

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, August 4, 1975/Sravana 13,  
1897 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, with a sense of great sorrow I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our sitting Members—Chaudhary Sadhu Ram and a former colleague, Shri Bhagarathi Mahapatra

Chaudhary Sadhu Ram who passed away at Phagwara (Punjab) on the 1st August, 1975 at the age of 66; was one of the senior Members of this House from Phillaur Constituency of Punjab. He first entered Lok Sabha in 1957 and thereafter was returned to Lok Sabha in all successive elections. Earlier, he had been a Member of the State Assembly and also the Deputy Home Minister in the erstwhile PEPSU State. A veteran freedom fighter; Chaudhary Sadhu Ram had always been in the forefront to champion the cause of labour and depressed classes. He had suffered imprisonment in 1948 while participating and leading a labour movement. He did a great deal for rural uplift and amelioration of backward classes in his home State. A simple amiable and a straightforward man; he was associated with many social and cultural organisations in Punjab. As Member of Lok Sabha; he took active part in the proceedings of the House and forcefully advocated the cause of the down-trodden and

weaker sections of society. He also served on a number of Parliamentary Committees. He had been attending the sittings of this House regularly during this session and he was with us till the 1st August barely a few hours before his death. No one could imagine that he would be snatched away from us so soon.

Shri Bhagarathi Mahapatra was a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly during the years 1945—47. He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha during the years 1956—62. A veteran freedom fighter, he suffered imprisonment during the year, 1930—33 and was subjected to house-searches and property seizure several times during 1930—35. He was associated with a number of educational and cultural organisations. He was also a Member of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language during the years 1957—58. He passed away at Cuttack on the 2nd August, 1975 at the age of 83.

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 for a short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

### PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

#### STATEMENT re MARKET LOANS FLOATED BY GOVT. IN JULY, 1975

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI  
PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): I  
beg to lay on the Table a statement  
(Hindi and English versions) indi-  
cating the result of the market loans  
floated by the Government of India  
in July, 1975. [Placed in Library.  
See No. LT-9920/75].