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the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

Obituary References

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our friends, namely, Shri N. M. Lingam and Sheikh Mohammad Akbar.

Shri Lingam was a Member of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952-57 from Coimbatore constituency of the then State of Madras. Later he was a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1958-64. He took part in the freedom struggle and led the movement by students against the Simon Commission. He was also associated with a number of social welfare organisations. He passed away at Ootacamund on the 3rd December, 1972.

Sheikh Mohammad Akbar was a Member nominated to the Second Lok Sabha from Baramulla, Jammu and Kashmir, during the years 1957 to 1962. Earlier he was a Member of the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent cum Legislative Assembly during the years 1952-57. He had also been an officer in the State Government holding various portfolios. Recently he was awarded Tamrapatra for the services rendered by him. He passed away at Baramulla on the 5th December, 1972.

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 ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I join you in expressing my sorrow at the passing away of two more of our former colleagues. You have already told us about Shri N. M. Lingam. He was active in a number of co-operative and local organisations; he was also President of the Nilgiris district board before he came to the Lok Sabha.

Sheikh Mohammad Akbar, apart from what has been mentioned by you, was a leading figure of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference. He was a member of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly before he came to this House. At the time of the Pakistani aggression in 1947 Shri Akbar worked as an emergency officer in charge of Baramulla and later on as administrative officer of that district. He took active interest in co-operative and civic welfare activities.

I request you to convey our sympathy and condolences to the bereaved families.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA (Serampore): I share the sentiments expressed by you and the Leader of the House on the sudden demise of Shri Lingam and Sheikh Mohammad Akbar and I request you to convey our heart-felt grief to the bereaved families.

DR. RANEN SEN (Barasat): I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by you and the Leader of the House, mourning the death of these two gentlemen and I request you to convey our condolences to the bereaved families.

SHRI SEZHIYAN (Kumbakonam): On behalf of my party and myself I associate with the sentiments expressed here by the Leader of the House and by you and other colleagues. Mr. Lingam was a well-known freedom fighter and public figure in Tamil Nadu and he took an active interest, since his student days, in the national movement, in the local administration there and in Parliament. His loss is really a loss to be shared by not only Tamil Nadu but other parts of the country also.

Sheikh Mohammad Akbar was a well-known figure from Jammu and Kashmir and, as pointed out by the Leader of the House, he took a prominent part in fighting the aggression of Pakistanis in 1947. I join other Members here in conveying our deep condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

श्री प्रदल बिहारी बाजपेयी (ग्वालियर) : अध्यक्ष जी, मुझे स्वर्गीय श्री लिंगम और श्री मोहम्मद अकबर, दोनों के साथ काम करने का मौका मिला। राज्य सभा में वे सक्रिय सदस्यों में गिने जाते थे। श्री लिंगम का भाषण बड़ा रचनात्मक होता था और उनसे अध्ययन की गहराई स्पष्ट झलकती थी। श्री अकबर काफी दिनों से बीमार थे। कुछ ही दिनों पहले मेरी उनसे मुलाकात हुई थी, तब ऐसा नहीं लगता था कि उनकी मृत्यु इतनी गिकट है। दोनों महानुभाव के देहावसान से हम लोग दुखी हैं। हमारी सबेदारियों उनके शोक-संतप्त परिवार तक पहुंचा दें।

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE (Rajapur): I associate myself and the Socialist Party with the tributes that have been paid by you and the

Leader of the House and other Members and I express my condolences to the members of the bereaved family

MR. SPEAKER: The House may stand in silence for a shortwhile to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cement factory in Cuddapah (A.P.)

*321. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Cement manufacturing Unit in Cuddapah District; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). A feasibility report for the setting up of a new cement plant at Yerraguntla in the Cuddapah district of Andhra Pradesh for a capacity of 4.0 lakh tonnes per annum for the manufacture of portland cement submitted by the Cement Corporation of India is under consideration of Government of India. This will be a dry process plant estimated to cost about 1514 lakhs providing employment to about 623 persons.

SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY: May I know from the hon. Minister when the feasibility report was received and what steps have since been taken for translating this proposal into reality in this backward and drought-affected area?

SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD: Only a few months back the feasibility report was received in the Ministry. This is being examined from different angles. We hope, very soon a decision will be taken, taking into