

LOK SABHA

Wednesday, December 24, 1969/Pausa 3,
1891 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at
Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

TRIBUTE TO MAHATMA GANDHI

MR. SPEAKER : Honourable Members, in this Centenary year of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, the people and the Governments of various countries all over the world have joined voluntarily in paying homage to the Apostle of non-violence. The East and the West, the affluent and the poor, the old and the young, stand with a sense of reverence to honour this unique man of whom Albert Einstein said:

"Generations to come, it may be will scarce believe that such a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth".

We in India revere Gandhiji as the Father of our Nation. It is but proper that this House, which in a real sense represents the fruition of Gandhiji's epic struggle for freedom and democracy, should, in this sacred year, pay its respectful tribute to him.

I shall presently read out a resolution which we propose to adopt in this behalf. I shall read out the resolution and I request you to kindly stand so that we may pass this resolution while standing.

The Resolution is:

**Not recorded, as ordered by the Chair.

"That this House, on the occasion of the Centenary Year of Mahatma Gandhi,

pays its respectful tribute to the memory of the Father of the Nation, who led the country to Swarajya by non-violent means, who infused a new spirit into the masses, who uplifted the teeming millions of the oppressed and the down-trodden, who awakened the national conscience of the people, and who inspired the people with a spirit of dedication and service;

places on record its deep gratitude to that apostle of *ahimsa* who crusaded for peace, justice and equality and gave to the strife-ridden world the message of universal brotherhood and humanism; and

re-dedicates itself to promote the high ideals of truth, non-violence and service to the nation and to humanity, for which the Mahatma lived and sacrificed his life".

The Resolution was unanimously adopted
All Members standing.

श्री मधु लिमये : (मुंगरे)

श्री रवि राय : (पुरी) महात्मा गांधी को जय ।

कुछ माननीय सदस्य : जय ।

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS
INDIA'S EXPORTS

SNQ. 6. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :
Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Trade expressed concern at the disturbing trends in exports, in its meeting held on 15th December, 1969;

(b) if so, the decision of the Board to pick up the short fall; and