

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 23rd July, 2009/1 Sravana, 1931 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer, with profound sorrow, to the passing away of Dr. M.N. Das, a former Member of this House, on 18th July, 2009, at the age of 83 years. Born in January, 1926, Dr. Das had his education at Ravenshaw College, Allahabad University and London University. An eminent historian and an academician of repute, Dr. M.N. Das began his academic career in the Orissa Educational Service in 1948. He served as Professor and Head of Department of History in the Utkal University from 1961 to 1983 and as Vice-Chancellor of that University from 1983 to 1985. He was also Research Associate in the University of London, Visiting Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, Visiting Professor in the United States of America and National Fellow of the University Grants Commission. Dr. Das was also deputed by the Government of India in 1962 to the erstwhile Soviet Union to deliver lectures on Indian History in the Universities of Moscow, Leningrad and Tashkent. He was widely travelled and had attended seminars and conferences on History and other subjects within the country and abroad.

Dr. Das was a prolific writer, who wrote on History, both in English and Oriya, and had several publications to his credit. He had also contributed to various journals of repute and published research papers and articles in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and the *Grolier Encyclopaedia*.

Dr. M.N. Das represented the State of Orissa in this House from July, 1998 to July, 2004.

In the passing away of Dr. M.N. Das, the country has lost an eminent historian, a distinguished academician and an able parliamentarian.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Dr. M.N. Das.

I request hon. Members to rise in their seats and observe silence for one minute 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 deep sense of sorrow and sympathy.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 281. ...*(Interruptions)*... Question No. 281, please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सतीश चन्द्र मिश्र (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, पहले ही हमने नोटिस दिया था कि क्वेश्चन आवर को स्थगित करके...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, resume your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please, resume your places. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सतीश चन्द्र मिश्र: सर, यह बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण विषय है...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 281. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सतीश चन्द्र मिश्र: सर, बहुजन समाज पार्टी की राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष के बारे में न्यूजपेपर में आया है कि...(व्यवधान)... उनके लिए सेक्योरिटी...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Could you, please, resume your places? ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सतीश चन्द्र मिश्र: सर इसे आप देखिए...(व्यवधान)... सर, यह बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण विषय है...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister wishes to speak. ...*(Interruptions)*...

RE. VIP SECURITY

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): Sir, we discussed this issue in the morning and I had a few minutes to discuss it with the Home Minister. I can assure the House that no proposal, whatsoever, has come to the Home Minister. He is investigating as to what happened. But, Sir, I must also inform the House that over the last 15 years, every six months, a review of the security arrangements takes place. This could be one of those routine reviews. But I can assure you that no proposal has come to the Home Minister.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 281. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA MISRA (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, this is not a satisfactory reply. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think the clarification has been given. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA MISRA: Sir, this is not a satisfactory reply. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, the Minister...*(Interruptions)*...have decided to scale down the security of Ms. Mayawati...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please. ...*(Interruptions)*... I can't listen to twenty people at a time. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Mishra, please ask your Party Members to resume their places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please request your Members to sit down.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA MISRA: Sir, this is not an answer. ...*(Interruptions)*... It is said that the Home Minister...*(Interruptions)*...