# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

#### **OBITUARY REFERENCE**

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Mukunda Mandal, a sitting Member of this House, representing Mathurapur constituency of West Bengal. He passed away at New Delhi last night, at the age of 35. He was being treated for a kidney ailment since July last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

Shri Mandal was also a Member of the Sixth Lok Sabha during 1977-79. He was earlier elected to West Bengal Legislative Assembly in 1971.

An able parliamentarian, he took keen interest in the proceedings of the House.

An educationist, he was a lecturer for some time. He took keen interest in literary work. He was also a social worker and devoted himself to the work of removing the hardships of the downtrodden people in rural areas.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): Mr. Speaker,

Sir, with the passing away of Shri Mukunda Mandal, this House has lost an active Member in his prime age. He was a man of letters who served various educational institutions through the noble profession of teaching. He was a Member of the West Bengal Assembly for the term 1971-76. He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1977 and again in 1980. I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by you, Sir, and request that the same may be conveyed to the members of the family of the departed soul.

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah) : Sir, the death of Shri Mukunda Mandal was so sudden that we did not expect it because only yesterday I met him in the hospital and he talked with me, though he told me that he would not survive. But before that I talked to the Head of the Department half an hour before. The doctor also did not expect it. In the night, I talked to him. He also told me that he did not expect this death in this way.

He was suffering for a long time, but, unfortunately, whenever he had approached our medical centre here, they failed to diagonise the disease. Only at the late hours, when he was diagnosed in Calcutta at had lost two of his kidneys completely. So, he was kept on dialysis in Calcutta. Then he was recommended by Calcutta hospital authorities to come here; and I thank our Speaker and the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs - whenever I raised the problem of his admission they had promptly come forward to give all help. And doctors also tried to save him. I pay my compliments to the efforts made by the

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doctors also. But, unfortunately, some complications developed and yesterday he told us that some congestion in the lungs had started. Then his condition deteriorated though doctors assured us that a new type of dialysis they were thinking of, starting from tomorrow so that he could get relief. He also complained about some trouble in his stomach vesterday.

However, this tragedy has occurred. But in his death we lost a very young and enthusiastic social worker, apart from its being a loss to our Party. Only in this Session, two of the non-official Bills in the list of business for introduction were in his name. He was very much interested in the welfare of the agricultural labourers and poorer sections, down-trodden people in rural areas, and so he brought those two Bills. And, as a member of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes he always expressed his earnest interest about the welfare of those sections of the people.

From his early life he was very active not only in political work, but in social activity also. In 1971 he was elected as a Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. His age was 24 or 25 then. He could not remain an MLA for the complete term because due to the situation in West Bengal at that time, after the elections in 1971, the Assembly was dissolved after a few months. There was another election in 1972 against which we made a complaint that it was totally rigged. However, from the very beginning he was very enthusiastic, he was very active, and he was connected with so many social organisations and he had a very strong desire to survive and play an active role.

He was admitted in the hospital here before the election of the President and he was brought from the

hospital in a wheel chair and he cast his vote. He came to the Central Hall and met all friends. We expressed a hope that he would be cured. But unfortunately, this tragedy has occurred. His wife was with him yesterday. The other relatives were not there. His body is being flown to Calcutta tonight. The body will be placed in our Central Party office at 14. Ashoka Road. Friends who want to pay their homage can come there. The body will be there till the evening and will be flown by he night flight which leaves at 8 p.m.

It is a loss not only for our Party, but also for the poor people of our country. So, through you, I thank the friends who have tried their all best to keep him alive ; but unfortunately this tragedy occurred. His family members are with us; so, there is no question of conveying the sorrow to the family members because they are with us. But we have to appreciate the performance of the doctors also. This may be conveyed to the hospital staff.

श्री रसीद मसूद (सहारनपुर) : मोहतरम स्पीफर साहब, जिस अफसोस का इज़हार ग्रापने फरमाया है, मैं उससे खुद को ग्रौर ग्रपनी पार्टी को शरीक करता हूं । श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल साहब ग्रासमाने-सियासत पर वो उभरता हुग्रा सूरज थे कि हमें यह उम्मीद थी कि शायद ग्रागे चलकर वह हिन्दुस्तान की सियासत में एक ग्रहम मुकाम लेंगे । इस मुख्तर से आजसातसाल के भ्रारसे में जिसमें हमारा ग्रौर उनका साथ रहा है, हमने उनकी परफ़ार्मेन्स पार्लियामेंट में देखी है । जैसा समर मुखर्जी साहब ने फ़रमाया, उनके दिल में गरीबों, पिछड़ों, ग्रीर हरिजन-मादिवासियों के लिए एक उस दर्द का इजहार वह न सिर्फ़ ग्रयनी कांस्टी-ट्यएसी में काम करके करते थे बल्कि प्रसेम्बली हो या पालियामेंट हो, उसमें

उस तकलीफ को किस तरह दूर किया जा सकता है कानून के जरिये, इसमें भी वह पीछे नहीं रहते थे । हम देखते हैं कि जो मुख्तलिफ़ बिल उन्होंने यहां पेश किये, वे यही तबकको भौर यही उम्मीद लेकर पेश किये थे कि इस मुल्क के हजारों-लाखों गरीबों, ग्रादिवासियों भौर पिछड़े वर्गों की तकलीफों को दूर करें । तबक्को यह तो थी कि वे हिन्दुस्तान की सियासत में चमकेंगे, लकिन यह मालूम नहीं था कि वह हमसे इस कदर जल्दी जुदा हो जायेंगे. ।

में समझता हुं फि ग्रगर यह इन्सं।न के हाथ में होता फि ग्रपने ग्रापको बच सकता या रोफ सकता, तो हम सब लोगों की यह कोशिश होती फि फिसी भी तरोके से, कुछ भी फरके उनको बचाया जा सकता । लेकिन यह हमारे हाथ में नहीं है । इसलिये ग्रथवा ग्रप्तसोस फरने के कुछ ऐसा काम करने के जो वह ग्राइन्दा भी याद रखें ग्रीर कुछ नहीं फर सफते हैं । मैं ग्रपनी तरफ से, ग्रपनी पार्टी की तरफ से उनके खानदान के साथ इजहारे ग्रफसोस करता हुं ।

[شری رشید مسعو (سهارندرر) : محترم اسپیکر صاحب - جس افسوس کا اظهار آپ نے فرمایا هے میں اس سے خود کو ارر ایدی پارتی کو شریک کرتا هوں - شری مکدد منڌل صاحب آسان سیاست پر وہ ابہرتا هوا سورچ آسان سیاست پر وہ ابہرتا هوا سورچ آئے چل کر وہ هندوستان کی سیاست میں ایک اهم مقام لی کی سیاست مختصر سے آٹھہ سات سال کے عرص میں جس میں همارا اور ان کا ساتھہ میں جس میں دیکھی ہے - جیسا رہا ہے هم نے ان کی پرفارمیڈس سبو مکھر جی صاحب لے قرمایا ان کے حل میں غریدوں پچھڑوں اور **مریحی** آدی واسیوں کے لئے ایک درد تها اور اس درد کا اظهار ولا نه صرف **اپلی** کانسٹی چیویلسی میں کام کرکے كرتے تھے بلكة (سمبلي ہو يا پارلياميلت کو اس میں اس تکلیف کو کس طرح دور کیا جا سکتا ہے قانوں کے ذریعه اس میں بھی وہ پیچھے نہیں رہتے تھے - ہم دیکھتے میں که جو مختلف بل انہوں نے یہاں پیص کئے وہ یہی توقع اور یہی امید لے کر پیص کئے تھے کہ اس ملک کے **هزارون لاکهون غریجون آدمی وامیون اور** پچہتے ورگوں کی تکلیف کو درر كرين - توقع تو يه تهي كه ولا هلدوستان کی سیاست میں چمکیں کے - ایکن یہ معلوم نہیں تھا کہ وہ هم سے اس قدر جلدی جدا هر جائیں گے -

میں سمجھتا ہوں کہ اگر یہ انسان کے ہاتھہ میں ہوتا کہ اپنے آپ کو بچھا سکتا یا روک سکتا تو ہم سب لوگوں کی یہ کوشک ہوتی کہ کسی بھی طریقے سے کچھہ بھی کر کے ان کو بچایا جا سکتا - لیکن یہ مان کو بچایا جا سکتا - لیکن یہ مان کو بچایا جا سکتا - لیکن یہ مان کو بچایا جا سکتا ہوں ہے ان کر بچتے ہیں ہیں ہیں ہے - اس لئے ملوہ اقسوس کرنے کے اور کچھہ ایسا اور کچتہ تھیں کر سکتے ہیں - میں اور کچت تھیں کر سکتے ہیں - میں ایلی طرف سے اپنی پارٹی کی طرف ایسوں کرتا ہوں -]

अी ग्रटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (नयी दिल्ली): ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय, शरीर फितना नश्वर है ग्रौर जीवन फितना क्षण भंगर है यह कठोर सत्य एक बार फ़िर से श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल के दुखद देहावसान के रुप में हमारे सामने ग्रा गया है । ग्रभी उनकी उम्र ही क्या थी । लेकिन शायद काल के यहां आयु का कोई हिमाब नहीं है । वह कल तक थे हमारे बीच में, लेकिन ग्राज नहीं है । मृत्यू हमेशा दुख-दायी होती है । लेकिन ऐसी मृत्यू जिसे भरी जवानी में मृत्यु कहा जा सकता है हृदय में ऐसी चोट लगाती है जिससे शब्दों में व्यक्त नहीं कर सकते । श्री मण्डल इस सदन के एक सक्रिय सदस्य थे, दलित वर्ग में से ग्रायेथे ग्रौर दलित वर्ग की व्यया को समझते थे । उनके लिये राज-नीती एक मिशन रूप थी। उनके विचारों से किसी का मतभेद हो सकता है, लेकिन एक निष्ठावान राजनीतिक कार्यकर्ता हमारे बीच में से उठ गया उनके निधन से । बड़ी हृदय विदारक परिस्थितियों में यह मृत्यु हई है। उनका श्रभाव हमें खलगा।

हम ग्रपने मार्क्सवादी कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी के मित्नों को विश्वास दिलाना चाहते हैं, ग्रौर श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल के परिवार के सदस्यों को भी, कि इस शोक में वह अकेले नहीं है , हम सब उनके सहभागी हैं श्रौर विश्वास करते हैं कि श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल ने जो काम ग्रपने हाथ में लिया था उनके साथी उसे ग्रागे बढ़ने का निरन्तर प्रयत्न करते रहेंगे ।

SHRI ERA MOHAN (Coimbatore): Hon. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to associate myself and my party the D.M.K. with the sentiments of sorrow that have been expressed by you, Sir, and other Members who have preceded me on the sudden demise of Shri Mukunda Mandal. Shri Mukunda Mandal's premature death has left all of us in a gloom of grief. It is really shocking that he should have been snatched away by death at the prime of his life. I had the opportunity of meetinghim and discussing withhim several national problems. He used to tell me that as elected Members of the people we have a duty to perform to the electorate. He was a man imbued with ideals and he was working assiduously in translating his ideals into action. Whenever he spoke in the House, he spoke in earnestness and effectively. His death is an irreparable loss to the nation, to this House and to his party the Communist Party (Marxists).

On my own behalf and on behalf of D.M.K., I request you kindly to convey our heartfelt sorrow to the bereaved family of Shri Mukunda Mandal and also I wish to convey my condolences to the Members of CPM who have lost a valuable colleague.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East): Sir, on behafl of the Janata Party, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by you, the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and my colleagues here:

The most significant thing about Shri Mandal was his dedication to the cause. He was a young man, a very well educated person, who had been a teacher in a college. I am quite sure that today the peasantry of Bengal, of whom he was the leader and whose interest was at his heart, would be very sad indeed.

On behalf of my party, I would like the family members and all his supporters to receive our heartfelt condolences on his death.

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SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Basirhat): Sir, we all have to go some time. But it is extremely painful when some body is taken away by the cruel hand of death at such an early age. The last occasion on which I saw Comrade Mukunda Mandal was the day when he was brought here in a wheel chair to cast his vote in the Presidential election. At that time I was told by other friends that he is on the road to recovery and is expected to be well soon. So, it came as a great shock to know that he has suddenly passed away.

Comrade Mukunda Manda was, of course, a college teacher, coming from the Scheduled Caste. But he was, first and foremost, a grass root worker among the people in his locality. He dedicated his life particularly to the cause of poor agricultural labourers and poor peasants of his area. The fact that he was so popular amongst them can be gauged by the fact that they elected him three times, once to the Assembly and twice to this House.

He was an active and energeti<sup>C</sup> member of this House. But his disposition was always very quiet and very unassuming. That is why perhaps many members, when they heard the news of his demise, were not able to place him immediately, for I heard many members asking who is the member who has died". He would never thrust himself on other people. He was very active and unassuming. In his death we have suffered a great loss.

I do not wish to add anything more to what Comrade Samar Mukherjee has said, except to say that on behalf of myself and my party, I want to extend our heartfelt sorrow and condolence to his family as well as to his party. I hope that all the members of this House will join us in expressing this feeling. श्री ए० नोजॉलोहियाद सन नॉडार (त्रिवेन्द्रम) : श्रघ्यक्ष महोदय, हमारे युवक साथी श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल के ब्राकस्मिक निधन पर शोक प्रकट करते हुए ब्रीर श्रद्धाजंली ब्रपित करते हुए ब्रापने ब्रौर सदन के नेताग्रों ने जो विचार प्रकट किये हैं, उनसे में पूर्ण रुप से ब्रपनी सहमति प्रकट करता हूं ।

इतनी कम उम्र में श्री मुकुन्द मण्डल का निधन बहुत दू:ख की बात है । जैसा श्री समर मुखर्जी ने बताया चाहे सामाजिक क्षेत्र हो, राजनीतिक क्षेत्र हो या शिक्षा का क्षेत्र हो उनकी देन सरा-हनीय है । उनसे ग्रौर भी सेवाग्रों की प्रतिक्षा हम कर रहे थे ग्रौर वे भी सेवा प्रतिक्षा हम कर रहे थे ग्रौर वे भी सेवा प्रतिक्षा हम कर रहे थे ग्रौर वे भी सेवा प्रतिक्षा हम कर रहे थे ग्रौर वे भी सेवा प्रतिक्षा हम कर रहे थे ग्रौर वे भी सेवा प्रतिक्षा हम कर रहे थे ग्रौर वे भी सेवा में जब कि देश की वामपन्थी शक्तियों का एकीकरण भारत के भविष्य के निर्माण में महत्वपूर्ण वन गया है, ऐसी हालत में उनका निधन हमेशा के लिये कष्ट की बात है ।

उनके निधन पर मैं ग्रपनी ग्रौर ग्रपनी पार्टी की ग्रोर से शोक प्रकट करते हुए श्रद्धाजंली ग्रपित करता हं ।

श्वते राम विसास पासवान (हाजीपुर) : ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय मुकुन्द मण्डल जी के साथ मुझे काफ़ी समय रहने का मौका मिला । संयोग से 1977 से ग्रौर उसके बाद दोबारा 1980 में हुए चुनाव के बाद भी हम लोग खासकर एक ही कमैंटी शैंडयूल्डका स्टस ग्रौर ट्राइब्स में हम लोग ग्रौर प्रायः हम दोनों एकही कमर रहा करते साथ ही रहे थे। देखने में भीतर से जहां वे उग्र लगते थे, ग्रपने सिद्धान्त ग्रौर ग्रपनी ग्राइडियौलौजी के प्रति वे ग्रटल थे, वही बहुत कम लोगों को मालूम है कि वे बहुत ग्रच्छी कविता भी जानते थे । ग्रवछे लेखक थे । भले ही उनकी II

कविताएं थ्यौरी के ग्राधार पर बंगला भाषा में होती थीं, लेकिन यदि कोई भले ही उस भाषा को न समझे फिर भी उसके भाव को महसूस कर उद्वेलित हो जाता था । इसलिए वे जहां भीतर से ग्रपने सिद्धान्तों के प्रति काफी कमिटिड थे, वहीं उपपर से उतने ही शांत थे । जैसा यहां इन्द्रजीत बाबू ने कहा बहुत कम लोगों को उनके संबंध में मालूम था मौर वे इतने सीधे थे ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय, कि में उनके विषय में ग्रापको एक कहानी बताना चाहता हूं।

यहां पर नंदी येल्लैया साहब बैंठे हुए हैं । हम लोग एक बार नागालैंड गए थे । वहां पर एक दिन हमने उनसे पूछा कि मुकुन्द जी ग्राप इनको पहचानते हैं । उन्होंने जवाब दिया कि नहीं तो हमने कहा कि ये यहां के गवर्नर हैं । बस, फिर वे उनके साथ ग्राधे घन्टे तक उसी रुप में वात करते रहे, जैसे वेयहां के गवर्नर हों । जब कि वे हमारे ग्रपने साथी ही थे। उनको अपने सांथियों के बीच में इतना प्यार था कि वे हमेशा मौहब्बत के रिश्ते हर एक के साथ रखते थे। लेकन विड-म्बना देखिए फि फभी हम लोग चाहे कुछ भी सोचते रहें, सारी चीजें हम लोग करते हें उसके बावजूद भी एक दिन एक दूसरे से जुदा होकर चले जाते हैं। राजनीति में रहकर आदमी में कुछ दूसरी प्रकार की भावना उत्पन्न होने लगती हैं। म्राज ऐसे साथी, हमारे बीच में नहीं रहे ग्रौर वे हमसे इतना दूर चले गए हैं, सदा के लिए कि हम लाख प्रयास के बावजूद लाख बुलाने के बावजूद उनके नहीं से मल सकते । ग्राज सिर्फ उनकी यादगार ही रह गई है। वे ग्रव दोवारा हमारे बीच नहीं ग्रा सकते हैं । ऐसी परिस्थिति में हमारे पास सिवाय दुख और संवेदना प्रकट करने के कोई

दूसरी चीज नहीं रहती । मैं ग्रपनी ग्रोर से अपनी पार्टी की ग्रोर से, उनके परिवार, उनके दल के सदस्यों के प्रति संवेदना प्रकट करता हूं और सरकार से भी आग्रह करता हू कि इतनी कम उम्र में हम लोगों से विदा हुए हैं, उनके परिवार के लिए उनके बच्चों भी होंगे, उनके सम्बन्ध में कुछ कर सके, कुछ दे सके तो ग्रच्छा होगा ।

मैं इन्हीं शब्दों के साथ उनके प्रति श्रद्धाजंली प्रकट करता हं ।

श्री राजेन्द्र प्रसाद यादब (मधेपुरा) : ग्रध्यक्ष जी, मुकुन्द मण्डल जी आज हमारे बीच नहीं रहे । इस खबर पर विक्वास नहीं होता। वे कितने सकिय राजनीति में रहे हैं, उसका सबूत है कि जैसा स्राप प्रायः देखेगें उनके नाम कितने बिल्स ग्रौर रिजोल्युशन्स हैं ग्रौर वे इस सदन में बहुत ग्रधिक एक्टिव रहे हैं । ग्राज वे हमारे बीच में नहीं हैं, यह सुनकर बड़ी तकलीफ होती है । मैं ग्रपनी ग्रोर से ग्रौर ग्रपने दल की ग्रोर से संवेदना प्रकट करता हूं ग्रौर ग्रग्रापके द्वारा तथा सदन में विभिन्न दलों केनेताग्रों के द्वारा जो संवेदना प्रकट की गई है, उसमें ग्रपने को शामिल करता हुं और चाहता हूं कि आप उनके शोक-संतप्त परिवार को यह संवेदना पहूंचा दें।

SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI (Berhamepore): On my behalf and on behalf of my Party I associate myself with the sentiments that have been expressed from all sides of the House on the sad demise of Comrade Mukunda Mandal,

Those of us from West Bengal who are privileged to know him rather intimately, have been feeling very shocked to learn this morning of his sudden death, when we were

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hoping that he would soon recover and come to this House. Anyway, that was not to be. He was one of the most active and younger Members of this Parliament who also served his constituency, particularly the downtrodden Scheduled Castes and labourers in his area.

I again express my heart-felt sorrow.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN (Cooch Behar) : Shri Mukunda Mandal is no more amongst us. We have lost Shri Mukunda Mandal an energetic and promising comrade.

Man is mortal. Everyone will have to die to-day or to-morrow. We mourn for them. But it is more pathetic when we elders mourn for the young, a young man of 35. He is no more.

On behalf of my party, Forward Bloc and myself, I pay my respect and homage to the memory of Prof. Mandal.

SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA (Ponnani) : The sad and premature demise of Shri Mukunda Mandal is like setting of the rising Sun. He was a young and energetic Member of this House. On behalf of my party, the Muslim League, I associate my-self with the sentiments expressed on his sad and sudden demise.

We request you to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family of the bereaved.

The Members then stood in Silence for a short while.

MR SPEAKER : As a mark of respect to the deceased, the House now stands adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. tomorrow

## 11.28 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Friday, October 22, 1982/Asvina 30, 1904 (Saka)