

LOK SABHA

Saturday, December 23, 1978/Pausa  
2, 1900 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at five minutes past  
Ten of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

## OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri Mohan Lal Bakliwal who passed away at Bhilai on 21 December, 1978 at the age of 77.

Shri Mohan Lal Bakliwal was a Member of the Second and Third Lok Sabha during the years 1957—67 representing Durg Constituency of Madhya Pradesh. Earlier, he had been a Member of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly during the years 1937—39 and 1954—57.

A veteran freedom fighter, he took active part in the freedom movement and suffered imprisonment on several occasions during the years 1932—42. A prominent social worker, he was associated with several social organisations and served in various capacities in the civic body in his home town. He was also President, Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Durg.

A trade unionist, he was keenly interested in the problems of the working classes and served as President, Bhilai Steel Workers Union. An active Parliamentarian, he made useful contribution to the debates. He also served as Member of the Public Accounts Committee during the years 1954—57.

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 stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

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

10.07 hrs.

## DISCUSSION ON HIJACKING OF AN INDIAN AIRLINES BOEING AIRCRAFT AND THE CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN (Badagara): Mr. Speaker, Sir, before I go to initiate this discussion, through you I want to congratulate the Leader of the Opposition who has attained sixty years. Today happens to be his sixtieth birthday. I am sure that everybody will join me in wishing him as well as Mr. Charan Singh, who is celebrating his Seventy-seventh birthday today many happy returns of the day.

Sir, it is good that the House has found time to debate and to focus its attention on what is, to my mind, and I am sure, to your mind, the most disturbing trend that is asserting itself in our political life today.

What happened on December 20th evening—I refer to the hijacking of the Indian Airlines Plane on its scheduled service—was not an accident. Sir, it was not an accident, because, it is a product of a particular political and social environment and atmosphere. Sir, this is what should cause concern to us and not merely the new manifestation of violent trends and acts of terrorism disturbing the entire international community for the past few years.

Sir in connection with this incident of the 20th December, I would like to pose a few questions.

The first question that would come up in anybody's mind is whether it was an isolated act of some mindless young men. This is the first one.

Secondly, was it political? What is their identity? What is the nature of their demands? What is their motivation?

Thirdly, is it only an isolated incident?

Sir, to my mind, these three questions must be answered before we discuss other peripheral issues.