

LOK SABHA

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR SPEAKER: Hon members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri M. Huche Gowda, who passed away at Chikmagalur on the 1st March, 1974 at the age of 74

Shri Huche Gowda was a member of the Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1967—70. He had also been a member of the Representative Assembly of Mysore during the years 1931—37 and later of the Constituent Assembly of Mysore, Mysore Legislative Council and Mysore Legislative Assembly. He participated in the freedom movement and suffered imprisonment. He took active interest in the welfare of Harijans and development of village industries, particularly khadi

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 PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are deeply grieved at the passing away of Shri M. Huche Gowda who was a member of the Fourth Lok Sabha.

Shri Gowda began his public life in his district where he served as Bench Magis-

trate and also as a member of the District Board. But the call of freedom drew him into our struggle for independence and he courted imprisonment.

Shri Gowda became a prominent and active member of our party in what was then known as Mysore. He served the people of Mysore in the Mysore Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council. He took keen interest in rural development and in the welfare of Harijans.

May I request you to convey our deep sympathy and condolences to the bereaved family?

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of my Party, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed here at the demise of Shri M. Huche Gowda. I request you to convey our condolences to the bereaved family.

DR RANEN SEN (Barasat) On behalf of the Communist Party of India group in this House, I deeply mourn the death of Shri Gowda and request you to convey our condolences to the bereaved family.

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी (शाजापुर) : अध्यक्ष जी । श्री हुच्चे गोडा पिछली लोक सभा के सदस्य थे । उनको व्यक्तिगत रूप से जानने का मुझे मौका मिला था । यद्यपि इस सदन की कार्यवाही में वे अधिक सक्रिय हिस्सा नहीं लेते थे परन्तु अपने क्षेत्र के वे काफी सक्रिय थे । एक ज्ञान, मरन और विनम्र स्वभावी व्यक्ति आज हमारे बीच से उठ गया है । मैं अपने दल और अपनी ओर से भगवान से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि वे दिवंगत आत्मा को सद्गति प्रदान करें तथा आप हमारी ओर से हमारी श्रद्धेयता उनके परिवार तक पहुंचाने का कष्ट करें ।

SHRI MOHANRAJ KALINGARAYAR (Pollachi): On behalf of the D.M.K., I express my deep sympathy on the sudden demise of Shri M. Huche Gowda. Please convey our feelings to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI P. M. MEHTA (Bhavnagar): On behalf of my Party, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by your goodself and the Leader of the House on the passing away of Shri M. Huche Gowda. May God give his soul peace.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE (Rajapur): Shri Huche Gowda was an old comrade and colleague of ours. I knew him personally for a long time. He was a valiant fighter in the freedom struggle. Everyone who came in contact with him knew very well that he had deep interest and sympathy for the downtrodden, particularly the Scheduled Castes and the Adivasis. He worked for their cause.

I join you and other leaders of the various parties in expressing my deep-felt sorrow and request you to convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

MR. SPEAKER: The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

...The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Allotment of Funds for Control and Eradication of Communicable Diseases

*222. **SHRI PURSHOTTAM KAKODKAR:**

SHRI RAGHUNANDANLAL BHATIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are laying emphasis, by providing more funds, for con-

trol and eradication of communicable diseases; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The outlays on control of communicable diseases has been progressively increased from 23.10 crores in the First Plan to Rs. 168.61 crores in the Fifth Plan.

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: Will the hon. Minister give a broad, but concrete idea as to how many persons in 1973 were affected by small-pox, TB, VD, cholera and leprosy and how many lives were claimed by all these diseases?

DR. KARAN SINGH: We are now in very early 1974 and I do not think it will be possible to give all these comprehensive figures yet for 1973. But we do have a statistical organisation which looks into this. It will take a little time before we get these figures.

MR. SPEAKER: Ask some questions which can arise out of your main question which is about the provision of funds

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: Unless we have the basis for these diseases, how can we provide funds? We provide funds only on the basis of the existing diseases. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister what is the position of each of these diseases.

MR. SPEAKER: A broad outline may be given.

DR. KARAN SINGH: In regard to malaria, as you know, there was a very significant breakthrough in dealing with this with this problem. 91 per cent of the population has so far been evaluated in depth and is being generally covered by the programme, but nine per cent still remains. Malaria disease, as you know, is beginning to come back in some areas, because the mosquito is getting the immunity.