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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

## OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members: As we meet to-day after an interval of about one and a half months, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the passing away of Dr. Gopal Swarup Pathak, former Vice-President of India, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and Member, Provisional Parliament, and seven of our former colleagues, namely, Shri Ramappa Balappa Bidari, Dr. Baburao Patel, Sarvashri Ram Chandra Bade, Vijaya Bhushan Singh Deo, Gunanand Thakur, Raghuvir Singh Shastri and Dr. C. D. Deshmukh.

Dr. Gopal Swarup Pathak, former Vice-President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha passed away on 31 August, 1982 at New Delhi at the age of 86. He distinguished himself as a parliamentarian, eminent jurist and able administrator.

A well-known jurist, Dr. Pathak was a Judge of the Allahabad High Court during 1945-46. He was a member of the Law Commission of India. He served as a member of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations several times. In 1957, he visited several South American countries as

the special representative of the Prime Minister with the honorary rank of Ambassador.

He was a Member of Rajya Sabha from April, 1960 to May, 1967 and served as the Law Minister at the Centre from January, 1966 to May, 1967.

In 1967, he was appointed Governor of Mysore. In August 1969, he was elected to the august office of the Vice-President of the Republic of India in which position he continued till 1974.

He held the offices of the Vice-President and Chairman of Rajya Sabha with great distinction. His sagacity, unruffled temperament, soft-spoken manners, cheerful and amiable disposition and mellowness endeared him to all sections of the House.

As Vice-President, he visited a number of countries on goodwill missions. His exceptional qualities of head and heart and the versatility of experiences and achievements brought lustre to the office of the Vice-President of India.

Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir passed away at Srinagar on 8 September, 1982, at the age of 77. He was a Member of the Constituent Assembly and Provisional Parliament during 1948-50. He was elected to Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly in 1951 and was a sitting Member of the State Assembly since 1977.

Appointed as head of the Administration in the Jammu and Kashmir State in 1947-48, he headed the popular Government of Jammu and Kashmir with effect from March, 1948. He became Chief Minister of the State in February 1975, and resigned that office in March, 1977. He again assumed the office of the Chief Minister of the State in July, 1977.

Starting his career as a teacher, he soon got involved in the struggle for freedom. He had a genius for understanding the emotions and feelings of common man. Irrespective of religion and faith, they all flocked to him for guidance.

His struggle to establish and sustain a democratic set-up in the State was truly historical. Under him, the State maintained an unblemished record of communal harmony and peace. A towering personality, he was an eloquent and powerful speaker, who dominated the affairs of the State for nearly half a century.

He was venerated as a 'father' figure in Jammu and Kashmir and inspired one and all to work for the uplift of the masses, particularly the weaker sections of society. He had great courage of his convictions and came to be popularly known as 'Shere-e-Kashmir'. In his death, the country has lost a great stalwart of Independence struggle who devoted all his energies till the last to alleviating the sufferings of the people.

Shri Ramappa Balappa Bidari was a Member of First and Second Lok Sabha during 1952-62 representing Bijapur (South) constituency of the then Mysore State (now Karnataka). Earlier, he was a Member of former Aundh State Legislative Assembly during 1940-47 and had also been Prime Minister of that State.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Bidari resigned from the post of honorary First Class Magistrate. Shri Bidari took keen interest in land development and was associated with various developmental committees/boards. He passed away at Sholapur on 31 August, 1982 at the age of 84.

Dr. Baburao Patel was a Member of the Fourth Lok Sabha during 1967-71 representing Shajapur constituency of Madhya Pradesh. An eminent journalist and writer, he was author of a number of publications on various subjects besides being Editor and Publisher of leading monthly magazine.

He was associated with the freedom struggle and took keen interest in Indian culture. He passed away at Bombay on 4 September, 1982 at the age of 78.

Shri Ram Chandra Bade was a Member of Third and Fifth Lok Sabha during 1962-67 and 1971-77 respectively, representing Khargone constituency of Madhya Pradesh. Prior to that he was a Member of Madhya Bharat Legislative Assembly during 1952-56.

A keen parliamentarian, he took interest in the tribal welfare and was associated with the Tribal Commission appointed by the State Government. He passed away on 18 September, 1982 at Sendhwa in Madhya Pradesh at the age of 77.

Shri Vijaya Bhusnan Singh Deo was a Member of Third Lok Sabha during 1962-67 representing Raigarh constituency of Madhya Pradesh. Prior to that he was a Member of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly during 1952-62. He was a Member of Rajya Sabha during 1970-76.

He took keen interest in the upliftment of tribal and backward people and was associated with various social organisations.

He passed away on 19 August, 1982 at Jashpurnagar in Madhya Pradesh at the age of 56.

Shri Gunanand Thakur was a Member of Fourth Lok Sabha during 1967-71 representing Saharsa constituency of Bihar. He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha during 1972-78. He was a Member of Estimates Committee during 1969-70. An ac-

tive social worker, he took great interest in the welfare of working class-

Shri Thakur passed away at New Delhi on 28 September, 1982 at the age of 44.

Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri was a Member of Fourth Lok Sabha during 1967-71 representing Baghpat constituency of Uttar Pradesh. A veteran freedom fighter and able journalist, he was editor of many magazines and was author of several publications in Hindi, including life of Sir Chhotu Ram.

Shri Shastri worked actively for Harijans and rural uplift, marriage and agricultural reforms and was associated with various educational institutions. He was a scholar of Sanskrit and former Vice-Chancellor of Gurukul Kangri University. He passed away at Delhi on 29 September, 1982 at the age of 65.

Dr. C. D. Deshmukh was a Member of First Lok Sabha from 1952 to August, 1956 representing Kolaba Constituency of Bombay. A renowned economist, Dr. Deshmukh belonged to the Indian Civil Service and served in various capacities in the Government before being appointed the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India in 1941 and later on its Governor in 1943.

Dr. Deshmukh became Minister of Finance of Government of India in 1950 and Member of Planning Commission and held these positions till 1956. He represented India on the World Monetary Conference and many other financial international institutions.

He also served as Vice Chancellor of Delhi University and Chairman of the University Grants Commission. He had special interest in Sanskrit and was also associated with many national institutions including the Indian International Centre.

He passed away at Hyderabad on 2 October, 1982 at the age of 86.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, we share the grief which you have expressed at the sad demise of some of our old and some young colleagues who have left us in recent times. In the few weeks since the House last met, we have lost many valued colleagues. Shri G. S. Pathak adorned the high office of Vice-President with dignity and distinction—after a distinguished career as lawyer, political leader, Minister and Governor. The Lok Sabha will remember his conscientiousness and his seasoned contributions to public affairs and debates; and the Rajya Sabha will recall him as a Presiding Officer who maintained the highest standards of rectitude.

Sheikh Abdullah's towering figure has been known all over India for nearly fifty years. He was a fighter for freedom, for national unity, for secularism and the qualities cherished by our national movement. The Lion of Kashmir, as he was called, fought bravely when Kashmir was invaded by foreign forces and brought Kashmir into the mainstream of our national life. There were ups and downs in his long career, but he did not swerve from the path of secular democracy and from the high standards of personal courtesy he set for himself and others. All sections of the House will miss this doughty warrior and warm-hearted friend. To me it is a special loss because of his long and close association with my family.

A different person in temperament but solid in his contribution to national life was Dr. Chintaman Deshmukh—civil servant, scholar, entrant to politics, conscientious Parliamentarian, distinguished Planner and Finance Minister, educationist, author and godfather to many cultural and social service institutions. The House

well knows his many-sided gifts and achievements. He and Shrimati Durgabai Deshmukh were an unusual husband and wife team whose services to the country will be gratefully remembered.

Sir, we also mourn the passing away of Shri Ramappa Balappa Bidari, Dr. Baburao Patel, Shri Ram Chandra Bade, Shri Vijaya Bhushan Singh Deo, Shri Gunanand Thakur—who died so young and so suddenly—Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri and Mr. Agarwal. I request the hon. Speaker to convey the grief of the House to the bereaved families.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Balandan.

**SHRI E. BALANANDAN** (Mukundapuram): Mr. Speaker, Sir I share the views expressed by hon. Speaker and the Leader of the House on the passing away of our departed leaders. I want to mention especially the name of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah who was the tallest leader of India in the national struggle for some time. Also, he led the State People's Movement which was a part of the national movement. Though on some points he had some disagreements, he stood by his conviction whatever the consequences might be. Everybody in the House will remember his stand on secularism and the stand he took for the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India.

We remember always Dr. C. D. Deshmukh and the other departed leaders also.

I request the hon. Speaker to convey our feelings to the bereaved families of the departed leaders.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Rasheed Masood.

श्री रणोद यादव (सहरनपुर) :  
मौतरिम स्पीकर साहब, आपने और  
मौतरिम वजीरे-आजम साहेबा ने जिन  
ख्यालात का इजराह और अफसोस

जाहिर किया है, हमारे उन लीडरों के हमारे दरम्यान न रहने पर, मैं उससे मुत्तफिक हूँ। मैं अपनी तरफ से और अपनी पार्टी की तरफ से चाहता हूँ कि ताजियती पैगाम उनके खानदान वालों को भेज दिया जाये।

खासतौर से मैं समझता हूँ कि जो नई जनरेशन है, उसका एक बहुत बड़ा लास, नुस्सान इससे हुआ है, इसलिये कि हम लोगों को जिन्हें बड़े-बड़े लीडर्स के साथ रहने का मौका नहीं मिला है, जिन्होंने आजादी की लड़ाई में हिस्सा नहीं लिया है, उन लोगों को इन्सपायर करने के लिये जो शख्सियतें मुल्क में थीं, वह रफ्ता-रफ्ता उठती जा रही है। श्री जी. एस. पाठक, श्री सी. डी. देशमुख, शेख मुहम्मद अब्दुल्ला साहब और दूसरे सारे ऐसे लोग जो हमें इन्सपायर कर सकते थे मुल्क की खिदमत के लिये, जिनको देखकर हम सबक हासिल कर सकते थे, वह आज हमारे दरम्यान में नहीं है।

मैं खासतौर से शेख साहब के बारे में कहना चाहता हूँ कि आज हिन्दुस्तान को उनकी सब्त जरूरत थी क्योंकि मुल्क में जिम तरीके की नफरत फैल रही है और जैसे हालत है, उसमें ऐसी शख्सियत की जरूरत है जिसके बारे में बाबा-ए-कौम महात्मा गांधी ने भी सन् 1947 में कहा था कि मुझे पूरे हिन्दुस्तान में अन्धेरा दिखाई दे रहा है, लेकिन एक रोशनी की किरण काश्मीर में है जो कि कौमी इत्तहाद को एक जीती-जागती तस्वीर है।

मैं अपनी तरफ से और अपनी पार्टी की तरफ से आपसे दरख्वास्त करता हूँ कि हमारा ताजियती पैगाम उनके खानदान वालों के पास पहुंचा दिया जाये।

[شری رشید مسعود (سہارنپور) :

محترم اسپیکر صاحب آپ نے اور  
محترم وزیر اعظم صاحب نے جن  
خیالات کا اظہار کیا اور انسوس ظاہر  
کھا ہے ہمارے ان لیڈروں کے ہمارے  
درمیان تہ دہلے پر میں اس سے  
متفق ہوں۔ میں اپنی طرف سے  
اور اپنی پارٹی کی طرف سے جامعاً  
ہوں کہ تعزیتی پیغام ان کے خاندان  
والوں کو بھیج دیا جائے۔

خاص طور سے میں سمجھتا ہوں  
کہ جو نئی جولدوریشن ہے اس کا  
ایک بہت بڑا لاس (نتیجہ) اس سے  
ہوا ہے اس لئے کہ ہم لوگوں کو جلسوں  
بڑے بڑے لیڈرس کے ساتھ دہلے کا  
موقع نہیں ملا ہے جلسوں نے آزادی  
کی لڑائی میں حصہ نہیں لیا ہے  
ان لوگوں کو انسپائر کرنے کے لئے  
شخصیتوں ملک میں نہیں وہ رفتہ  
رفتہ اٹھتی جا رہی ہیں۔ شری  
جی۔ ایس۔ پاتھک شری سی۔ قی۔  
دیش مکھ شہخ محمد مہد اللہ  
صاحب اور دوسرے سارے ایسے لوگ  
جو ہمیں انسپائر کر سکتے تھے ملک  
کی خدمت کے لئے جن کو دیکھنا  
کر ہم سبق حاصل کر سکتے تھے وہ  
آج ہمارے درمیان میں نہیں ہیں۔

میں خاص طور سے شہخ صاحب  
کے بارے میں کہنا چاہتا ہوں کہ آج  
ہندوستان کو ان کی عظمت ضرورت

تھی کہونکہ ملک میں جس طریقے  
کی نفرت پھیل رہی ہے اور جسے  
حالات میں اس میں ایسی شخصیت  
کی ضرورت ہے جس کے بارے میں  
ہمیں قوم مہاتما گاندھی نے بھی سن  
۱۹۲۷ء میں کہا تھا کہ مجھ پر  
ہندوستان میں اندھیرا دکھائی دے  
رہا ہے لیکن ایک روشنی کی کرن  
کھمبہ میں ہے جو کہ قومی اتحاد  
کی ایک چمکی جالکی تصویر ہے۔

میں اپنی طرف سے اور اپنی  
پارٹی کی طرف سے آپ سے درخواست  
کرتا ہوں کہ ہمارا تعزیتی پیغام ان  
کے خاندان والوں کے پاس پہنچا دیا  
جائے۔]

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Jai-  
pur): Mr. Speaker. Sir, while moving  
the condolence resolution you have  
rightly placed on a record the valu-  
able services rendered by these illus-  
trious sons of India. Unfortunately, I  
had no occasion personally to asso-  
ciate with either of them, and as  
such I am not in a position to say any-  
thing with regard to personal experi-  
ence. Anyway, I join the sentiments  
that have been expressed by you in  
this House and the sentiments that  
have been expressed by the Leader of  
the House and I on my behalf and on  
behalf of my party wish to convey  
my heartfelt condolences over the  
sad and sudden demise of these illus-  
trious sons of India and you may  
kindly convey our feelings to the be-  
reaved families.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:  
Mr. Speaker, one by one the tower-  
ing personalities of our country, who  
inspired our life during the freedom  
struggle and during our march to  
secularism, are passing away. And  
the latest in the galaxy is Sheikh  
Abdullah.

Sheikh Abdullah had been rightly  
described as the lion of Kashmir.

whether inside the jail or outside. As he roared in Kashmir, even as discordant voices of communalism tried to raise their voice, the entire Kashmir valley had always reverberated with the echoes of secularism. I only hope that even when Sheikh Abdullah is no more with us, that echo of secularism will not be stilled. But for Sheikh Abdullah in those momentous days when the crucial decision regarding accession was to be taken, if he was no more to be there, I do not know what calamity would have befallen our country. But he gave the right advice. He fought for secularism. He fought for all progressive ideas. He evolved a new Kashmir programme in which he tried to work for the landless and also the re-distribution of land. He was one among those who vigorously fought against the forces of feudalism and stood for the creation of a secular State. Even when he is no more there, we hope, the ideas for which he lived and died, will continue to rule in the land of Kashmir, an integral part of our country.

I am equally reminded about another illustrious son of India, C. D. Deshmukh. He was an outstanding personality in our national life, who combined in himself integrity and scholarship—a rare combination. He never allowed power motivations to dominate his life and his convictions had always the upperhand. That is why, when he firmly believed in the linguistic re-organisation of the States, on the question of creation of a linguistic State of Maharashtra, he resigned from the Cabinet, of which he was an able member. I am more proud of C. D. Deshmukh as a teacher. I share his distinction I greatly admire his distinction as a great educationist, who played a great role in the University Grants Commission. And he continued to guide a number of educational institutions. Today we cannot forget him when we are talking about nationalisation. It was during C. D. Deshmukh's regime that the Life Insurance Corporation was created and life insurance was nationalised. He laid the foundation

of the commanding heights of our economy. All these, who are interested in the proper regulation of our financial institutions, will always remember him.

Vice-President, Mr. Pathak, always conducted his work with great distinction and dignity. With the same dignity and decorum, he actually moved away from his post.

There are other young colleagues like Shri Gunanand, with whom I was associated in the socialist movement also offer him my homage.

I join you and other leaders of the Groups in conveying to the members of the bereaved families our heartfelt condolences.

श्री रामवतार शस्त्री (पटना) :  
अध्यक्ष जी, हमारे बीच से नौ पुराने रहनुमा और सहयोगी हमें छोड़कर चले गए। आपने और प्रधान मंत्री जी ने इन मृत आत्माओं के प्रति जो भावनाएँ व्यक्त की हैं, उनके साथ मैं अपने को और अपने दल को शामिल करते हुए शेख मोहम्मद अब्दुल्ला के प्रति दो शब्द निवेदन करना चाहूँगा।

शेख मोहम्मद अब्दुल्ला हमारे स्वतन्त्रता संग्राम के पुराने और प्रभावशाली नेता रहे हैं। उन्होंने अंग्रेजी साम्राज्य के खिलाफ हुए संघर्ष में कभी भी उनके साथ समझौता नहीं किया और वे लगातार आजादी के आन्दोलनों में आगे बढ़ कर हिस्सा लेते रहे हैं। इतना ही नहीं स्वतन्त्रता के बाद डोगरा-शाही के खिलाफ डोगरा व्यवस्था की निरकुशता के खिलाफ वे लड़ते रहे और अन्त में उन को भी पराजित किया।

इस के अलावा राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गांधी और जवाहर लाल नेहरू के बाद धर्म-निरपेक्षता की नीति में जो सब से ज्यादा कट्टरता के साथ, मजबूती के साथ विश्वास करते हैं, उन में शेख मुहम्मद

अब्दुल्ला का नाम बराबर लिया जाता रहेगा । वे जीवन पर्यन्त देश की एकता और धर्म निरपेक्षता की नीति को मजबूती के साथ लागू करने के लिए लड़ते रहे । इतना ही नहीं, जब पाकिस्तान ने उस समय हमारे मुल्क पर हमला किया, तब उस का भी उन्होंने मुकाबला किया और काश्मीर की तमाम जनता को हिन्दू-मुसलमान, सिख, ईसाई सब को मिला कर के रखा और अंग्रेजी साम्राज्यवाद के जमाने में भी उन्होंने साम्प्रदायिक संगठनों को अपने राज्य में पनपने नहीं दिया । तो इतनी महान् देश की एकता के प्रति उन की है । हमारो सकूलरइज्म की नीति के प्रति और देश भक्ति के प्रति उन का महान् व्यक्तित्व रहा है । हम उन के चले जाने से बहुत दुखी हैं ।

आखीर में मैं अपने एक साथी गुणानन्द ठाकुर जी के बारे में कुछ कहे बगैर नहीं रह सकता । उन के साथ मुझे लोक सभा में रहने का मौका मिला है । सन् 1965-66 के जमाने में जन-आन्दोलनों में उनके साथ भाग-लेने का मुझे मौका मिला है और हम दोनों जेल में भी एक साथ रहे हैं । वे हमारे ऐसे साथी थे जो गरीबी मिटाने में और आम जनता के लिए लड़ाई लड़ने में आगे रहे ।

अन्य हमारे साथी जो हमारे बीच से चने गये, उन सब के प्रति मैं अपनी तरफ से और अपने दल की तरफ से श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ और उन के शोक-संतप्त परिवार को आप के जरिये आनो संवेदना भेजता हूँ ।

श्री ए० नोला लोहियादसन  
नाइजर (त्रिवेन्द्रम) : अध्यक्ष, महोदय,  
अपने देश के 9 सपूतों के निघन  
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और इस सदन के नेताओं ने जो विचार प्रकट किये हैं, मैं उन से सहमत हूँ ।

शेख अब्दुल्ला साहब तो हमारे राष्ट्रीय अग्रणीय नेपाओं में से एक थे । प्रकृति रमणीय काश्मीर को हमारी राष्ट्रीय मुख्य धारा में सम्मिलित करने के लिए उन्होंने जो महत्वपूर्ण काम किया है, उस के लिए हमारे देश का हर एक व्यक्ति उन का हमेशा के लिए आभारी रहेगा/वे प्रगतिशील, आर्थिक एवं सामाजिक नीतियों के पुजारी रहे हैं । वे काश्मीर के शेर कहलाते थे लेकिन वास्तव में हमारे राजनीतिक जीवन के शेर हमेशा के लिए रहे । मैं याद करता हूँ, अध्यक्ष महोदय, कि हमारी पार्टी के नेता श्री बहुगुणा के साथ जो उन का सम्बन्ध था, वह जीवन भर रहा । मैं अपनी ओर से और अपनी पार्टी की ओर से उन की श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ ।

श्री देशमुख हमारे अर्थ-शास्त्र के सच्चे विद्वान रहे हैं और जहां-जहां उन्होंने पैर रखा, वहां-वहां उन्होंने अपने व्यक्तित्व की अमिट छाप डाली ।

श्री जी एस० पाठक ने उप-राष्ट्रपति के तौर पर जो महत्वपूर्ण काम किया है, वह हमारे इतिहास का एक अंग बन गया है । राज्य सभा के चेयरमैन के तौर पर उन्होंने जो महत्वपूर्ण काम किया है, वह भी हमारे संसदीय इतिहास का एक अंग बन गया है । अन्य जो हमारे साथी रहे हैं चाहे वह रामप्पा, बालप्पा बिदारी हों, चाहे डा० बाबूराव पटेल हों, चाहे रामचन्द्र बडे हों, चाहे विजय भूषण सिंह देव हों, चाहे गुनानन्द ठाकुर हों और चाहे रघुवीर सिंह शास्त्री हों, उन सब ने अपने-अपने समय में इस सदन का अपना-अपना योग-दान दिया है । उन सब के निघन पर मैं अपनी श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ ।



श्री र. मन्विलास पासवान (हाजी-पुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, अभी आपने, सदन के नेता तथा दूसरे विपक्षी दलों के नेताओं ने जो संवेदना व्यक्त की है और श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित की है, मैं भी अपनी ओर से और अपने दल के तमाम सदस्यों की ओर से श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ ।

शेख अब्दुल्ला साहब के संबंध में जितना कुछ कहा जाए, कम है । हमारे देश में बहुत कम महारथी बचे थे, जिनमें शेख अब्दुल्ला साहब का नाम सबसे अग्रणी रूप में लिया जाता था । वे जिस समुदाय से आए थे, उसके बावजूद उनमें जो राष्ट्रीयता और धर्म-निरपेक्षता और संकल्प शक्ति थी, वह है अद्वितीय थी । उनके अभाव में देश की अपार क्षति हुई है ।

पाठक जी उप राष्ट्रपति थे । उप राष्ट्रपति का पद ही एक ऐसा पद है जिससे उस व्यक्ति की गरिमा का पता चल जाता है ।

देशमुख जी अर्थशास्त्री थे । अर्थशास्त्र में ही नहीं बल्कि अर्थ नीति के संबंध में भी उनका बहुत योगदान रहा है ।

हमारे साथी श्री गुणानंद ठाकुर बहुत थोड़ी उम्र में चले गए । उनकी सामाजिक सेवा से सबको शिक्षा लेनी चाहिए । किस तरह से गरीबी के खिलाफ लड़ते हुए अल्पायु में ही हब लोगों के बीच से चले गए ।

हमारे अन्य साथियों का भी देश के लिए काफी योगदान रहा है और इस सदन में भी उनका काफी योगदान रहा है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपसे आप्रह कहूंगा, कि हमारी संवेदना को, आप

उनके परिवारों तक पहुंचाने का कष्ट करें । इन शब्दों के साथ मैं अपनी श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ ।

श्री राजेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव (मधेपुरा) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आपके द्वारा और माननीय सदन के नेता द्वारा तथा विभिन्न दलों के नेताओं द्वारा व्यक्त संवेदना से मैं अपने आपको संबद्ध करते हुए यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि इन नेताओं का इस देश में काफी योगदान रहा । मैं खासतौर से श्री गुणानंद ठाकुर जी के बारे में दो शब्द कहना चाहूंगा । वे हमारे जिले से आते थे । वे समाजवाद की प्रतिमूर्ति थे । बिहार की राजधानी पटना से लेकर दिल्ली तक उनके कार्य को देखा जा सकता है । चाहे वे सदस्य नहीं भी थे, लेकिन उनके निवास स्थान पर गरीब लोगों का तांता लगा रहता था, जो अपनी समस्याओं को उनके सामने रखते थे । उन समस्याओं से जूझते हुए इतनी अल्पायु में ही उनका देहांत हुआ । अपने पीछे जो वे जवाबदेही छोड़ गए हैं, उसको पूरा करने में हम सब लोग सहयोग करें और उनके आदर्शों पर चलने का पक्का इरादा करें ।

हम अपनी ओर से, अपने दल की ओर से और तमाम सहयोगियों की ओर से संवेदना प्रकट करते हैं और आपसे आप्रह करते हैं कि इस संवेदना की उनके परिवार तक पहुंचा दें ।

SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: (Pon-nani): Mr. Speaker, Sir, we share the sentiments expressed on the passing away of Dr. Pathak, former Vice-President, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah and others.

Sir, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah was one of the architects of India. He was a stalwart dedicated to the principles of secular democracy. His con-



tribution to Kashmir and to the country is indelible. He was a Lion of Kashmir in the true sense of the word. As a man, one of his greatest qualities was that he was free from any bitterness despite heavy odds and ups and downs in his life. On behalf of my party, the Muslim League, I pay our homage to the departed souls and extend our heart-felt condolences to the families of the bereaved.

**SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV** (Azamgarh): I associate myself fully with the sentiments expressed by you and the Prime Minister and would like to convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

We have lost many important leaders and many valuable colleagues. The Vice-President, Shri Pathakji was one of the fore-front leaders of our country. His contribution will always be remembered in parliamentary life.

Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah was one of our tallest national leaders. His contribution to our freedom struggle and to build a new India will always be remembered. He will be inspiring the people in future also with his great faith in secularism and democracy. Though he is no more, I am sure, his philosophy and principles in which he believed will continue to rule the hearts and minds of the Kashmiri people. Though, after independence, he limited himself to build a new Kashmir, the people from all parts of the country looked towards him and, therefore, he was regarded always as one of our tallest national leaders.

Shri Gunanand Thakur died at a very young age, unfortunately leaving behind him four minor children. Out of his five children only one—his eldest daughter—is married. Others are minor. But he was an example of a sincere and dedicated grass-root worker.

Shri Deshmukh's contribution to many spheres of our national life will always be remembered.

With these words I would request you to convey our heartfelt condolences on behalf of my party and myself to the bereaved families.

**SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI** (Pollachi): Mr. Speaker I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by you and the hon. Prime Minister on the sudden demise of the various eminent leaders and the scholars of this country.

Shri G. S. Pathak was a great lawyer and an educationist. He made a tremendous contribution to the parliamentary institution.

Sheikh Abdullah, the lion of Kashmir, was one of the leading personalities. He was one of the architects of this nation. He was an embodiment of national integration. He stood for more powers for the State and was advocating the interest of a particular region. Even though he was very much interested in a particular region, he was a great and recognised leader of this nation.

Shri C. D. Deshmukh and others made a tremendous contribution to this nation.

On behalf of my party, D.M.K., I would like you to convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

**MR. SPEAKER:** 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 short while.*