

12 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Mr. Speaker: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of five of our friends, namely, Babu Ram Narayan Singh, Dr. N. M. Jaisoorya, Shri P. T. Chacko, Shri Lal Hembrom and Shri Ignace Beck.

Babu Ram Narayan Singh was a Member of the Constituent Assembly of India, the Provisional Parliament and the First Lok Sabha during the years 1946 to 1957. He passed away at Chatra on the 24th June 1964 at the age of 79.

Dr. N. M. Jasoorva was a member of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952—57. He passed away at Hyderabad on the 28th June 1964 at the age of 64.

Shri P. T. Chacko was a member of the Constituent Assembly of India and the First Lok Sabha during the years 1949-50 and 1952-53. He passed away while on his way by car to Kavilampara on the 1st August, 1964 at the age of 49.

Shri Lal Hembrom was a member of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952—57. He passed away at Dumka on the 21st August, 1964 at the age of 55.

Shri Ignace Beck was a member of the Second Lok Sabha during the years 1957 to 1962. He passed away at Ranchi on the night of the 31st August, 1964 at the age of 70.

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

The House may stand in silence for a shortwhile to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a shortwhile.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Prime Minister.

Shri Nambiar (Tiruchirappalli): There is an adjournment motion.

Mr. Speaker: I shall be coming to that.

Shri N. C. Chatterjee (Burdwan): **Mr. Speaker, Sir.....**

Mr. Speaker: I have called the Prime Minister; I will be coming to him afterwards.

12.04 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): I beg to introduce to you and to the House the three new Ministers of my Cabinet: Shrimati Indira Gandhi, Minister of Information and Broadcasting; Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy, Minister of Steel and Mines and S.L.: T. N. Singh, Minister of Heavy Engineering in the Ministry of Industry and Supply—and Shri S. K. Patil, Minister of Railways.

12.05 hrs.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGES FROM
FOREIGN PARLIAMENTS AND PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATIONS ON
THE DEMISE OF SHRI JAWAHAR-
LAL NEHRU

Mr. Speaker: The House will recall that on the 5th June, 1964, I laid on the Table condolence messages on the death of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru received from 18 foreign Parliaments. Since then I have received condolence messages from 13 more foreign Parliaments and Parliamentary Associations, namely:

- (1) National Assembly, Ghana;
- (2) Kenya House of Representatives;
- (3) National Assembly of Pakistan;
- (4) Chamber of Deputies of Peru;
- (5) European Parliament, Luxembourg;
- (6) Northern Rhodesia, Legislative Assembly;

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- (7) House of Representatives, Morocco;
- (8) Members and Staff of the General Council, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association;
- (9) Franco-Indian Friendship Committee of the French National Assembly;
- (10) Former Chairman, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association General Council, Lagos;
- (11) Inter-Parliamentary Group of Monaco;
- (12) President of the Argentine National Senate; and
- (13) Parliament of Peru.

A copy each of these condolence messages and other such messages received from individuals has been placed in the Parliament Library for the information of Members.

12.06 hrs.

RETIREMENT OF SHRI KAUL AND APPOINTMENT OF SHRI SHAKDHER AS SECRETARY LOK SABHA

Mr. Speaker: I have to inform the House that Shri M. N. Kaul has retired from the office of the Secretary, Lok Sabha, with effect from the 1st September, 1964.

Shri Kaul joined the Central Legislative Assembly as an Officer of the House in 1937 and has been continuously associated with its successor Houses, namely, the Constituent Assembly (Legislative), Provisional Parliament and now the Lok Sabha. He has held the office of the Secretary of the House since 1947.

His tenure was marked by many transitions and changes, constitutional and procedural. In all these matters, he tendered sound advice to the Speaker and helped in moulding the Constitutional provisions relating to Parliament and the Rules of

Procedure on modern lines. He helped and guided the Committees of this House, particularly during the initial stages.

I might also add that not only he gave advice to the Speaker and to the Committees but his advice was always available to every Member of the House to whichever group he belonged and he gave always sincere and sound advice.

After Independence, he was responsible for reorganising and expanding the Secretariat of this House to give prompt and efficient service to the Members.

He was also responsible for organising the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Delhi in 1957 which won high praise from all.

He accompanied several Parliamentary Delegations to the Inter-parliamentary Union, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and other Goodwill Parliamentary Delegations and gave good advice on complicated matters.

He helped the Speakers and the Secretaries of the State Legislatures in their problems and his services were readily available to them at all times in Conferences and personal discussions.

He was also elected to the Executive Committee of the Association of Secretaries-General of World Parliaments and submitted to that body valuable reports on several aspects of parliamentary procedure and secretariat administration.

His has been a distinguished record of devoted service and unflinching loyalty. His vast experience and deep knowledge were of immense help to me since I took over as Speaker. His mature advice so readily available