

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Wednesday, August 11, 1982/Sravana 20, 1904 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER : I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri S. K. Pottakkatt, who was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha representing Tellicherry constituency of Kerala during 1962-67.

A veteran freedom fighter, he also brought out an underground journal.

An erudite and a renowned writer in Malayalam, he earned several State Sahitya Academy awards and was also awarded the prestigious Bhartiya Jnanapeeth Award in 1980.

He was associated with several cultural and literary organisations in his State.

He passed away at Kozhikode on 6 August at the age of 69.

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.

WELCOME TO THE IRANIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, at the outset, I have to make an announcement.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the hon. Members of the House, I have great pleasure in welcoming His Excellency Hajjat-Ul-Islam Ali Akbar Hashem Rafsanjani, President of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the hon. Members of the Iranian Parliamentary Delegation who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests.

The other hon. Members of the Delegation are :

- (1) Mr. Seyyed Hussein Musaviani, Minister of Mines and Metals
- (2) Mr. Majid Hedayat Zadeh, Senior Deputy Minister of Commerce.
- (3) Mr. Hossein Kazempour Ardebili, Deputy Foreign Minister and in-charge of Economic & International Affairs.
- (4) Dr. Hassan Fereidoun Roohani, M.P.
- (5) Mr. Morteza Kattaceer, M.P.
- (6) Mr. Manuchehr Mottaki, M.P.