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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as we meet today after an interval of two months, it is my very unpleasant duty to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our sitting Members, namely, Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda and Shri Dharamrao Sharanappa Afzalpurkar, and seven other colleagues, former Members, namely, Shri Anand Chandra Joshi, Pandit Shiv Charan Lal, Syed Nazir Hussain Samnani, Shri Krishna Kant Vyas, Shri Vaddepalli Kashiram, Shri T. H. Sonavane and Diwan Chaman Lal.

Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda was elected to this House from Cachar constituency of Assam. She had also been a Member of Third and Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1962—70. Earlier, she was a Member of the Assam Legislative Assembly during the years 1957—61. So noble, unassuming and soft-spoken, she was very regular in attending the House and made effective contributions whenever she spoke. A noted social worker, she was connected with a number of educational institutions. During her 11-year-term she served on a number of Committees, viz., Committee on Petitions, Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions, Estimates Committee and some Select Committees on Bills. She died at New Delhi on the 16th September, 1973, at the age of 80.

Shri Dharamrao Sharanappa Afzal-

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purkar was elected to this House from Gulbarga Constituency of Karnataka. A young man with pleasing personality and amiable nature, he was liked by one and all. A leading lawyer and a popular figure in his State he had endeared himself to the people by his helpful attitude and zeal for service. He took keen interest in welfare activities, particularly in the field of education cooperation and agriculture. He was an active Member and used to take keen interest in the proceedings of the House and of the Public Accounts Committee of which he was a Member. He passed away at Bombay on the 10th October, 1973, at the young age of 49.

Shri Anand Chandra Joshi was a Member of the First, Second and Third Lok Sabha from Madhya Pradesh during the years 1956—67. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting during the years 1959—62. A very amiable person and a prominent lawyer, he was an active Parliamentarian. He passed away at Rewa on the 7th-September, 1973, at the age of 65.

Pandit Shiv Charan Lal was a Member of Provisional Parliament during the years 1950—52. A legal practitioner, he took active part in the freedom struggle and suffered imprisonment four times. He passed away on the 16th September, 1973, at the age of 78.

Syed Nazir Hussain Samnani was a Member of Third Lok Sabha during the years 1962—67. He was also a Member of Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Council during the years 1957—62 and was re-elected in 1969. He took part in the freedom struggle since his school days. Starting his career as a journalist, he was connect-

ed with a number of social, cultural and educational institutions and certain trade union organisations. He was taken ill in the Legislative Council and passed away on the 17th September, 1973 at the age of 55.

Shri Krishna Kant Vyas was a Member of the Provisional Parliament during the years 1950 to 1952. Later, he was a Member of Rajya Sabha during the years 1952 to 1956. A noted journalist, he was a popular figure in social organisations of Indore. He passed away at Indore on the 20th October, 1973 at the age of 63.

Shri Vaddepalli Kashiram was a Member of Second Lok Sabha from Nalgonda Constituency of Andhra Pradesh during the years 1960—62. Later he was elected to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly and was a sitting Member there. He passed away suddenly at Hyderabad on the 21st October, 1973 at the age of 55. In his death the Scheduled Castes have lost a true leader and a friend.

Shri T. H. Sonavane was a Member of the Second Lok Sabha, Third and Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1957 to 1970. Earlier he was also a Member of the Provisional Parliament during the years 1950—52. In 1971 he was elected to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly. Coming from the backward strata of our society, he was a leading lawyer, a champion of the down-trodden and an active parliamentarian. He used to make useful contributions in the proceedings of the House and the Committees of the House on which he was represented. He passed away at Bombay on the 10th November, 1973 at the age of 63.

Diwan Chaman Lail who passed away yesterday, was a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly during the years 1923 to 1930 and 1945—47 and of the Constituent Assembly during the years 1947-48. He was also a Member of the Punjab Legislative

Assembly during the years 1936 to 1945 and of Rajya Sabha during the years 1952 to 1968. A noted parliamentarian, leading advocate and renowned trade unionist, he was one of the founder Members of the Swaraj Party in the Central Legislature. A number of times he participated in the freedom struggle and suffered imprisonment. He was a Member of a number of Parliamentary Delegations visiting abroad and was India's Ambassador to Turkey in 1948-49. As a Member of Rajya Sabha, he was also a Member of the Public Accounts Committee during the years 1954 to 1956. He passed away at New Delhi on the 11th November, 1973 at the age of 81.

The House is also aware of the sudden and untimely demise of Shri Barkatullah Khan, Chief Minister of Rajasthan on the 11th October, 1973. It was a shock for the whole country. An outstanding patriot and a freedom fighter, he symbolised the composite culture of India and represented a generation of dedicated social workers for whom secularism was an article of faith. He actively participated in the State People's movement and became a Minister in the popular Government of the erstwhile Jodhpur State. In 1952 he was elected to Rajya Sabha. In 1957 he was elected to the Rajasthan Assembly and continued to be its Member ever since. He served as Deputy Minister and Minister in the Rajasthan Government since 1960 and held different portfolios with distinction. In July, 1971 he became the Chief Minister of the State. His elevation as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan was a just recognition of his ability and immense popularity among all sections of the people in the State. Throughout his political career, he had set a very high example of patriotism and selfless service and devotion to duty.

We deeply mourn the loss of all these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, this inter-session period has been a sad one for us and once again it becomes our melancholy duty to pay tribute to colleagues whom we have lost during this period. They include veterans and those who had a future ahead of them.

Shri Barkatullah Khan was a distinguished son of our motherland. His sudden and untimely death has left a void in our national life. He died at his post of duty as Chief Minister of Rajasthan and we feel his loss intensely. He was a brave and dedicated soldier in our fight for independence and for a new society. He was a staunch nationalist, a fine representative of the composite culture of India, a person of wide and progressive vision and an administrator who served the people with single-minded earnestness. His tenure of office was remarkable for the manner in which he achieved unity and cooperation amongst all sections at a most critical time. Special tribute should be paid to the indefatigable work which he did, risking his health and his life, for the relief of the victims of drought in his State. His simplicity in and out of office became a byword in Rajasthan:

Our sympathy and condolences to Begum Barkatullah and to Shri Barkatullah's mother and sister, to other members of his family and numerous friends and to the people of Rajasthan who have lost a wise leader.

It is with great sorrow that we learnt of Diwan Chaman Lal's death yesterday. His was a many-sided personality and he was a pioneer in a large number of fields—politics, journalism, trade union work. He became a Member of the Central Assembly half a century ago and had a distinguished record of work in the

Constituent Assembly and in the Raja Sabha. He enlivened debates through his eloquence and his experience. He was fastidious in his tastes but generous in his friendships and in the time and energy he devoted in public causes. We shall miss this stalwart of an earlier generation.

I had known Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda for many years and had come to have great affection for her. She was a symbol of Indian women's capacity to devote themselves to larger causes. She belonged to a family of distinguished social workers and had spent her life-time in social services. She was deeply interested in the progress of Assam and in women's education. Parliament will miss a person of dedication who commanded wide respect.

Shri Dharamrao Afzalpurkar was still in his forties when he died so suddenly. The news came as a shock. He devoted his energies to the uplift of the condition of the rural people in his native Gulbarga district, where he looked after many educational and cooperative institutions. His earnestness and unassuming amiability earned him a large circle of friends in Parliament. He was a person of deep sincerity and capacity for work.

Shri A. C. Joshi spent fifteen years in Parliament representing Madhya Pradesh. He earned respect for his work as a legislator and Parliamentary Secretary.

A veteran from the Provisional Parliament whose death we mourn today is Shri Krishna Kant Vyas, who did much to awaken and consolidate political consciousness in Indore and who was a prominent leader of the Praja Mandal.

Another dynamic national worker from a former princely State was Syed Nazir Hussain Samnani, who served the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference with great zeal.

He was a journalist, a trade unionist, a co-operator and a tireless fighter for national integration.

Pandit Shiv Charan Lal was one of the early satyagrahis of Uttar Pradesh. He was imprisoned in every one of the successive waves of civil disobedience. Like most pioneers of the nationalist movement, he took deep interest in constructive work and village uplift.

Shri Vaddepalli Kashiram who was a Member of the Second Lok Sabha from Andhra Pradesh devoted his life to the service of the backward classes.

Shri T. H. Sonavane was a familiar figure to us all; a Member of this House for three terms, he had also served as Member of the Provisional Parliament. He was in the forefront of politics and social work in Maharashtra. Many organisations of Harijans and backward classes benefited from his dedicated labour and leadership. His contribution to parliamentary Committees was marked by study, grasp and earnestness. His death is a loss to our party and to the State of Maharashtra.

We deeply mourn the passing away of all these former colleagues and offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to the members of their families.

SHRI DASARATHA DEB (Tripura East): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of my party and on my own behalf, I fully associate with the sentiments expressed by you and the Prime Minister at the sad demise of Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda. Shri Dharamrao Sharanappa Afzalpurkar, Sri Anand Chandra Joshi, Pandit Shiv Charan Lal, Syed Nazir Hussain Samnani, Shri Krishna Kant Vyas, Shri Vaddepalli Kashiram, Shri Diwan Chaman Lal and Shri Barkatullah Khan, and I request you to convey our condolences to the bereaved families.

श्री सरजू पांडे (गाजीपुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस दर्पण में हमारे देश के कई गणमान्य नेता हम से बिछड़ गए हैं और हम सब को इसका बहुत ज्यादा अफसोस है ।

दीवान चमन लाल इस देश की ट्रेड यूनियन मूवमेंट के अग्रणी थे और उन्होंने अपने जीवन काल में बहुत सी सेवाएं कीं । श्री बरकतुल्ला खां, हम सब जानते हैं और आपने स्वयं भी कहा है, एक बहुत अच्छे कार्यकर्ता थे और अपने जीवन काल में उन्होंने देश की बहुत सेवा की ।

श्रीमती ज्योत्सना चन्दा जिन को हम सब लोग जानते थे और मुझे याद है कि इस लोक सभा के पिछले सदन में जब आगाम बंगाल में झगड़ा चल रहा था उन दिनों में उन्होंने बड़ी कुर्बानी दी और देश प्रदेश की एकता को बचाने का प्रयास किया ।

श्री धर्म राव अफजलपुरकर, श्री आनन्द चन्द्र जोशी, पंडित शिव चरण लाल, सैयद नजीर हुसैन समनानी, श्री कृष्ण कान्त व्यास, श्री बड़डेपल्लि काशीराम सभी इस सदन के सदस्य थे और हम लोगों के साथ उन्होंने काम किया था । इस अवसर पर हम चाहते हैं कि शोक संतप्त परिवारों को आप मेरे और मेरे दल की ओर से संवेदना प्रकट कर दें ।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (ग्वालियर) अध्यक्ष महोदय, जब कभी हम नए सत्र के लिए एकत्र होते हैं हम अपने कुछ साथियों को अपने बीच से उठा हुआ पाते हैं । काल का क्रूर माली कुछ जीवन पुष्पों को असमय ही तोड़ कर फेंक देता है । शरीर कितना नम्र है यह भयावह सत्य अपनी सम्पूर्ण विकरालता के साथ हमारे सामने आ जाता है जब हम देखते हैं कि

श्रीमती ज्योत्सना चन्दा तथा श्री धर्मराव शरणप्पा अफजलपुरकर जिन स्थानों पर बैठ कर रहे थे, वे स्थान आज रिक्त हैं और हम उनके निघन पर शोकोदगार व्यक्त कर रहे हैं। श्रीमती ज्योत्सना चन्दा बड़ी शान्त महिला थीं, सादगी की प्रतिमूर्ति थीं, कर्तव्यपालन में दक्ष थीं। कभी कभी अवश्य ही उनका हृदय तिलमिला उठता था, उनकी बानी प्रखर हो जाती थी और ऐसे क्षण इस सदन में हमने देखे भी हैं। जब असम में उपद्रव हुए तो वे अपने पर काबू नहीं रख सकीं और बंगला भाषियों की वेदना को उन्होंने बड़े प्रभावी ढंग से इस सदन में प्रस्तुत किया।

श्री अफजलपुरकर गुलबर्गा के प्रतिनिधि थे। गुलबर्गा की जनता के हृदय में उनके लिए कितना स्थान था यह मैंने स्वयं वहाँ जा कर देखा। सदन में वह इतने मुखर नहीं थे, लेकिन जब वह बोलते थे, तो सदन की कार्यवाही में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देते थे।

श्री सोनावने अब लोक सभा के सदस्य नहीं थे। उन्होंने महाराष्ट्र विधान परिषद में जाने का निश्चय किया था। लेकिन जिन्हें उन के साथ काम करने का अवसर मिला है, वे श्री सोनावने को भूल नहीं सकते। वह दलित वर्ग में से आते थे और दलितों के उद्धार के लिए मतत प्रयत्नशील रहते थे। उन की यह विशेषता थी कि भीड़ से अलग उन का स्वर सुनाई देता था। वह स्वर कभी कभी उन्हीं के कुछ साथियों को अटपटा लगता था, लेकिन वह अपनी आत्मा को रोक नहीं सकते थे—वह स्पष्टवक्ता थे।

मुझे लोक लेखा समिति में उन के साथ काम करने का अवसर मिला। जब वह दिल्ली छोड़ कर बम्बई पहुँच गये, तब हमें लगा कि लोक सभा की क्षति हुई है और

आज तो सारे देश की क्षति के लिए हम शोक प्रकट कर रहे हैं। विशेष कर दलित वर्ग का एक सशक्त प्रवक्ता श्री सोनावने के निघन से हमारे बीच से उठ गया है।

दीवान चमनलाल जी कई महीने से बीमार थे, लेकिन उन का निघन इतना निकट है, इस की हमने कल्पना नहीं की थी। वह एक शानदार आदमी थे। उन का व्यक्तित्व और वक्तृत्व अपनी छाप छोड़ता था। मुझे राज्य सभा में उन के साथ कुछ वर्ष रहने का मौका मिला और वहाँ मैंने उन की भाषण-शैली देखी। कभी कभी सदन में उन से नोक-झोंक भी हो जाती थी। उन के व्यक्तित्व में कितनी मधुरता और आत्मीयता थी, इसका अनुभव मैंने तब किया, जब उन के नेतृत्व में एक प्रतिनिधि मंडल के सदस्य के रूप में मुझे पूर्वी अफ्रीका के देशों का दौरा करने का मौका मिला। नेता के रूप में उन के मन में यह विचार कभी नहीं रहा कि कौन किस दल का है और किस की विचारधारा क्या है। सब को वह हृदय से लगाते थे और सब को समेट कर चलते थे।

जब हम केनिया पहुँचे और राष्ट्रपति जोमो केन्याटा से मिलने के लिए गये, तो जोमो केन्याटा ने दीवान चमनलाल को गले से लगा लिया, क्योंकि दीवान चमनलाल वह व्यक्ति थे, जिन्होंने जोमो केन्याटा की उस समय बड़े प्रभावशाली ढंग से पैरवी की थी, जब अंग्रेजी राज्य के दिनों में उन पर मुकदमा चलाया जा रहा था। केनिया के राष्ट्रपति इस प्रसंग को भूले नहीं थे। और देशों में भी हम दीवान चमनलाल के साथ घूमे और वह प्रतिनिधि मंडल के सफल नेता के रूप में हमारे सामने आये।

यह बड़ा विचित्र संयोग है कि उस प्रतिनिधि मंडल में श्री बरकतउल्ला खाँ भी एक सदस्य थे। प्रतिनिधि मंडल के नेता हमारे बीच से चले गये और श्री बरकतउल्ला खाँ

को भी हम ने खो दिया। उन दिनों डेढ़ महीने तक मुझे श्री बरकतउल्ला खां को निकट से देखने का मौका मिला और मुझे लगा कि श्री बरकतउल्ला खां मानों मधुरता की साक्षात् प्रतिमा हैं। किसी को रुष्ट करना वह नहीं जानते थे। सब को साथ ले कर चलने की कला उन के स्वभाव में थी। भारत-पाकिस्तान युद्ध के बाद हमने उन्हें भारत के दृष्टिकोण को विदेशों में बड़े प्रभावशाली ढंग से रखते हुए देखा।

सब से बड़ी बात यह है कि प्रतिनिधि मंडल का कार्यकाल समाप्त हो गया, लेकिन श्री बरकतउल्ला खां हम लोगों को भूले नहीं। वह जब कभी दिल्ली आते थे, तो घर पर आ जाते थे और कभी टेलीफोन भी करते थे। वह बड़े आग्रह के साथ कहते थे कि जब जयपुर आओ, तो बिना मित्रे न जाना। राजनैतिक मतभेद के बावजूद उन में इतनी आत्मीयता और मधुरता थी, इस को कोई भूल नहीं सकता है। वह जीवन भर एक निधि के रूप में सुरक्षित रहेगी।

और भी हमारे कई साथी हमसे बिछुड़ गये हैं। मैं उन सब के प्रति अपनी श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ और परमात्मा से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि वह उन की आत्मा को सदगति प्रदान करे और उन के परिवारों को उन के निधन का दुख सहन करने की शक्ति दे।

SHRI SEZHIYAN (Kumbakonam): Sir, it is a sad note that we begin this session of the Lok Sabha with obituary references to as many as 9 persons. Many of them have been with us and we shall miss them in the House and outside also. I associate myself and my party with the sentiments expressed by you, by the Leader of the House and other colleagues here, and I request you to convey our deep condolences to the bereaved families.

श्री के० एल० चाबड़ा (पाटन) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, हमारे जिन साथियों और महानुभावों ने सदगति प्राप्त की हैं, मैं अपने दल की ओर से, और अपनी ओर से, उन की आत्माओं के प्रति श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ और प्रभु से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि वह उन आत्माओं को चिर शान्ति दें।

SHRI PILOO MODY (Godhra): Sir, I and my party would like to associate ourselves with the sentiments expressed by you, by the Leader of the House and my colleagues here.

I certainly do not want to repeat what has been said so far, because we are in total agreement with everything that was said except for one little anecdote which I like to give because it happened quite recently with Shri Barkatullah Khan. I must admit that I never knew or met Shri Barkatullah Khan. When I had gone to Jaipur, my wife and I had reserved a coupe to return to Delhi on a particular night. But a couple of hours before the departure of our train, we were informed that the coupe was no longer reserved for us but that both of us had been allotted an upper berth, an upper berth compartment. I was further told that the Chief Minister was travelling by the same train. So, I asked somebody to ring up the Secretary of the Chief Minister and to tell him "Kindly inform the Chief Minister that Mr. and Mrs. Pилоo Mody were travelling to Delhi tonight by this train and had reserved a coupe for the purpose, and now they find that they no longer have the coupe. Kindly convey this information to the Chief Minister." I was very happy to note that within five minutes Shri Barkatullah Khan was on the telephone and he said that he was very sorry he did not know I was in Jaipur, that he believed that he was responsible for causing us inconvenience, and that he would be very happy if I would have my coupe back again and he would drive to Delhi

that night. I was very touched; I thanked him profusely. I really felt if many more of our colleagues were to follow the same example this would be a happier place to live in.

I have always cherished the desire to run to him and meet him so that I could personally convey my sincere thanks and gratitude to him for the civility that he had shown. But I deeply regret that I was to be denied that opportunity.

I hope, Sir, that you will convey to his family, and the families of all the others, our deepest sorrow. May their souls rest in peace.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contai): Sir, almost everytime when we start our business in this house we are reminded of the eternal proverb that in the midst of life we are in death. I do not know if this proverb has any lesson for us in developing a sense of humility in our overreaching aspiration for political things. If that has been so, perhaps the nature of politics in our country would have been a bit different. I associate our deep sense of sorrow and sympathy with the sentiments that you have expressed for the departed souls and also your words of appreciation for their contribution to our national life. I remember Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda whom I had the opportunity of knowing for long. She was so affectionate in her nature and every one of us used to call her as Didiji; we used to say so to the Prime Minister. She came from a distinguished family whose contribution to the national struggle is well-known. I do not know how the Chair will appreciate my sentiment, but I feel that it was unique in her life. She was a devotee of Shri Ramakrishna and when she went to offer her pranams at the Ramakrishna Ashram, she fell there and died. This is something of a unique fulfilment of the aspirations of a real devotee.

About Diwan Chamanlal, his name was known to us from our younger days. He was during the freedom struggle known as a moderate leader but, for the depth of his knowledge and spirit of patriotism he was honoured by all of us though we were in the fiery revolutionary group. I do not want to add more about our friends who were our colleagues here and those who contributed to our freedom struggle and to the development of parliamentary conventions and also the history of our country. On behalf of my party I express similar sentiments that had been expressed by you, the Prime Minister and other colleagues in this House and I request you to convey our sorrow and bereavement to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI K. MANOHARAN (Madras North): On behalf of Anna DMK, I request you to convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families of the departed souls.

SHRIMATI M. GODFREY (Nominated-Anglo Indians): On behalf of our party I join in the sentiments expressed by you and the Leader of the House and other colleagues on the sad demise of our friends who used to sit with us a few months ago. In particular I should like to express my heartfelt condolences at the passing away of Mrs. Chanda who was near and dear to me. I request you to convey our condolences to the bereaved families.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will now stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTER

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI!): I have great pleasure in introducing to you, and through you