

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I would like to inform the Members that the Prime Minister has nominated Shri Jaswant Singh to be the Leader of the House.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, this House wishes to place on record its profound sorrow and grief at the passing away of former President of Tanzania, Julius Nyerere who passed away on 14th October, 1999.

President Nyerere's many-splendoured life spanned an era. His life will remain an inspiring legacy for Tanzania and Africa, and beyond Africa, for the entire world. He was a towering symbol of self-reliant aspirations of the entire developing world. We recall his ideological clarity in fighting against all vestiges of colonialism, including the abhorrent practice of apartheid. The values he sought to disseminate will remain enduring, freedom with dignity, economic growth with equity and international relations based on equality.

India will always have a special place for the memory of Julius Nyerere. We did ourselves proud by conferring on this great statesman the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding and Gandhi Peace Prize. In his death, the world has lost a fighter for peace and human dignity and India a great friend. We deeply mourn the loss of Julius Nyerere.

Hon'ble Members, I also refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Salay Mohammad Sait, Shrimati Sharda Bhargava, Shri Adityendra, Shri Virendra Kumar Sakhalecha, Shri K.K. Madhavan, Shri T.V. Anandan, former Members and Shri Parag Chaliha, sitting Member, Shri K.N. Singh, Thakur Jagatpal Singh, Shri Lalsawia, Shri Kalpnath Rai, Shri Maqsood Ali Khan, former Members and Shri Ish Dutt Yadav and Shri R.K. Kumar, sitting Members of this House.

Shri Salay Mohammad Sait, who passed away on the 1st January, 1998 at the age of 67, was born in January, 1932 at Mattancherry, Cochin in Kerala. Shri Sait had his education at Cochin. A businessman, Shri Sait was a Member of the Managing Committee of Indian Chamber of Commerce, Cochin since 1960. He was also associated with various welfare organisations and bodies involved in the promotion of education and social welfare.

Shri Sait represented the State of Kerala in this House from April, 1964 to April, 1970.

In the passing away of Shri Sait the country has lost a dedicated social worker.

Shrimati Sharda Bhargava, who passed away on the 13th May, 1999 at the age of 87, was born in May, 1912 at Jodhpur in Rajasthan and had her education at Lucknow and Jaipur. Shrimati Bhargava was a Member of State Social Welfare Board. She was also associated with various educational, social and cultural institutions in various capacities. She was actively involved in promotion of Women's welfare and their upliftment.

Shrimati Bhargava started her legislative career as a Member of the Jaipur Legislative Council in 1945—49. She represented the State of Rajasthan in this House from April, 1952 to April, 1962 and again from August, 1963 to April, 1966. She was also Member on the Panel of Vice-Chairmen from 1956-57.

In the passing away of Shrimati Bhargava the country has lost a noted Parliamentarian and an eminent social worker.

Shri Adityendra, who passed away on the 28th May, 1999 after a protracted illness at the age of 92 was born in June, 1907 in the Bharatpur District of Rajasthan. Shri Adityendra has his education at Bharatpur and Agra.

An agriculturist and a businessman, Shri Adityendra took active part in the freedom struggle. Shri Adityendra was associated with various welfare activities for the upliftment of the downtrodden and backward people of the society. He took active part in running several schools and participated in adult education.

Shri Adityendra represented the State of Rajasthan in this House from April, 1954 to April, 1960. He also served as a Minister in the Rajasthan Government from 1977 to 1979. He took keen interest in the proceedings of the House.

In the passing away of Shri Adityendra, the country has lost a noted social worker.

Shri Virendra Kumar Sakhalecha, who passed away on the 31st May, 1999 at the age of 69 was born in March, 1930 at Mandsaur District of Madhya Pradesh. He was educated at Indore and Pilani. An advocate by profession, Shri Sakhalecha was associated with various welfare organisations. He was Director and Chairman, Co-operative Bank, Mandsaur.

Shri Sakhalecha had a long legislative career. He was Member of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1972. He was Leader of Opposition in the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly and was Chairman of Public Accounts Committee of the State Legislative Assembly for three years. He became the Deputy Chief Minister and later became Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.

Shri Sakhalecha represented the State of Madhya Pradesh in this House from April, 1972 to June, 1977.

In the passing away of Shri Sakhalecha, the country has lost a noted Parliamentarian and an able administrator.

Shri K.K. Madhavan, who passed away on the 6th June, 1999 at the age of 82, was born in July, 1917 at Mulavukad in Kerala. He was educated at Ernakulam and Banaras Hindu University.

An advocate and a journalist, Shri Madhavan tirelessly worked for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. He actively participated in the Library and anti-Liquor movements. He was the President of Federation of Central Government Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Employees (Kerala) and Director, Central Cooperative Land Mortgage Bank. He served in various social welfare organisations and bodies engaged in the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

Shri K.K. Madhavan represented the State of Kerala in this House from April, 1976 to April, 1982.

In the passing away of Shri K.K. Madhavan, the country has lost a noted social worker.

Shri T.V. Anandan, who passed away on the 11th June, 1999 at the age of 95 was born in August, 1904 at Perambur in Tamil Nadu and was educated at Madras.

A Trade unionist, Shri Anandan was Vice-President, National Federation of Indian Railwaymen and represented Indian Railwaymen at the International Transport Workers Federation Convention at Rome in 1953 and was Advisor to the Labour Delegation of the Government of India to the 43rd International Labour Conference at Geneva in 1963. He was also a Member of the Parliamentary Delegation to Malasiya to study the conditions of Deck Passengers. He was also Editor of "Labour Times" and "Tholilalar Murasu".

Shri Anandan represented the state of Tamil Nadu in this House from April, 1964 to April, 1970 and from April, 1970 to April, 1976 and took active part in the deliberations of the House.

In the passing away of Shri Anandan the country has lost a veteran trade unionist.

Shri Parag Chaliha, a sitting Member of this House passed away on the 22nd June, 1999 at the age of 76. He was born in September, 1923 at Dibrugarh, Assam and was educated at Guwahati and Calcutta.

Shri Chaliha, a teacher by profession, participated in the Quit India movement and suffered imprisonment. A multi-faceted personality, he was also activity associated with promotion of music, art, drama, sports. He was president of Assam Sahitya Sabha and Assam Football and Cricket Association. Shri Chaliha founded and built up Sibsagar College to be a premier educational institution in the country and served that college as Professor, Vice-Principal and as Principal, for 38 years.

Shri Chaliha was the founder Secretary of Assam Artists Association. He was also associated with Assam Sangeet Natya Academy as its General Secretary for quite a long time. Shri Chaliha also served as an Executive Councillor at Guwahati University and Dibrugarh University. Shri Chaliha had a number of publications to his credit.

Shri Chaliha was a member of the Eighth Lok Sabha. Shri Chaliha represented the state of Assam in this House from June, 1995.

In the passing away of Shri Chaliha, the country has lost a veteran freedom fighter, a distinguished Parliamentarian and a noted educationist.

Shri K. N. Singh passed away on the 1st July, 1999 at the age of 71. He was born in 1928 in District Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh and was educated at Varanasi and Allahabad.

An advocate by profession, Shri Singh participated in the Quit India Movement and was imprisoned. He also took active part in Student Movements and worked for expansion and spread of education among rural poor.

Shri Singh was the founder of Kamla Nehru Institute of Technology and several other educational Institutions in Uttar Pradesh. He was also a Member of the Samsad (Court) of Vishva Bharati. Shri Singh worked tirelessly for the spread of education in Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Singh was elected to the Fourth, Fifth and Eighth Lok Sabhas. He was also a Union Deputy Minister and held the portfolios of Parliamentary Affairs, Agriculture and Irrigation. Shri Singh represented the State of Uttar Pradesh in this House from April, 1990 to April, 1996.

In the passing away of Shri Singh, the country has lost a noted Parliamentarian.

Thakur Jagatpal Singh passed away on the 8th July, 1999 at the age of 76. He was born in March, 1923 at Badaun in Uttar Pradesh.

A Social Worker, Shri Thakur was President, All India Railway Catering Employees' Union. He was associated with several organisations engaged in the welfare and upliftment of socially backward sections of the society.

Shri Thakur represented the state of Madhya Pradesh in this House from April 1984, to April, 1990.

In the passing away of Shri Thakur the country has lost a noted social worker.

Shri Lalsawia, who passed away on the 26th July, 1999 at the age of 80 was born in November, 1919 in Lunglei District of Mizoram. He was educated at Bishnupur and Calcutta.

A well-known social worker in Mizoram, Shri Lalsawia was elected to the First Autonomous District Council of Lushai Hills District, Assam. He was also the Chief Executive Member of the Mizoram District Council and was Chairman, Mizo Ex-Services Multiple Cooperative Society. Shri Lalsawia served as the General Secretary of the Central Young Mizo Association a foremost non-governmental organisation in Mizoram. Shri Lalsawia was the Editor of 'TUNLAI' a local newspaper. Shri Lalsawia translated several books into Mizo language.

Shri Lalsawia represented the state of Mizoram in this House from June, 1978 to June, 1984.

In the passing away of Shri Lalsawia the country has lost a distinguished social worker.

Shri Kalpnath Rai passed away on the 6th August, 1999 at the age of 58. He was born in January, 1941 at Semari Jamalpur, District Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh. He had his education at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.

An advocate by profession, Shri Rai was an active student leader. Shri Rai was actively associated in rural reconstruction and social service. He was associated with several institutions that were involved in the upliftment of poor and downtrodden people.

Shri Rai represented the State of Uttar Pradesh in this House from April, 1974 to April, 1980, again from July, 1980 to July, 1986 and from July, 1986 to November, 1989. Shri Rai was also elected to the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Lok Sabhas.

He was also a member of Union Cabinet for nine years and held the portfolios of Parliamentary Affairs, Industry, Power, Food and Non-Conventional Energy Sources.

In the passing away of Shri Rai the country has lost a veteran Parliamentarian and a committed social worker.

Shri Maqsood Ali Khan who passed away on the 30th August, 1999 at the age of 74. Shri Khan was born in January, 1925 at Bidar in Karnataka and had his education at Hyderabad and Aligarh.

Shri Khan took active interest in the educational and social activities of Minorities. He was Chairman of Mysore Small Scale Industries Board and was also the President of Majlis Millia, Bangalore. He was Chairman of Karnataka Wakf Board. Shri Khan was also associated with several other social organisations and associations. He was the Editor-in-chief of the Urdu newspaper Daily 'Salar'.

Shri Khan started his career as a member of Mysore Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1967 and also served as Deputy Minister, Mines and Geology, Government of Mysore from 1962 to 1967. Shri Khan represented the State of Karnataka in this House from April, 1972 to April, 1978 and again from April, 1978 to April, 1984.

In the passing away of Shri Khan, the country has lost a veteran Journalist and a distinguished Parliamentarian.

Shri Ish Dutt Yadav, a sitting Member of this House, passed away on the 19th September, 1999 at the age of 63. He was born in September, 1936 in District Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh. He was educated at Azamgarh and Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh.

An advocate and an agriculturist, Shri Yadav worked tirelessly for the upliftment of downtrodden and backward classes. He was the President and Member of Nagar Palika, Azamgarh. He participated in political movements and agitations and was sent to jail several times.

Shri Yadav started his legislative career as a Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1977-80. He represented the State of Uttar Pradesh in this House from April, 1988 to April, 1994 and again from April, 1994. A forceful speaker, Shri Yadav actively participated in the deliberations of the House.

In the passing away of Shri Yadav the country has lost a dedicated social worker and a noted Parliamentarian.

Shri R.K. Kumar, a sitting Member of this House passed away on the 3rd October, 1999 at the age of 57. He was born in August, 1942 at Madras. Shri Kumar had his education at Nepal and Delhi.

A Chartered Accountant by profession, Shri Kumar was Director, Canara Bank from 1982-85. Shri Kumar was an accomplished actor in Tamil plays and was an active Member of the South Indian Theatres. He was also associated with several social, cultural organisations. Shri Kumar was also an accomplished writer and has several Publications to his credit.

He took active part in the deliberations of the house. Shri Kumar represented the State of Tamil Nadu in this House from April, 1996. He was also Minister of State for Finance for a brief period. Shri Kumar contributed significantly towards the proceedings of the House especially relating to economic and financial matters. Soft spoken and mild mannered, he endeared himself with one and all with his suave manners.

In the passing away of Shri Kumar the country has lost a distinguished parliamentarian.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Salay Mohammad Sait, Shrimati Sharda Bhargava, Shri Adityendra, Shri Virendra Kumar Sakhalecha, Shri K.K. Madhavan, Shri T.V. Anandan, Shri Parag Chaliha, Shri K.N. Singh, Thakur Jagatpal Singh, Shri Lalsawia, Shri Kalpnath Rai, Shri Maqsood Ali Khan, Shri Ish Dutt Yadav and Shri R.K. Kumar.

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.)

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

REFERENCE TO VICTIMS OF CYCLONE IN ORISSA

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with utmost grief and sorrow to the severe cyclonic storm that struck coastal Orissa in the early hours of 18th October, 1999. About 80 persons lost their lives and more than seven lakh people have been marooned or rendered homeless.

SHRI SOLIPETTA RAMACHANDRA REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): In Andhra Pradesh also.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, I will include Andhra Pradesh. The loss of and injury to human life and the devastation caused, is of high