

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, December 8, 1981/

Agrahayana 17, 1903 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER (in the Chair)]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri Chhotubhai Mankanbhai Patel, who was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha during 1962—67. Earlier, he was a Member of the then Bombay Legislative Assembly during 1952—60 and of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly during 1960—62. He also served as a Deputy Minister in the then Bombay State and Gujarat State.

An agriculturist and a social worker, he took keen interest in rural uplift, cooperative movement and welfare of backward classes.

An active parliamentarian, he took keen interest in Lok Sabha proceedings.

He passed away at Baroda on 30 November, 1981, at the age of 76 years.

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).

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WELCOME TO THE SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY DELEGA- TION

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

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Hon'ble Members of the House, I have great pleasure in welcoming His Excellency M. V. V. Kuznetsov, First Deputy Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and the Hon'ble Members of the Soviet Parliamentary Delegation who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests.

The other hon. Members of the delegation are:—

(1) Mr. Vladimir Pavlovitch Orlov, M.P.

(2) Mr. Tukhtamysh Baimirov, M.P.

(3) Dr. (Mrs.) Irina Nikolayevna Blokhina, M.P.

(4) Mr. Anatoly Bomanovitch Korotnikov, M.P.

The delegation arrived here yesterday afternoon. They are now seated in the Special Box. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to His Excellency the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR Mr. L.I. Brezhnev, His Excellency the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR Mr. N.A. Tikhonov, the Supreme Soviet, the Government and the friendly people of the Soviet Union.