

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, December 3, 1973/Agraha-  
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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.*

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

### OBITUARY REFERENCE

**SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contai):**  
We have got a sad news of the murder of Khan Abdus Samad Achakzai who made a great contribution to the freedom of our country. May I request you that we pay our respects to him as a great son of undivided India, known as Baluchi Gandhi?

**MR. SPEAKER:** I, on behalf of you all, express our deep sorrow at this sad and tragic death of Khan Abdus Samad Achakzai who was in the very thick of our Independence movement and who was a great pillar of support and strength to our leaders in the freedom movement. We affectionately called him Baluchi Gandhi. It is so tragic that many of these great people have to suffer martyrdom at the hands of their own countrymen, and Khan Abdus Samad Khan is one of those, like Lincoln, he has also been taken away by the cruel hand of his own countrymen. We all express our sorrow at it.

The House will now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect.

The members then stood in silence for a short while.

श्री लक्ष्मण लिंगपे (बाका) : मैंने प्राय को बिल्लोच गांधी और श्रीमती नेली सेनगुप्त दोनों के बारे में लिखा था ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय . खां अब्दुस्समद खां के बारे में तो रिकॉर्ड कर दिया ।

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*Effect of Hike in Oil Price on Shipping Industry*

\*302. **SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:**  
Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Shipping Industry would suffer grievously as a result of the oil price hike; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof and the steps taken thereon?

**THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMLA-PATI TRIPATHI):** (a) and (b). The non-availability as well as uncertain availability of bunkers and their fluctuating prices are causing difficulties for the Indian Shipping Industry. The Shipping Conferences in the Overseas sector are levying or proposing to levy bunker surcharges. Specific complaints from Shipping Companies about non-availability of bunkers at foreign ports are being taken up through our embassies for obtaining bunkers.

**SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:** May I know the daily fuel consumption of oil—in our ships and how much more is costing us daily as a result of the increase in the rate of oil?