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Tuesday, July 27, 1971/ *Sravana* 5,
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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of
the Clock.*

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our friends, Shri B. Narayanan and Shri Bhaskar Narayan Dighe.

Shri B. Narayanan was a sitting Member of this House representing Pollachi Constituency of Tamil Nadu. He was also a Member of the Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1967—70. Shri Narayanan was one of the active Members of this house and used to take keen interest in the proceedings. He passed away at Willingdon Hospital last night at the young age of 46.

Shri Bhaskar Narayan Dighe was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha during the years 1962—67 representing Kolaba Constituency of Maharashtra. He took great interest in the co-operative movement and educational activities. He passed away at Bombay on the 23rd July, 1971, at the age of 54.

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 PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER
OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF

HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Sir, the news of Shri B. Narayanan's death comes as a shock to us all, especially since he was only in his forties and had before him so many years of service to the country.

Shri Narayanan was an active legislator, always an eloquent champion of the poor and oppressed. His amiability won friends for him from all sections of the Fourth and the present Lok Sabhas.

His death is a loss not only to the D.M.K. but to the entire House. Our sympathies go out to the bereaved family.

The Hon'ble Members are also grieved on the death of Shri Bhaskar Narayan Dighe. Those who were fellow Members in the Third Lok Sabha and his Party colleagues in Maharashtra remember Shri Dighe as a quiet and dedicated man. He took a prominent part in the Praja Parishad movement of the State of Janjira and was a respected leader of the Kolaba District of Maharashtra. He was interested in many fields of constructive work, such as Education, Adivasiuplift, Cooperation and Village Industries. In his death at a comparatively young age, we lose an earnest legislator.

I request you, Sir, to communicate our sincere sympathy and condolences to both the families.

SHRI DASARATHA DEB (Tripura East) : On behalf of my Party and on my own behalf, I do share the sentiment and sorrow expressed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister at the sad demise of Mr. B. Narayanan and Mr. Bhaskar Narayan Dighe and I request you, Sir, to convey our condolence to the bereaved families.

***SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM** (Tirunelveli) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Communist Party of India and on my own behalf, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by you and the Prime Minister on the sad and untimely demise of our colleague in this House, Udumalai Narayanan. Udumalai Narayanan has left us at a very young age of 45 years. Though he was young in age, he had a long and glorious record of public service to his credit. He in fact achieved nobility by his selfless sacrifice and unstinted service to the cause of the people. Both in 1967 and in the recent Elections to Lok Sabha, his services were acknowledged by the people and he won on both the occasions with a margin of more than a lakh of votes.

I request you kindly to convey our condolence to the bereaved family of Udumalai Narayanan and also to Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam which has lost in him a loyal and devoted worker in the cause of the downtrodden. On behalf of the Communist Party, I request you to convey our condolence to the bereaved family of Shri Dighe, an able legislator from Maharashtra.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय (मुरेना) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, हमारे साथ में काम करने वाले हमारे परम मित्र हमें छोड़ कर चले गए। उन्होंने अपने जीवन में गरीबों की कठिनाइयों को दूर करने तथा उन्हें सुख सुविधायें दिलाने के लिए अथक परिश्रम किया। मैं अपने को तथा अपनी पार्टी को, यहाँ पर जो विचार व्यक्त किए गए हैं उनसे सम्बद्ध करता हूँ तथा भगवान से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि उनकी आत्मा को शान्ति प्रदान करे।

SHRI M. SATYANARAYAN RAO (Karimnagar) : Sir, on behalf of myself and on behalf of the Telangana Praja Samithi I associate with the sentiments expressed by the hon. Prime Minister, yourself and other Members and I request you to convey our condolences to the bereaved family.

SHRI SHANKARRAO SAVANT (Kolaba) : Sir, I rise to join the Prime Minister in offering my condolences to the late lamented Shri B. N. Dighe, who had represented the Kolaba constituency in the Third Lok Sabha from 1962 to 1967. It is the same constituency which I am representing at present.

Shri Dighe hailed from Murud, Janjira, which was a princely State. Though he was a law graduate, he had no time to work at the bar because his time was taken up by social work. He took an active part in the merger movement of that State, although his family had very cordial relations with the Nawab.

He was a staunch Congressman and was for some time the President of the Kolaba District Congress Committee. He was elected to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly in 1952.

I had the honour to be his personal friend. During the last mid-term election he did considerable propaganda work for the New Congress, although he was in indifferent health.

Our district has become the poorer by his untimely death. I, therefore, condole his death.

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

Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : As a mark of respect to the memory of Shri B. Narayanan, the House stands adjourned to meet again at 11 A. M. tomorrow.

11.07 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Wednesday, July 28, 1971/Sravana 6, 1893 (Saka).

*The original speech was delivered in Tamil.