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*Friday, the 17th December, 1999/26 Agrahayana, 1921 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman *in the Chair*.

### OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Krishan Lai Sharma, a former Member of this House early this morning in New Delhi following a massive heart-attack. He was 74.

Born at Lodhran in district Multan, now in Pakistan, in November, 1925, Shri Sharma was educated at the DAV High School, at the Emerson College, Multan and at the Punjab University. A social worker, Shri Sharma actively participated in the freedom struggle and after independence took keen interest in the relief and rehabilitation works for refugees from Pakistan. He was also associated with various social welfare organisations engaged in the uplift of the weaker and downtrodden sections of the society. He was a Member of the Hindi Salahakar Samiti of the Ministry of Labour and a Member of the Informal Consultation Committee of the Northern Railway.

Shri Sharma represented the State of Himachal Pradesh in this House from April, 1990 to April, 1996. He was also a Member of the eleventh Lok Sabha and the twelfth Lok Sabha. He had actively participated in the proceedings of the House and was associated with several parliamentary committees. He was also a Member of the Committee on Public Undertakings from 1995.

In the passing away of Shri Krishan Lai Sharma, the country has lost a distinguished parliamentarian and a dedicated social worker.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Krishan Lai Sharma.

I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

*(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved family our sense of profound sorrow and deep sympathy.

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