener, Public Accounts Committee and Members' Amenities and Housing Committee.

He also served as Chairman, Bihar State Housing Board and North Bihar, Industrial Development Authority.

He took keen interest in the parliamentary debates.

A close associate of late Shri Jai Prakash Narain and a veteran freedom fighter, Shri Sinha suffered incarceration for participating in the Quit India Movement, 1942.

An agriculturist by profession, he worked relentlessly for the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden.

I have also to inform about the passing away of our three former colleagues, namely, Sarvashree Bhopinder Singh Mann, Girdhari Bhoi and Ram Samujhawan.

Shri Bhopinder Singh Mann was a member of Constituent Assembly during 1948-50, and of Provisional Parliament during 1950-52, representing Punjab.

He was the Finance Minister of Punjab and East Patiala States Union (PEPSU) during 1952-53. He was also member of Punjab Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1962 and served as member of Punjab Vidhan Parishad in 1966-67.

A freedom fighter, Shri Mann suffered imprisonment for participating in freedom movement during 1942-45 and later interned for some time.

He actively participated in the proceedings of the House.

Shri Bhopinder Singh Mann died on 13 September, 1993 at the age of 77 years.

Shri Girdhari Bhoi was a member of First Lok Sabha. He represented Kalahandi Bolangir Parliamentary Constituency of Orissa during 1952-56.

An agriculturist by profession, he was a popular tribal leader and worked for the welfare of tribal people in his area. An outspoken person he opposed caste system and fought for the democratic rights of weaker sections of society. He took keen interest in the proceedings of the House.

Shri Girdhari Bhoi passed away on 14 November, 1993 at Arjungaon in Orissa at the age of 90 years.

Shri Ram Samujhawan was a member of Eighth Lok Sabha. He represented Saidpur Parliamentary constituency in Uttar Pradesh during 1984-89.

Earlier he has a long and distinguished political career, for over a quarter century as a member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1957-84.

He made valuable contributions in the parliamentary debates.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Samujhawan worked ceaselessly for the upliftment and amelioration of the depressed classes of the society.

An active social worker, he served as President, Dalit Varg Sangh.

Shri Samujhawan passed away on 12 December, 1993 at the age of 72 years.

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

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I join in paying tribute to our distinguished colleague, Shri Shiv Sharan Sinha. We remember him with respect and affection as a political leader from the roots of our vast and varied society. An agriculturist by profession, a scholar of science at university, a legislator and a parliamentarian by the choice of the people, he was passionately committed to the social, industrial and economic development of India and he saw its possibilities mirrored in Bihar to which he belonged, in particular, in northern districts from where he hailed. He worked with zeal and purpose to bring home to his people the full fruits of the country's freedom. He himself was personally involved in the freedom struggle and was imprisoned in 1942 Movement. Earlier, he was expelled from his college for activities inimical to foreign rule in India. We will miss his quit but effective presence in this chamber and I join you, Sir, in extending to his family our sympathy and sense of shared loss in their time of grief.

I also join in my heartfelt condolences on the death of Shri Bhopinder Singh Mann, Member, Provisional Parliament; Shri Girdhari Bhoi, Member, First Lok Sabha and Shri Ram Samujhawan, Member, First Lok Sabha and Shri Ram Samujhawan, Member, Eighth Lok Sabha.

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (LUCKNOW): Mr. Speaker, Sir, our hands of death have snatched away yet one more colleague from amidst us. Shri Shiv Sharan

Sinha fought for the independence of the country and he was instrumental in providing a link with the past through his dynamism. During post independence period Shri Shiva Sharan Sinha continued struggle to preserve the independence and to bring about socio-economic changes. He was a source of inspiration for the youth as he was a time tested person. As a parliamentarian his contribution was noteworthy. All of us condole the demise of Shri Sinha, who suddenly left this world, and we also extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. Shri Bhopinder Singh Mann, Shri Girdhari Bhoi and Shri Ram Samujhawan, all parliamentarians, too left this world. We condole their death too.

MR. SPEAKER, Sir, I take this opportunity to register my protest against the delay's in announcing the deaths.

Shri Mann died in September but his death is being condoled only now. An arrangement for timely dissemination of such information should be made for timely condolence.

MR. SPEAKER : We have to confirm the news and we receive such information from the District Collector.

SHRI SHARAD YADAV (MADHEPURA) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Shri Sinha was the main pillar of socialist movement and was an embodiment of honesty and truth. For years he was associated with the socialist movement and was a very active freedom fighter. However, when he departed for his heavenly abode, he was as uncontaminated a soul as it was at the time of birth in this world. His absence will be deeply felt because for years we drew inspiration from Shri Sinha. His

suddenly demise will be felt both by his House, and especially by my party and the whole House will now be deprived of his valuable association. I condole Shri Sinha's death for his impeccable honesty and determination, with which he worked for the country, and I also would like to send my heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family.

Shri Bhopinder Singh Mann, Girdhari Bhoi and Ram Samujhawan too were Members of this House. I condole their death on behalf of my party and on my own behalf and would also like to send my condolences to their bereaved families.

[English]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (DUMDUM) : I join my colleagues in condoling the death of a valued colleague. I personally do not know much about him. I learn from our colleagues that he was a veteran freedom fighter and a socialist. So, we have lost one of the ties with the old ages.

SHRI BHOPINDER SINGH MANN, SHRI GIRDHARI BHOI and SHRI RAM SAMUJHAWAN also belonged to the early stages of our parliamentary democracy. In that sense also, our old connections are getting lost. We mourn this loss. But we take it in our stride that in passing away they bestowed their torches to us. The present Parliament will uphold all that they stood for. On behalf of our party, we send our condolences to the families of all the bereaved.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN (ROSERA) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, four days ago I was

enjoying his company both in the House and in the Central Hall. Nobody had any presage that within two days Shri Sinha would no longer be in our midst. We had close relations with him. His constituency-Vaishali, and mine Hazaribagh, are adjoining and so we worked in unison. As Shri Sharad Yadav have stated, in socialist movement too, we were together. A few people might have remembrance of his face which was serene like sea and unflinching like mountains. At time when we used to get disturbed by political developments, Shri Sinha inspired us. On many occasions Shri Sinha went to jail during freedom struggle and was also expelled from the college. He continued to struggle for those values even after independence.

Not many born upper castes struggle for the oppressed and weaker sections. He fought for them through out his life, Today Shri Sinha is not in our midst. We are too shocked by his death. However, his style of functioning will continue to inspire us for ever. Shri Bhopinder Singh Mann, Girdhari Bhoi and Ram Samujhawan are also not in our midst. Though nobody is immortal but their teachings will continue to guide us in future as well.

With these words, I condole their deaths and also wish that their families would be able to withstand the shock of their death.

SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR (MOTIHARI) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the death of Shri Sinha reminiscences of association with him during the freedom struggle are getting refreshed. He was very close to me and we used to discuss various issues to the problems of the farmers. That's why memories especially pertaining of freedom

struggle, are clearly etched in my mind. I am personally feeling the loss of Shri Sinha. I mourn his death and pray that the bereaved family may withstand his death.

I also pray that the souls of other departed leaders may rest in peace.

HARI KISHORE SINGH (SHEOHAR) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I knew Shri Shiva Sharan Sinha for three decades, who was popularly known as Master Saheb. Right since Shri Sinha jumped into the political arena, he was known for his simplicity. Though thrice he was elected to Legislative Assembly and thereafter to Lok Sabha, yet he did not own more than 3-4 acres of ancestral property. He was a committed leader of the farmers and had strong conviction in socialist thinking. That's why life long Shri Sinha served the poor.

Speaker, Sir, last Friday I dropped him at his flat in my car on way back from Parliament House. However, that journey turned out to be his last voyage. Today, Shri Sinha is not in our midst and I wish his life will continue to be a source of inspiration. I send my condolences to the bereaved family.

[English]

Mr. Speaker : The House will stand in silence for a short while

11.17hrs.

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

MR. SPEAKER; The House stands adjourned to reassemble tomorrow at 11.00 A.M.