

LOK SABHA

Friday, August 28, 1970 | Bhadra 6
1892 (SAKA).

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven
of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri K. B. Jivaraj Hegde who passed away at Mangalore on the 27th August, 1970.

Shri Hegde was a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly during the years 1938 to 1945. He was a champion of the cause of the agriculturists and took part in a number of movements and organisations connected with the agriculturists.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments you have expressed. Shri Hegde was known for this interest in the problems of land and those who live on the land and for his social service. I request you to express our sincere condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family.

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH (Buxar) : Sir, I am sorry to hear about the death of

this great friend of the agriculturists, Shri Hegde, who was a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly. During the course of his political activities he led so many movements with a view to improving the conditions of Indian agriculture and agriculturists. We deeply mourn the death of this friend, and I request you, on behalf of the Opposition, to convey our feeling of sorrow and condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI RANGA (Srikakulam) : Sir, we mourn the death of our friend Shri Jivaraj Hegde. He was specially dear to us and it was because of the invitation that he sent out at the initiative taken by him that the Swatantra party came to be founded in Madras on the 4th of June, 1959. He had been the champion in the cause of agriculturists for a number of years, for decades, and when the move came for imposing one-sided ceiling on agriculturists alone, while leaving all the others with their properties and their incomes completely free from ceiling, he raised his powerful voice, organised a convention here in the city. At that time, I happened to be on the side of the Congress, and Mr. Dasappa also was there, and both of us joined him in lodging our protest against that discriminatory move against the peasants. Later on, he organised the All-India Agriculturist Federation in co-operation with the late Sardar Bahadur Lal Singh, and he proved to be an excellent organiser as the General Secretary of that federation. Then he rose to a very high stature in the Swatantra party. He was President of our party for the Madras unit, and he conducted on behalf of our party our election campaign during two general elections.

When again, later on, a move was made to compulsorily co-operativise agriculture and thus deprive the peasants of their holdings, he joined us in organising a national campaign. Afterwards, he was one of the champions of the kisans to fight against the Seventeenth Constitutional Amendment,

[Shri Ranga]

with the result that all those whose holdings were below the ceilings were liberated from the mischief of that amendment. In these and various, other ways, he had been championing the cause of the agriculturists. He placed his immense resources at the disposal of the peasants and as a result of his hard and dynamic work over decades, he fell ill recently and at the end he passed away.

I am extremely unhappy over this because he also happened to be a very good, dear and loyal personal friend of mine. We all mourn his death.

SHRI LOBO PRABHU (Udipi) : Sir, I am grateful to you for giving me this opportunity to express my personal feelings at the loss of one who was my friend, philosopher and guide. I knew him so well that I feel in a way lost today that he has died, I would not say suddenly, but he died before I could see him again. Mr. Ranga has already said much about him and I would only say this that he was not only concerned with the rights of the peasants, but he was a peasant himself. He had a farm and I have no doubt that he gave his life to make that farm a success. I salute him, the greatest first peasant of India from Mysore.

श्री बलराज मधोक (दक्षिण दिल्ली) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपने आप को और अपने दल को उन भावनाओं से सम्बन्धित करता हूँ, जो आप और सदन के नेता की और से श्री हेरडे के निधन पर व्यक्त की गई हैं और आप से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि आप हमारी संवेदना उन के परिवार तक पहुँचा दें।

SHRI S. KANDAPPAN (Mettur) : Sir, on behalf of the DMK Group in Parliament I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by you, by the Leader of the House and other opposition leaders and I would beg of you to convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA (Begusarai) : Sir, I associate myself and my group

with the sentiments expressed at the sad demise of Mr. Hegde.

SHRI HEM BARUA (Mangaldai) : Sir, on behalf of the PSP in Parliament, I associate myself and my party with the sentiments expressed by you, by the Leader of the House and other leaders of the opposition at the sad demise of this old friend of ours. I hope, Sir, you will convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family on behalf of our party.

श्री शिवचन्द्र झा (मधुबनी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपनी तरफ से और अपनी पार्टी की तरफ से दिवंगत सदस्य को श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ और आप से दरखुस्त करता हूँ कि आप हमारी संवेदनार्थ उन के शोक संतप्त परिवार तक पहुँचा दें।

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY (Cooch Bihar) : Sir, on behalf of my group-UJPG-I associate myself with the sentiments expressed in this House at the sad demise of Mr. Hegde.

MR. SPEAKER : The House may kindly stand in silence for short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Increase in the number of Scientific and Technical Personnel

*661 SHRI R. K. BIRLA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that there is a heavy increase in the number of scientific and technical personnel during the last three years ;

(b) if so, what is the scientific personnel during the above period ; and

(c) the expected figures the during Fourth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V.