

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday April, 29 1974/Vatsakha 9,  
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER Honourable Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri G. L. Mehta, who passed away at Bombay, on the 28th April, 1974, at the age of 74.

Shri Mehta was a Member of the Constituent Assembly in 1947. He served the country in various capacities and held several important positions with distinction. A parliamentarian, journalist and diplomat, he started his career in the now-defunct Bombay Chronicle as an Assistant Editor. He was our former Ambassador to the United States and showed his diplomatic acumen while holding that office. He had recently retired as Chairman of the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India and the Indian Investment Centre. He was also Chairman of the Bombay Branch of the Indian Council of World Affairs since 1966. He was associated with the Planning Commission, the Hindustan Shipyard and the National Shipping Board, being Member of these bodies. He was awarded the 'Padma Vibhushan' in 1969 for his meritorious service to the nation.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend. I am sure the House will

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join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Post of Chief Executive of the S.C.I.  
lying vacant

1973. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) since when the post of Chief Executive of the Shipping Corporation of India has been lying vacant;

(b) whether the regional offices of the Shipping Corporation of India have been demanding more autonomy and power; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check the deterioration in the working of the Shipping Corporation of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) Shri C. P. Srivastava relinquished charge of the office of the Chairman and Managing Director of the Shipping Corporation of India, on the afternoon of 31st December, 1973. Capt. R. D. Kohli, one of the Executive Directors, was given overall charge of the Corporation from the same date till a new Chairman and Managing Director is appointed by the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.