

Title: Reference made to the passing away of Shri B. Rachaiah (Member Sixth Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha from 1974 to 1977) on 14 February, 2000.

### **OBITUARY REFERENCE**

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues Shri B.Rachaiah.

Shri B.Rachaiah was a member of Sixth Lok Sabha representing Chamarajanagar Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka from 1977 to 1979. He was also a member of Rajya Sabha from 1974 to 1977.

Shri Rachaiah started his legislative career as a member of Karnataka Legislative Assembly in 1952 and was its member till 1971. He served as a Minister in the State and held the portfolios of Forest, Fisheries, Sericulture from 1962 to 1967; Revenue and Forests during 1967-68 and Agriculture and Horticulture from 1968 to 1970.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Rachaiah was member of various Parliamentary Committees. He served as Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry from 4 August, 1979 to 14 January, 1980. He adorned the august office of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh and Kerala.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Rachaiah participated in the freedom movement in 1942 and 1947.

An advocate and an agriculturist by profession, Shri Rachaiah was an active social and political worker. He worked relentlessly for upliftment of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Shri B.Rachaiah passed away on 14 February, 2000 at Bangalore 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.

**11.02 hrs.**

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

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