

LOK SABHA

Wednesday, July 31, 1968/Sravana 9,
1890 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri K. M. Vallatharas, who passed away on the 30th July 1968 at the age of 67.

Shri Vallatharas was a Member of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952—57.

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

The hon. Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Nagas Trying to Escape to China

*211. SHRI D. C. SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether about 200 Naga hostiles were ambushed and killed by the Indian Security Forces in a number of encounters on the Nagaland-Burma border in the later half of May, 1968;

(b) whether it is a fact that these hostiles were trying to sneak across the border on their way to China; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to strengthen the check on this border?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c). No, Sir. Presumably, Hon'ble Member is referring to the reported encounters on the Burmese side of the border in which a large number of Naga hostiles are understood to have been killed.

SHRI D. C. SHARMA: May I know if these Naga hostiles belong to our country or some other country?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: They belong to the State of Nagaland.

SHRI D. C. SHARMA: Have the number of checkposts been increased in order that there could be no infiltration into China of these hostiles via Burma?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: Yes, Sir; proper steps have been taken to safeguard our security and the number of checkposts have been increased to prevent their going out.

श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री : इस मुठभेड़ के पश्चात् भारत सरकार को विद्रोही नागाओं में चिन्तों और दस्तावेजों के रूप में प्रमाण प्राप्त हुए थे कि चीन सरकार इन लोगों के द्वारा नागालैंड में वर्तमान सरकार के विरुद्ध विद्रोह की स्थिति पैदा करना चाहती है जिसके बाद भारत सरकार ने चीन सरकार को एक विरोधपत्र भेजा। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस विरोधपत्र की चीन पर कुछ प्रतिक्रिया हुई या नहीं और जो नागा इस प्रकार एक शत्रु देश के हथ में खीन रहे हैं, भविष्य में भारत सरकार का उन के साथ क्या बर्ताव रहेगा ?