LOK SABHA

Monday, April 26, 1976/Vaisakha 6, 1898 (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 one of our former colleagues, Shri Anil Kumar Chanda, who passed away at Santiniketan on the 21st April, 1976, at the age of 70.

Shri Chanda was a Member of the First and Second Lok Sabha during 1952—62 representing Birbhum constituency of West Bengal. Later he was Member of the Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1967-70 He served as Deputy Minister of External Affairs from 1952 to 1957 and as Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply from 1957 to 1962 Shri Chanda was Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1962—66 and was also Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities, Government of India, during 1963-66.

A man of learning, Shri Chanda was Private Secretary to the Nobel Laureate, Dr. Rabindra Nath Tagore. He also served as Professor of Political Science in Viswa Bharati University, Santiniketan. He was also a Member of the Indian Delegation to UNO in 1953 and Leader of the Cultural Delegation to China in 1955. He also led the delegation to USSR and East European countries in 1956.

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 Membes then stood in silence for a short while.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTER

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Sir, I have pleasure in introducing to you, and through you to the House, my colleague, Shri Sanker Ghose, Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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Rehabilitation of Refugees from erstwhile East Pakistan

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SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether all the families who had evacuated from erstwhile East Pakistan have been rehabilitated in India;

(b) if so, total number of families and the places in India where they have been settled;

(c) whether in Dandakaranya a few thousand more people can be rehabilitated even now; and

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in this regard?