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THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): There will be a statement by the External Affairs Minister at 5 p.m. on CTBT. This is for the information of hon. Members.

RE: GOOD WISHES TO MOTHER TERESA FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM HER ILLNESS.

SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I thank you for having granted me this opportunity of wishing one of our very great souls who has become a history during her own lifetime, a very happy birthday.

Mother Teresa, a living saint and an embodiment of all that is good in human life, celebrates her 86th birthday today. As a noble person who has tirelessly fought against poverty and hatred, she has won the love and affection of the entire country irrespective of caste, creed and religion. We are really sad that she has been hospitalised for some illness and her health has become a cause of anxiety for the entire nation. On behalf of the Members of this House and, with your permission, I would like to wish her happy birthday and also pray for her early recovery. We wish her a long life and good health.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I just want to associate myself with my colleague, Mr. Peter Alphonse, to say that Mother Teresa is a beloved person, a person of peace and of love for her fellow human beings. We are all worried that she is seriously ill and is in the hospital. On the occasion of her birthday, we would like to convey our good wishes to her and pray for her speedy recovery.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): Kindly make an announcemnet from the chair... (Interruptions)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): I also join the hon. Members in wishing her a happy birthday today. I also pray to God on behalf of all the hon. Members for her speedy recovery. She is a great soul who has served humanity, especially the poorer sections of the people.

Now we will take up the death of pilgrims to Amarnath Yatra... (Interruptions)... Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra... (Interruptions)... Mr. Ahluwalia, you are third. Mr. Vijay Kumar Malhotra gave notice prior to you. The second speaker is Shri Shiv Charan Singh... (Interruptions)...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (Bihar): I had given the notice first... (Interruption)...

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): We were informed by the Chairman that a statement will be made by the hon. Minister and thereafter we could speak. That is what we understood. That is why I did not give my name... (Interruptions)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): I will include your name... (Interruption)...

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: All of us have been under this impression. The Chairman said that a statement will be made by the Minister and thereafter, we could seek clarifications. We are all waiting for the Minister... (Interruption)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): The Chairman allowed hon. Members to raise the issue in the House during the Zero Hour. Those who have not given their names can give them now. They can also associate themselves. Mr. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, please be brief. There are nine Members who want to speak.

REFERENCE TO THE DEATH OF PILGRIMS OF AMARNATH YATRA

प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दिल्ली): उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं जब बोलने के लिए खड़ा होता हूँ तो आप दो