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Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Misar Yar Khan (Bareilly)

Shri C. M. Stephen (Gulbarga)

Shri Harihar Soren (Keonjhar)

Shri Arun Kumar Nehru (Rae
Bareli)

Shrimati Usha Verma (Kheri)

Shri Dinendra Bhattacharya (Seram-
pore)

11.02 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as we meet today after an interval of more than one month, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the passing away of Shri Shafiqullah Ansari, a sitting Member of this House and five of our former colleagues, namely Sarvashri Dharendra Nath Deb, Ram Saran, V. Eacharan, Raghunath Vinayak Dhulekar and K. Santhanam.

Shri Shafiqullah Ansari was a sitting Member of this House from Madhubani

constituency of Bihar. Earlier, he was a Member of Bihar Legislative Assembly during the years 1962-69 and of Bihar Legislative Council from 1972 till his election to Lok Sabha in January last. He had also been a Member and Vice-Chairman of Madhubani Municipality. As an agriculturist and weaver, Shri Ansari took keen interest in co-operative institutions and was Honorary Secretary, Bihar State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Union. He passed away at Dharbhanga on 17th February, 1980 at the age of 62.

Shri Dharendra Nath Deb was a Member of the Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1967-70, representing the Angul constituency of Orissa. An agriculturist, he evinced keen interest in the promotion of cooperative societies, especially for the benefit of the farmers.

An active social worker, he was Chairman of the Deogarh Municipality and worked tirelessly for the betterment of the people. He passed away on 30th January, 1980 at the age of 65.

Prof. Ram Saran was a Member of the First and Second Lok Sabha during the years 1952-59 representing Moradabad constituency of Uttar Pradesh. Earlier, he had been a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly during the years 1937-39 and 1946-52. An eminent educationist, he was Professor of Economics and later acting Principal, Kashi Vidyapith, Banaras.

He took active part in the freedom struggle and suffered imprisonment on several occasions. As a social worker he was associated with Gandhi Seva

Sangh, Sarvodaya Samaj and Moradabad seva Samiti. He was also President, UP Harijan Sevak Sangh and Member of the Central Board, Harijan Sevak Sangh. Prof. Ram Saran died at Moradabad on 3rd February, 1980 at the age of 86.

Shri V. Eacharan was a Member of the First and Second Lok Sabha during the years 1952—62, representing the Palghat constituency of Kerala State. Later, he was a Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly during 1970—79. He also served as a Minister of State in Kerala during 1971—77 and held the portfolios of Harijan Welfare and Community Development.

A social worker, Shri Eacharan was associated with various social organisations in his State. He took keen interest in Harijan uplift and Bhoodan work.

He passed away at Trichur on 11th February, 1980 at the age of 62.

Shri Raghunath Vinayak Dhulekar was a Member of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952—57 representing Jhansi District South constituency of Uttar Pradesh. He was also a Member of the Constituent Assembly of India during 1946—50. Earlier, he was a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly during the years 1936—40 and 1946—52. A lawyer and a freedom fighter, he took active part in the freedom struggle and suffered imprisonment on several occasions. A journalist and social worker, he was Editor of *Matribhumi* and other periodicals for several years. He was actively associated with a number of educational and social organisations. He passed away at Jhansi on 22nd February, 1980, at the age of 89.

Prof. K. Santhanam was an eminent parliamentarian, freedom fighter and intellectual of our country who had distinguished himself as a lawyer, journalist, author and administrator. He joined the non-cooperation movement in 1920 and was jailed five times during

the freedom struggle. He was a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly during 1937—42, and of the Constituent Assembly and Provisional Parliament during the years 1946—52. As a member of the Constituent Assembly, he played a distinguished role in framing India's Constitution. He was a Minister of State for Railways during the years 1948—52, and later held the office of the Lt. Governor of Vindhya Pradesh. He headed the Second Finance Commission and the Anti-Corruption Inquiry Committee. He was a Member of Rajya Sabha during the years 1960—64.

As an author, he had several well-known books to his credit. His translation into Tamil of some of the Sanskrit classics enabled the people to acquaint themselves with our mythology, philosophy and religion. For a number of years he was connected with some of the leading newspapers as their editor. A Gandhian and a constructive social worker Shri Santhanam was connected with Gandhi Sewa Sangam and was a staunch campaigner against untouchability. He passed away on 28th February, 1980, at the age of 85.

We mourn the loss of these colleagues 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 short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a while.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour): Sir, I have written to you about the questions and also when 9 Assemblies have been dissolved....

MR. SPEAKER: The Prime Minister is going to introduce the Ministers.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Sir, I have written to you twice on the subject that the number of questions cannot be limited to 200. Sir, the Lok Sabha has taken upon itself the job of 9 Assemblies. I have written to you on that.