

LOK SABHA

SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES (Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)

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OBITUARY REFERENCES

HON'BLE SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of eight former Members, namely, Sarvashri Keyur Bhushan, Bateshwar Hemram, Y.G. Mahajan, Dr. G.R. Sarode, Jalagam Kondala Rao, K. Krishnamoorthy, Bhanu Prakash Singh and George Fernandes.

Shri Keyur Bhushan was a Member of 7th and 8th Lok Sabha representing the Raipur Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh, now in Chhattisgarh. Shri Keyur Bhushan was a Member of Estimates Committee and Member of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Mental Health Bill. A freedom fighter, Shri Bhushan was imprisoned for participating in "Quit India" Movement. A man of letters Shri Keyur Bhushan was the editor of "Chattisgarh Weekly" and "Chattisgarh Sandesh".

Shri Keyur Bhushan passed away on 3 May, 2018 in Raipur, Chhattisgarh at the age of 90.

Shri Bateshwar Hemram was a Member of the 6th Lok Sabha representing the Dumka Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar, now in Jharkhand. Shri Hemram had special interest in literary activities and has several publications to his credit.

Shri Bateshwar Hemram passed away on 17 October, 2018 in Dumka, Jharkhand at the age of 87.

Shri Y.G. Mahajan was a Member of 13th and 14th Lok Sabha representing the Jalgaon Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra. Shri Mahajan was a Member of Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Human Resource Development. An active social and political worker, Shri Mahajan actively participated in anti-dowry movement.

Shri Y.G. Mahajan passed away on 29 October, 2018 in Jalgaon, Maharashtra at the age of 77.

Dr. G.R. Sarode was a Member of 10th and 11th Lok Sabha representing the Jalgaon Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra. Earlier, Dr. G.R. Sarode was a Member of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.

Dr. G.R. Sarode passed away on 2 December, 2018 in Jalgaon, Maharashtra at the age of 78.

Shri Jalagam Kondala Rao was a Member of the 6th and 7th Lok Sabha representing the Khammam Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh, now in Telangana. He was a Member of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions. Earlier, Shri Rao was a Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative

Assembly from 1957 to 1962. An active social worker, Shri Rao worked for the upliftment of the deprived sections of the society.

Shri Jalagam Kondala Rao passed away on 18 December, 2018 in Hyderabad, Telangana at the age of 90.

Shri K. Krishnamoorthy was a Member of the 12th Lok Sabha representing the Mayiladuthurai Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu. Shri Krishnamoorthy served as a Member of the Committee on Science and Technology and Committee on Environment and Forests. An active social worker, Shri Krishnamoorthy worked for the promotion of education and founded several educational institutions.

Shri K. Krishnamoorthy passed away on 16 January, 2019 at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu at the age of 74.

Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh was a Member of the 3rd and 4th Lok Sabha representing the Rajgarh and Sidhi Parliamentary Constituencies of Madhya Pradesh respectively. Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh was the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industrial Development and Company Affairs. He also served as Governor of Goa.

Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh passed away on 24 January, 2019 at Raigad, Madhya Pradesh at the age of 89.

Shri George Fernandes was a Member of 4th Lok Sabha representing the then Bombay South, now Mumbai South Parliamentary Constituency of

Maharashtra. He was also a Member of 6th, 7th and 9th to 14th Lok Sabha representing the Muzaffarpur and Nalanda Parliamentary Constituencies of Bihar respectively. Shri Fernandes was a Union Minister for Defence, Railways, Communications and Industry. An accomplished Parliamentarian, he was also a Member of various Parliamentary Committees. A man of letters, Shri Fernandes was the editor of 'The Other Side' and has several other publications namely 'What Ails the Socialists' and 'Railway Strike of 1974' to his credit. An outstanding trade unionist and socialist, Shri Fernandes epitomized simple living and high thinking. He effectively raised the voice for the rights of the poor and marginalized sections of the society and earned a reputation as a man of action. He was an eternal rebel with a social cause and worked with relentless energy, fearlessness and was totally committed to the working class.

Shri George Fernandes passed away on 29 January, 2019 in New Delhi at the age of 88.

We deeply mourn the loss of our former colleagues. I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

SUBMISSION BY MEMBERS

Re: Alleged stand-off between the CBI and West Bengal Police.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

responding to the issue raised by several hon. Members, said: Yesterday, in Kolkata, CBI officials were not only stopped from performing their lawful duties but they were also detained by the Kolkata police in the police station. I think such an incident is unprecedented in the history of the country. This House is aware that the CBI has been entrusted with the responsibility of investigating the Sharda scam by the hon. Supreme Court of India. Hard earned money of lakhs of poor people of Eastern India particularly of West Bengal was usurped by the Sharda Group. Various companies of Sharda Group had collected a huge amount of money by offering attractive rewards and returns through a number of dubious money multiplier schemes. Lakhs of victims staged a huge demonstration when the company failed to return their money. Consequently, the Sharda scam issue was brought before the Supreme Court of India through a Public Interest Litigation seeking investigation by the CBI. This matter being an inter-state matter, involving international money laundering, serious regulatory failures along with alleged political nexus of the suspects, hon. Supreme Court had ordered a CBI inquiry in the year 2014. Yesterday evening, a team of CBI officers had gone to the Police Commissioner of Kolkata in connection with investigation into the scam. These officials were not only stopped by the West Bengal police but they

were forcibly taken to the police station also. It is not that the CBI team went directly to the Police Commissioner for inquiry. CBI did so under compulsion because the Police Commissioner had not been cooperating in the investigation. He was not making himself available even after repeated summons issued by the CBI. The situation became so serious that we had to deploy the CRPF for the safety of the CBI officers. Such a stand-off between the law enforcement agencies of the country is not only unfortunate but also a serious threat to the federal and political system of the country. A chaotic situation will arise if law enforcement agencies, whether of Centre or the State Governments, are obstructed from performing their lawful duty. Police and public order are State subjects under the Constitution. We, at the Central Government, respect the rights of the States in this connection and the Constitution has entrusted the Central Government to ensure that the country is governed in accordance with the constitutional provisions. I have also discussed the matter with H.E. the Governor of West Bengal who has called the Chief Secretary of the State and the D.G., Police so that stand-off between the agencies in the matter can be avoided and security be provided to the CBI officers. I have also requested H.E. the Governor to send a report on the entire issue. I would like to appeal that the State Government should provide an opportunity to the law enforcement agencies to work properly. With this appeal, I expect that all the State Governments would let the law enforcement agencies of the country work properly. I hope that the West Bengal Government

will also cooperate fully to provide conducive environment required for ensuring the smooth functioning of all these law enforcement agencies so that these agencies are able to work without fear and bias and help establishing rule of law the country.

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

1. **SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA** laid a statement regarding need to expedite construction of flyover on National Highway passing through Kalpi in Jalone Parliamentary Constituency, Uttar Pradesh.
2. **SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL** laid a statement regarding invention of a drone for spraying pesticide.
3. **SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR** laid a statement regarding establishment of Medical Tribunal.
4. **SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY** laid a statement regarding need to include Khetauri Ghatwal-Ghatwar communities of Santhal Pargana in Jharkhand in the list of Scheduled Tribes.
5. **COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY** laid a statement regarding need to undertake development works and provide civic amenities in Barmer Parliamentary Constituency, Rajasthan.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Speaker.

6. **SHRI RAHUL KASWAN** laid a statement regarding need to provide Rajasthan its allocated share of Yamuna water as per agreement.
7. **SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BAHERIA** laid a statement regarding need to simplify the process of GST refund claims.
8. **SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY** laid a statement regarding problems faced by employees associated with Saakshar Bharat Mission in Jharkhand.
9. **DR. UDIT RAJ** laid a statement regarding creation of All India Judicial Services.
10. **SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL** laid a statement regarding need for doubling of railway lines in Gujarat.
11. **SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI** laid a statement regarding setting up of an income tax Appellate Tribunal at Hubballi-Dharwad city of Karnataka.
12. **SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN** laid a statement regarding need to bring mortal remains of NRIs from Gulf countries to the country free of cost.
13. **DR. SHASHI THAROOR** laid a statement regarding need to create a separate Ministry of Fisheries.
14. **SHRI P. R. SUNDARAM** laid a statement regarding need to safeguard the interests of poultry farmers of Namakkal district, Tamil Nadu.
15. **SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM** laid a statement regarding need to introduce Women's Reservation Bill.

16. **SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI** laid a statement regarding manual scavenging in India.
17. **PROF. SAUGATA ROY** laid a statement regarding return of undisputed land in Ayodhya.
18. **SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA** laid a statement regarding construction of road over-bridge at level crossing No. 61 at Basta in Balasore Parliamentary Constituency of Odisha.
19. **SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR** laid a statement regarding renaming of Bombay High Court.
20. **SHRI JAYADEV GALLA** laid a statement regarding need to rectify the methodology for imposition of GST on various products.
21. **DR. P. K. BIJU** laid a statement regarding setting up of a Post Office Passport Seva Kendra at Nenmara in Alathur Parliamentary Constituency of Kerala.
22. **MOHAMMED FAIZAL** laid a statement regarding need to amend DANICS rules to facilitate representation of people of Lakshadweep in DANICS.
23. **SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA** laid a statement regarding pending railway projects in Haryana.

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