

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Friday, March 2, 1979/Phalgun 11,  
1900 (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 Dr. Jairamdas Daulatram, who was a Member of the Constituent Assembly from 1946 to 1950. Earlier, he had been a Member of the Bombay Legislative Council from 1927 to 1929.

A veteran parliamentarian, Dr. Jairamdas Daulatram served as Minister of Food and Agriculture in the Government of India from 1948 to 1950. An able administrator, he held the high office of the Governor of Bihar from 1947 to 1948 and of Governor of Assam from 1950 to 1956.

He was a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1959 to 1976.

He joined the Home Rule movement of 1915, non-cooperation movement of 1921, civil disobedience movement of 1930 to 1934, and the Quit India Movement of 1942 and suffered imprisonment several times.

He was a dedicated Gandhian and participated activity in the social service programmes organised by Gandhiji.

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Dr. Jairamdas Daulatram passed away at New Delhi on 28 February, 1979 at the age of 87.

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 as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Loans to rural applicants by Nationalised Banks in Maharashtra

\*162. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR N. PATIL: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that many of the nationalised banks in Maharashtra do not advance loans to the rural applicants residing beyond 15 miles radius of their branch headquarters; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to meet the credit requirements of poor farmers and weaker sections situated in the interior parts, especially in a district like Dhule in Maharashtra with its headquarters about 75 to 100 miles away from the poor Adivasis residing at the foot-hills of Satpuda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): (a) The Reserve Bank had issued guidelines to commercial banks in 1970 indicating that each bank branch should broadly