

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, March 26, 1981/Chaitra 5,  
1903 (Sukla).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*

## OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I deeply regret to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our sitting colleagues, Shrimati Sahodrabai Rai, who passed away this morning at Sagar at the age of 62 years.

Shrimati Rai was also a Member of the Second, Third and Fifth Lok Sabha during 1957-67 and 1971-77.

A veteran freedom-fighter, she participated in the freedom movement and suffered imprisonment. She also participated in the Goa liberation movement in August 1955 and was wounded.

An eminent social worker, she fought for Hindu-Muslim unity and Harijan welfare. She was deeply interested in adult education and promotion of khadi.

She was a member of the Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House.

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.

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

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Metro Trains in Calcutta

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\*536. SHRI MUKUNDA  
MANDAL:  
SHRI CHITTA MAHATA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start running Metro Trains this year on an experimental basis;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether coaches for the Metro Rails are ready;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) what is the probable date of completion of the Metro Rails, estimated total expenditure upto completion and the number of people that will be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):  
(a) to (e). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

### Statement

(a) and (b). No, Sir. Only trial runs are proposed to be carried out to test proto-type coaches on Dum-Dum Belgachia section.

(c) and (d). Eight proto-type coaches being manufactured by I.C.F are likely to be ready by the middle of this year for trial purposes.