

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Friday, April 20 1974/Vaisakha 6,
1896 (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 Y. Gadlingana Gowd and Prof. Ramdhari Singh Dinkar.

Shri Gowd was a Member of the First and Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1953-57 and 1967-70 representing Kurnool constituency. He was a member of the Panel of Chairmen during the years 1968-70. He served on the Public Accounts Committee during 1955-56, and Estimates Committee during 1956-57 and 1967-69 and on several other Parliamentary Committees. He was an agriculturist and took keen interest in the welfare of the people of his State. He was associated with a number of educational, co-operative and other welfare societies. He passed away at Yemmiganur on the 18th April, 1974 at the age of 66.

All of us learnt with great sorrow the sudden passing away at Madras, on the 24th night, of Prof. Ramdhari Singh Dinkar. A great poet, an educationist and symbol of refined culture, Prof. Dinkar served the nation in a number of fields. Starting his career as a teacher and later working as a Government servant, he served as a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1952 to 1964. After his parliamentary career he went back to the field of education as Vice-Chancellor of the Bhagalpur University.

He represented Indian poetry at the international conference of poets held in 1955 in Warsaw and visited China in 1957 as a guest of the Writers' Union of that country. In 1961, he led a Government delegation of Indian writers to U.S.S.R. His meritorious service to the country was duly recognised by a number of awards which he won. He was awarded 'Padma Bhushan' in 1959. Later he won two of the highest awards—the Sahitya Akademi Award for his work "Sanskriti Ke Char Adhyaya" and Jnanapeeth Award for his book "Urvashi". Shri Dinkar had a very attractive and a very warm personality and he has left behind a large number of his admirers and friends.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may stand in silence, as a mark of respect, for a short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Loan Agreement with Britain

*851 SHRI B. S. BHAURA
SHRI P. GANGADEB:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently signed a loan agreement with the British Government;

(b) if so, the main terms of this loan agreement, and