

## LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Tuesday, April 25, 1972/Vaisakha 5, 1894  
(Saka)

*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 H. Sitarama Reddy who passed away at Salem on the 21st April, 1972 at the age of 72.

Shri H. Sitarama Reddy was a Member of the Constituent Assembly during the years 1946-48 and of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952-53 representing Kurnool constituency of the then State of Madras. Earlier, he was a Member of the Madras Legislative Assembly. He was also a Minister in the Madras Government during 1947-52.

We deeply mourn the loss of this distinguished 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, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are deeply grieved to hear of the demise of Shri Sitarama Reddy, and I fully associate myself with the sentiments that you have expressed.

Shri Reddy was, of course, a Member of the First Lok Sabha, but he began his

public life in his home district of Bellary where he was a member of the district board and also a member of the District Famine Committee and District Educational Committee.

He was deeply interested in labour problems, and led the Indian Delegation to the ILO Regional Conference in Ceylon, the Conference in Geneva, and the ILO Industrial Committee on Inland Transport in Brussels. He was also a leader of our delegation to the ECAFE Session in Ootacamund.

Scientific research particularly in the field of agriculture was another subject in which he took active interest. He was a member of the Indian Central Cotton Committee and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. He also served as a member of the governing body of the CSIR.

Our sincere condolences and sympathies may please be conveyed to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI DASARATHA DEB (Tripura East) : We share in the feelings of sorrow expressed by the Prime Minister on the sad demise of Shri H. Sitarama Reddy, and I would request you to communicate our condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE (Kanpur) : On my behalf and on behalf of my party, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the hon. Leader of the House, the Prime Minister, and I request you to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family members of late Shri H. Sitarama Reddy.

डा० लक्ष्मी नारायण पांडेय (मंदसौर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपने दल की ओर से श्री रेड्डी के दुःखद देहावसान पर हार्दिक शोक व्यक्त करता हूँ और आप से अनुरोध करता हूँ

कि हमारी संवेदना सतत परिवार तक पहुँचाने की कृपा करें।

**PROF MADHU DANDAVATE** (Rajapur) I associate the Socialist Party with the sentiments expressed by you on the sad demise of Shri H Sitarama Reddy and I would request you to convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family

**MR SPLAKER** As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, we may stand in silence for a short while

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

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**इन्दौर-महू रेल लाइन (पश्चिम रेलवे)**  
को बड़ी लाइन में बदलना

\*541 श्री फूलचन्द बर्मा क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 26 मार्च, 1972 को इन्दौर में हुए पश्चिम रेलवे कर्मचारी यूनियन के वार्षिक सम्मेलन में उन्होंने यह कहा था कि रेलवे अधिकारी इन्दौर रेलवे लाइन का बड़ी लाइन में बदलने की सम्भावनाओं के संबंध में उन्हें शीघ्र ही एक रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करेंगे, और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उक्त रिपोर्ट कब तक प्राप्त होने की सम्भावना है ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI)** (a) and (b) Yes, Sir It has been decided to carry out a rapid engineering and traffic survey for extension of the broad gauge line from Indore to Mhow The Survey Report is expected to be available by about December, 1972

श्री फूलचन्द बर्मा अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि रिपोर्ट तैयार करने समय किन-किन पहलुओं

को ध्यान में रखा गया है ? क्या इस क्षेत्र की मैनिक आवश्यकताओं और औद्योगिक पिछड़ेपन को ध्यान में रखा गया है ?

श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी : जी हाँ, इन तमाम बातों को ध्यान में रखा गया है।

श्री फूलचन्द बर्मा माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया है कि सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट दिसम्बर तक प्राप्त हो जायेगी। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस छोटी सी लाइन के टुकड़े को, जो केवल 14 मील का है, बदलने में किनना समय लगेगा और यह कब तक पूरी होने की सम्भावना है ?

श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी यह 21 किलो-माटर का टुकड़ा है, इसके सर्वेक्षण में कुछ वक्त लगेगा और जेमा में तारीख बतादी है कि दिसम्बर, 1972 तक इस की रिपोर्ट आ जायेगी उसके बाद काम शुरू हो जायेगा।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय इन्दौर एक बड़े महत्व का औद्योगिक नगर है और मध्य प्रदेश का एक प्रमुख नगर है, इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए इसको खण्डवा तथा अजमेर में बड़ी लाइन से जोड़ा जाय-क्या सर्वेक्षण में इस बात का ध्यान रखा गया है ?

**MR SPFAKER** It is a suggestion for action

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय हाँ या ना मैं उत्तर दिलाइये।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जहाँ जो सर्जि आता है जोड़ देने है।

### Depletion of Ground Water Resources in Chittoor District Andhra Pradesh

\*543 **SHRI P NARASIMHA REDDY** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the rapidly depleting ground water resources in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh,