

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, March 29, 1973/Chaitra 8,
1895 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at

Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

WELCOME TO GDR PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

MR. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members—
At the outset, I have to make an
announcement.

On my own behalf and on behalf
of the Hon'ble Members of the House,
I have great pleasure in welcoming
His Excellency Mr. Gerald Goetting,
President of the People's Chamber of
the German Democratic Republic, Mrs.
Goetting and the Hon'ble Members of
the German Democratic Republic
Parliamentary Delegation who are on
a visit to India as our honoured
guests.

This is the first visit of a Parli-
amentary delegation from the German
Democratic Republic to India after
the establishment of full diplomatic
relations between our two countries.
We are particularly happy that the
delegation is led by His Excellency
Mr. Goetting who is himself a dis-
tinguished leader and an eminent
Presiding Officer.

The delegation arrived this morn-
ing and will be in India for 11 days.
They are now seated in the Special
Box. We wish them a happy, enjoy-
able and fruitful stay in our country.
Through them we convey our greet-
ings and best wishes to the President,
Parliament, Government and the
people of their great country. We
wish them peace, happiness and pros-
perity.

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I am sure they will receive a most
cordial welcome and cheerful recep-
tion at all the places they are going to
visit.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS Closer co-operation in Trade Union Movement between India and Yugoslavia

*521. SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

SHRI P. GANGADEB:

Will the MINISTER OF LABOUR
AND REHABILITATION be pleased
to state:

(a) whether there is any scope for
bilateral co-operation between the
Trade Union movements of India and
Yugoslavia; and

(b) whether the existence of sev-
eral Labour Organisations in India with
different ideological hues is an in-
hibiting factor in the bilateral co-opera-
tion between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR
AND REHABILITATION (SHRI
RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) and
(b). Trade union organisations in
India are free to maintain contacts
with their counterparts in other
countries, including Yugoslavia by ex-
change of visits and participation in
international meets. There already
exists much bilateral co-operation be-
tween the organisations concerned.

SHRI P. M. MEHTA: I want to
know whether a team of Yugoslav
trade union leaders visited India re-
cently and met the Prime Minister and
Labour Minister of India, and if so,
what subjects were discussed regard-
ing closer co-operation between the
trade union movements of Yugoslavia
and India?