

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 10th February, 2021/21st Magha, 1942 (Saka)

*The House met at nine of the clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.*

OBITUARY REFERENCE

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH (Karnataka): Sir,...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: First, Obituary Reference. Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of **Shri Mahendra Bahadur Singh**, a former Member of this House, on the 26th of October, 2020, at the age of 94 years.

Born in December, 1925 at Saraipalli Village of Mahasamund District of Chhattisgarh, Shri Singh was educated at the Rajkumar College, Raipur.

An agriculturist, Shri Singh strived for the upliftment of downtrodden and also tribals. He served as a Member of Tribal Advisory Committee, Bhopal, from 1967 to 1970 and that of Zonal Forest Committee, Indore Division, from 1969 to 1970. He also served as the Vice-President of Adivasi Mahasabha, Saraipalli.

Shri Singh started his legislative career as a Member of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly in 1962 and went on to serve as a Member of that assembly for six terms between 1962 and 2000. He also served as a Minister in the Government of Madhya Pradesh. In the year 2000, Shri Mahendra Singh was deemed elected as a Member of the newly constituted Chattisgarh Legislative Assembly and served as the Protem Speaker of that Assembly.

Shri Mahendra Bahadur Singh represented the State of Madhya Pradesh in this august House from April, 1972 to April, 1978.

In the passing away of Shri Mahendra Bahadur Singh, the country has lost a dedicated social worker and an able parliamentarian. We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Mahendra Bahadur Singh.

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 families our sense of profound sorrow and deep sympathy.