

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, July 6, 1971/Asadha 15, 1893 (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 Shri Rup Narain who passed away at New Delhi on the 4th July, 1971, at the age of 46.

Shri Rup Narain was a Member of the First and Second Lok Sabha from Mirzapur Constituency of Uttar Pradesh during the years 1952-62. He had been taking great interest in the uplift and welfare of the backward classes, agriculturists and landless labourers.

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 HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Sir, the House joins you in the sentiments that you have expressed. We are deeply grieved to hear of the passing away of Shri Rup Narain at such an early age. It is a loss to the public life of U. P. where he was an active worker of our party.

Shri Rup Narain was influenced by the nationalist movement early in life. He was still a student of the Kashi Vidya Peeth when he decided to devote himself to constructive activities. He took a leading part in the Banaras District Board and was very active in trade union work in Banaras. As you have mentioned, he concerned himself specially with the cause of landless labour, the poor peasant and generally with the work of upliftment of the harijans. In

recognition of his services he was elected to the Lok Sabha for two terms. He was an active member here and I believe he made many friends. I request you, Sir, to convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI A. K. GOPALAN (Palghat): Sir, on behalf of my party, I wish to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House on the sad demise of Shri Rup Narain and I request you to convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE (Kanpur): Sir, on behalf of my group, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the hon. Prime Minister. I remember that during 1957-62 whenever we had any discussion regarding the backward classes, or people who were suppressed and oppressed in society, my friend, the late Shri Rup Narain always championed their cause. I also know the active part that he took in the students' movement and, later on, in the kisan movement. All of us who were in Lok Sabha during 1957-62 will never forget his ardent desire to champion the cause of the oppressed people. Sir, I request you to convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय (मुरेना): अध्यक्ष महोदय, श्री रूप नारायण जी के देहावसान पर प्रधान मंत्री जी ने जो दुःख प्रकट किया है, मैं और मेरी पार्टी भी अपने आपको उसमें सम्मिलित करते हैं। हम भगवान से प्रार्थना करते हैं, वह उनकी आत्मा को शान्ति प्रदान करे।

SHRI M. SATYANARAYAN RAO (Karimnagar): Sir, on behalf of my party, the Telengana Praja Samiti, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House. I request you, Sir, to convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI C. CHITTIBABU (Chingleput) : Sir, on behalf of the DMK, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House.

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA (Patan) : On behalf of my party, Congress Party (Organisation) and my own behalf I would like to join the sentiments expressed by the hon. Prime Minister.

SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH (Sidhi) : On behalf of the Independent Group, I would like to express our deep condolences on the sad demise of Shri Rup Narain.

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

The Lok Sabha then stood in silence for a short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Demand by West Bengal Government for more Aid for Development of Industries

*931. **SHRI SAMAR GUHA** : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the West Bengal Government made a representation to the Central Government for increased allocation of aid by the Central Government for development and recovery of industries in West Bengal ;

(b) if so, the main features of the representation ; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

While no formal representation has been received from the West Bengal Government for increased allocation of aid by the Central Government for development and recovery of industries in West Bengal, the West Bengal

Government have from time to time represented for rapid industrial development and economic recovery of the State, particularly the Calcutta Metropolitan District area and the Haldia region. The Central Government are aware of the problems of the State.

The following steps have been taken to improve the industrial climate in the State.

(i) Government have recently set up the Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India Ltd., with headquarters at Calcutta, mainly with a view to tackling the financial and other problems of industrial units in the country, particularly in West Bengal, to begin with. The paid-up capital of the Corporation would be Rs. 10 crores. It will deal with the problems relating to rehabilitation of sick and revival of closed industrial units ;

(ii) Government of West Bengal have sanctioned a package of incentives such as refund of sales-tax, interest-free long term loans, refund of entry taxes in specified cases and assistance from the State Financial Institutions for the sick/closed units ;

(iii) Provision has been made in the Import Policy for 1971-72 for advance allocation of imported raw materials to closed industrial units particularly in West Bengal, to enable them to re-start their manufacturing activities ;

(iv) Work has already been started in the Calcutta Metropolitan District Area for improving water supply, sewerage, transportation, housing, *bustee* improvement, etc. The development programme is being speeded up ; for this purpose an outlay of Rs. 150 crores for the 4th plan period has been earmarked.

(v) Proposals are under consideration for setting up a Shipyard and a petro-chemical and fertiliser complex in Haldia besides speeding up the Refinery and Dock Projects there ;

(vi) 8 industrially backward districts viz. Purulia, Bankura, Midnapur, Darjeeling, Maldaha, Cooch Bihar, West Dinajpur and Murshidabad have been selected in West Bengal and these will qualify for concessional finance from financial institutions to industries started there. One of these districts viz. Purnia is also eligible for 10% Central grant subsidy on the fixed capital investment for industries to be located there.