

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Tuesday, March 8, 1979/Phalgun  
17, 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 one of our former colleagues Shri R. K. Khadiikar, who was Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha from March 1967 to November, 1969. Shri Khadiikar was a Member of the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabhas from 1957 to 1977. He also served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Supply and a Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance from November, 1969 and June, 1970. Later he became a Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Rehabilitation in 1971.

A renowned social and political worker, he played a prominent role in the freedom movement and suffered imprisonment several times from 1930 to 1945. He joined the Youth League Movement in 1928 and became Secretary, Maharashtra Youth Congress in 1931.

He was a delegate to the Asian Peace Conference held in China in 1952 and a delegate to the World Agricultural and Forestry Workers' Conference held in Vienna in 1953. He was a Member of the Parliamentary Delegation which visited U.S.A. in 1963. He was a Member of a delega-

tion to the Middle-Eastern countries in 1965. He also served as Chairman, Study Team appointed by the Government to examine the Iron and Steel Control Organisation.

A man of versatile ability, he served in various capacities during his long parliamentary career. He served as a Member of the Estimates Committee from 1957 to 1959 and of the Public Accounts Committee from 1962 to 1964.

Shri Khadiikar was a Member of the Poona University Court and Executive Committee and of the Poona Branch of the Indian Council of World Affairs.

Shri Khadiikar had literary taste. He was interested in international affairs particularly in the socio-economic aspects of development in the under-developed regions of Africa and Asia.

He published a book on the developments in China after liberation.

Shri Khadiikar passed away at Pune in Maharashtra in the early hours of 6 March, 1979, at the age of 73.

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.