

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, July 26, 1966/*Shravana 4*,  
1888 (*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 S. V. Ramaswamy who passed away at Madras on the 25th July, 1966 at the age of 61.

Shri Ramaswamy was a sitting Member of this House from the Salem constituency of Madras. He was also a Member of the First and Second Lok Sabha during the years 1952 to 1962. He was also a Member of the Public Accounts Committee for a number of years and served on a number of other Parliamentary Committees as well. He took an active part in the proceedings of the House and the Committees. He was Deputy Minister of Railways from 1958 to 1964 and Deputy Minister of Commerce from June 1964 to January 1966.

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.

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** Yesterday, Chaudhury Haider Hussain who was also the Member of the First Lok Sabha passed away at Lucknow.

**Mr. Speaker:** We have learnt it just now. We will make an obituary reference tomorrow.

**The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have all learnt with great shock and extreme grief about the sad and untimely death of a dear friend, Shri S. V. Ramaswamy who was a sitting Member of Parliament. He was a popular figure with all sections of the House.

He entered public life with a distinguished academic background and soon gained eminence in various fields of social activity. He was connected with a number of educational and welfare institutions and hospitals. His work for eradication of tuberculosis and for better hospital facilities for ailing humanity will be remembered in the South and particularly in Salem District which he represented in the Parliament with distinction. He was also a great philanthropist. Many important institutions in the South were the beneficiaries of his philanthropy. He was Secretary of the Congress Party for some time and was also Deputy Minister first in the Ministry of Railways and then in the Ministry of Commerce. It is very unfortunate that he has been snatched away from us at a very untimely age. I offer my respectful homage to him as a colleague and offer condolences to his family. I hope, Sir, the House will join with me in requesting you to convey the sentiments of the House on his sad demise to the members of the bereaved family.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** It was a great shock when we learnt of the passing away of our friend and colleague, Shri S. V. Ramaswamy. I have known him since the days of the First Parliament and even though we had occasional tussles in this House, particularly in the period when he

[Shri H. N. Mukerjee]

was an ordinary Member on the other side, we always found him a polite and helpful person and his helpful character continued till his death. He was known as a person with modesty and unassumingness to all of us.

On my behalf and my Party, I associate myself with the sense of sorrow which has fallen on the bereaved family and I join with the sentiments expressed to be conveyed to the members of the bereaved family.

**Shri U. M. Trivedi:** I was shocked to learn this morning about the sad demise of our friend and colleague, Shri S. V. Ramaswamy. He was not keeping good health for some time. I knew him since the First Parliament as an ordinary Member and as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee in which we worked together. He was jovial by nature and even when he became the Deputy Minister, he did not lose his politeness, courtesy and good behaviour. In losing him, certainly we have lost a good parliamentarian and an amiable friend. I join with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House and I request you, Sir, on my behalf and my Party, to convey our feelings to the bereaved family.

**Shri Ranga:** I am sorry the shocking news of the sad demise of Shri S. V. Ramaswamy has come to all of us. I used to know his father. He was a great patriot in those days when it was very dangerous to be patriotic. His father, Venkatachalam Chettiar, who was one of the leading lawyers in Salem, stood by the national movement, stood by the national leadership and I think, he was a legislator also for some time. We all used to have great respect for him. So I was very happy when his son also came to achieve eminence in this Parliament and also in public life in Tamil Nad. Mr. Ramaswamy had endeared himself to all those with whom he came in touch. His wife is also a very dharmic lady. I think

they did not have any children. Both of them began to show so much of their love and affection for all the helpless children. They tried to found an institution also in Delhi for the benefit of such helpless children. Both of them were very good social workers besides being politicians and we used to like him very much when he was Deputy Minister in charge of Railways. Sometimes some of us, as is usual with us, used to be a little saucy and you were a witness to that; he put up with us with great forbearance and he discharged his duties ably.

I am sorry he has passed away so suddenly and so soon. We all mourn his death. I request you to send our condolences to his devoted wife.

**Shri Nambiar:** We are very sorry to hear about the sad demise of Shri S. V. Ramaswamy, whom I knew even earlier than coming to this House. As a public worker he has earned great fame and his sad demise is a loss not only for the members of this House but also for the people of Tamil Nad. I associate myself with the feelings expressed here on this great loss to the cause of public service.

**Shri Hem Barua:** We were shocked to hear about the untimely passing away of a very good comrade of ours, a colleague of ours, Mr. Ramaswamy, this morning. Last year we were together at the Willingdon Nursing Home. Mr. Ramaswamy had left that and now I will say with great regret that he has left me behind to mourn his death. Affable in manners and gentle in demeanour, he impressed us all much as a good friend and as a good Parliamentarian also. We deeply mourn his loss and I, on behalf of my party, associate myself with the sentiments that have been expressed by the Leader of the House and also by the leaders of other groups in this House.

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** I rise to associate myself with the sentiments ex-

pressed by the Leader of the House and by the leaders of the other groups.

Only during the last session I had the privilege of sitting with him in a committee which was reviewing the Advocates Act along with the hon. Law Minister. He brought to bear on his Parliamentary and other work the remarkable quality of humility with his scholarship and detachment, which is the hallmark of those who have cultivated a sense of public service in them. He had endeared himself as a gentle, urbane and good man and we all will miss his gentle presence amidst us in the days to come. I deeply mourn the death of one who was loved by all of us.

**श्री काशी राम गुप्त :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, श्री रामास्वामी को मने रेलवे उपमन्त्री के रूप में नजदीक से देखा है और मैंने पाया कि वे अपने कार्य को ठोस रूप में करने के अभ्यस्त थे। उनको दिखावा पसन्द नहीं था, जो उनके दिल के भीतर होता था, वही बात वह किया करते थे और उसके बाद गलत-फहमी होती थी तां उसको वह दूर करते थे।

उन के इस असामयिक देहावसान के ऊपर हम सब को बहुत धक्का लगा है। मैं अपनी ओर से, अपने दिल की ओर से उनको श्रद्धांजली अर्पित करता हूँ।

**Shri Rajaram (Krishnagiri):** On behalf of my party, I associate myself with the Leader of the House and my other colleagues in the sentiments which they have expressed on the sad demise of Shri S. V. Ramaswamy.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy belonged to my place, namely Salem. He was a good social worker and a veteran parliamentarian. He led a brilliant life as a Deputy Minister in the Central Government. He had done yeoman service to my part of the country. Through his efforts, he had collected a lot of funds and constructed a women's college in my place, namely Salem. His wife also has been a very good social worker. His father

was a well-known and eminent lawyer and a good freedom-fighter in those days.

On behalf of my party, I associate myself with the leaders of the other groups and parties in offering our condolences to the bereaved family.

**श्री बागडों :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, श्री रामास्वामी जो इस सदन के एक वरिष्ठ मेम्बर थे और सामाजिक सेवार्थे उनके हृदय में कूट-कूट कर भरी थीं, उनका आज का बिछुड़न हम सब को बहुत महसूस हुआ है। मैं और मेरा दल अपने आपको इस दुख में सम्मिलित करता है।

**Mr. Speaker:** I also associate myself with all the sentiments that have been expressed. We had known Shri S. V. Ramaswamy for some time.

I would now request the House to stand in silence for a short while to express its sense of sorrow.

[The Members then stood in silence for a short while]

#### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Tour of Famine Areas by the Prime Minister

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**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**  
**Shri Hukam Chand**  
**Kachhavaia:**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri Jagdev Singh**  
**Siddhanti:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:**  
**Shri Linga Reddy:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the areas affected by famine which have been toured by the Prime Minister, State-wise; and