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Wednesday, May 8, 1974/Vaisakha 18,
1896 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Braj Raj Singh who passed away in Firozabad on the 5th May 1974 at the age of 53.

Shri Braj Raj Singh was a member of the Second Lok Sabha during the years 1957-62 representing Firozabad constituency of Uttar Pradesh. A legal practitioner and a social worker, he devoted much of his time and energy for the uplift of Harijans and achieving social reforms. As a student, he took part in the Quit India movement. As a labour leader, he worked for the organisation and setting up of several labour unions particularly of Harijans and peasants. During his parliamentary tenure, he proved to be a good debator and active member.

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.

We may stand in silence for a short while to express our sorrow.

The members then stood in silence
for a short while

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MR. SPEAKER: I have learnt with great pain and sorrow about the sad demise of Shrimati Basanti Devi. She had played a great role. She was the wife of one of the greatest leaders that this country has produced. She was awarded the Padma Vibhushan the nation had honoured her. Besides being the distinguished wife of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, she was great in her own right.

I hope the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family and her grandson Shri Siddhartha Shankar Ray.

We will stand in allience for a while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

The Members then stood in silence
for a short while

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Samar Guha, please do not put me in a difficult position in future. You have completely put me off my feet.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Setting up of a T.V. Centre in West Bengal

*977. DR RANEN SEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government promised all help to set up T.V. in West Bengal; and

(b) when it is likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) Since the responsibility for setting up of TV Centres is