

Title: Reference made to the passing away of Shri Chintamani Panigrahi (Member Second, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabha) on 29th April, 2000.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues Shri Chintamani Panigrahi.

Shri Chintamani Panigrahi was a Member of Second, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabha from 1957 to 1962, 1967 to 1977 and 1980 to 1989 representing Puri and Bhubaneswar parliamentary constituencies of Orissa.

Shri Panigrahi also served in the Union Council of Ministers as Minister of State in Ministries of Home Affairs and Defence from 1986 to 1989. He adorned the august office of the Governor of Manipur. He was also a Member of Orissa Legislative Assembly from 1977 to 1980.

As an active parliamentarian, Shri Panigrahi ably served as a Member of various Parliamentary Committees. He served as Chairman, Estimates Committee during 1985-86. He also served as a Member of Panel of Chairmen.

An author and journalist by profession, Shri Panigrahi published various journals in Oriya and English.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Panigrahi had to suffer imprisonment during the Quit India Movement in 1942.

An active social worker, Shri Panigrahi, rendered relief work during floods and droughts and helped in starting night schools and libraries in villages. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi passed away on 29 April, 2000 at Bhubaneswar, Orissa at the age of 78. We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure, the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

*(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)*

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