

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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The House then stood in silence for a short while.

Wednesday, May 7, 1975/Vaisakha 17,
1897 (Saka)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
11.4 hrs.

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

Setting up of a Committee of Mem-
bers of Parliament to Review the
Progress made in Use of Hindi for
Official Purposes

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

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*915 SHRI M S PURTY:
SHRI DINESH SINGH:

OBITUARY REFERENCE

Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

MR. SPEAKER: Hon Members. I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Peter Alvares who passed away suddenly during his journey towards Bombay last evening at the age of 67.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to appoint a Committee of Members of Parliament to review the progress made in the use of Hindi for official purposes; and

A veteran trade unionist and champion of the socialist movement in India, Shri Alvares was elected to Third Lok Sabha in 1963 from Goa constituency when elections were held there for the first time after integration of the Goa territory with India. Earlier he had been a Member of Bombay Legislative Assembly during the years 1949-52. Shri Alvares relentlessly fought for the rights of the working class and gave immense momentum to the trade union movement in India. He was President and General Secretary of All India Railwaymen's Federation for a number of years and also championed the cause of the Central Government Employees.

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL &
ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI OM MEHTA):
(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Steps are being taken to constitute a Committee on Official Language during the current session of Parliament.

11.05 hrs.

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.

We may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to his memory.

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श्री एस० एन० पुरतो : अध्यक्ष जी, मंत्री महोदय के जवाब के अनुसार बालू सन के दौरान राज भाषा सम्बन्धी एक समिति गठित करने के लिए कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं। संसद का बालू सन श्यामजी बो दिनों के अन्दर समाप्त हो रहा है। क्या मंत्री महोदय बताएँगे कि इस महत्वपूर्ण समिति गठन इतनी जल्दबाजी में दो दिनों के भीत हो जाएगा ?