

**Title:** Reference made to the passing away of Shri Krishnan Manoharan (Member of Third, Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabha) on 1 August, 2000.

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

Shri Krishnan Manoharan was a Member of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabha from 1962 to 1977 representing Madras South and Madras North Parliamentary Constituencies of Tamil Nadu.

He was a member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 1977 to 1980, 1985 to 1991, and from 1996 till his death. He served as Minister of Finance from 1977 to 1980 in the Government of Tamil Nadu. Presently, he was the Minister of Revenue in the Government of Tamil Nadu.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Manoharan took keen interest in the proceedings of the House. He also served as a member on various Parliamentary Committees in Lok Sabha.

A journalist and an active social worker, Shri Manoharan was associated with various organisations in different capacities. He always stood for the cause of welfare of the poor, the downtrodden and the weaker sections of the society.

A man of letters, Shri Manoharan authored two books, namely, "Is it Democracy?" and "Critical Analysis on religion" besides a number of papers on various subjects.

Shri Krishnan Manoharan passed away in the early hours today at Chennai at the age of 71.

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 departed soul.

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

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MR. SPEAKER : Now, the House will take up 'Zero Hour'.