

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, April 9, 1981/

Chaitra 19, 1903 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Chaudhuri Lakhan Das who was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha during 1962—67 representing Shahjahanpur reserved constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, he was also a Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly during 1937—52.

As veteran freedom fighter, he participated in national movement and suffered imprisonment.

An eminent social worker, he worked for the uplift of Scheduled Castes and backward classes.

He passed away at Raghunathpur village of Shahjahanpur district on 28th March, 1981, at the age of 85.

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.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Charges for X-Rays in A.I.I.M.S.

*743. KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi charges for the X-rays from the patients;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the other Hospitals like Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital takes no such charges from the patients; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons that the highest medical institution of the Country is not in a position to extend this service free of cost to the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. However, poor and indigent patients are not charged any fee for X-rays.

(b) In Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital also no charges are levied from indigent patients. However, charges at approved rates are levied for X-rays from O.P.D. patients who declare their income to be more than Rs. 500 per month.

(c) It has been reported by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences that charges are levied for X-rays not for the purpose of raising revenues but simply to discourage the tendency of patients with paying capacity to have X-rays etc. done free of cost in the Institute hospital and to get the treatment elsewhere.