

1102 hrs. (Mr. Deputy-Speaker in the Chair)

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Title: References made to the passing away of Shri Durga Chand (Member Sixth Lok Sabha), Shri Palas Barman (Member Sixth to Tenth Lok Sabha) and Shrimati Ansuyabai Borkar (Member of First Lok Sabha) on 17 May, 10 June and 18 July, 2000 respectively.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Sarvashri Durga Chand, Palas Barman and Shrimati Ansuyabai Borkar, three of our former colleagues.

Shri Durga Chand was a Member of the Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing Kangra Parliamentary Constituency of Himachal Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Durga Chand was a Member of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1967 to 1977.

An able parliamentarian, he was a member of various Committees of the State Legislature and was also a member of Committee on Subordinate Legislation of Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979.

An active political and social worker, Shri Durga Chand was associated with a number of schools and dispensaries. He worked relentlessly for uplift of the weaker sections of the society and development of backward areas.

As a man of letters, Shri Durga Chand contributed a number of articles in various journals.

Shri Durga Chand passed away on 17th May, 2000 at Shimla, Himachal Pradesh at the age of 78.

Shri Palas Barman was a Member of Sixth to Tenth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1996 representing Balurghat Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Barman was a member of Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament from 1980 to 1984; Committee on Absence of Members from the sittings of the House and Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture during 1990.

A teacher by profession, Shri Barman was a well known social and political worker. He took keen interest in rural development and cooperative movements. He worked relentlessly for uplift of the backward and weaker sections of the society.

Shri Palas Barman passed away on 10th June, 2000 at Balurghat, West Bengal at the age of 71.

Shrimati Ansuyabai Borkar was a Member of First Lok Sabha from 1955 to 1957 representing Bhandara Parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra (erstwhile Madhya Bharat).

Hailing from an agriculturist family, Shrimati Borkar was an active social and political worker. She played an important role in imparting education to adult women in Nagpur City.

Shrimati Ansuyabai Borkar passed away on 18th July, 2000 at Nagpur, Maharashtra at the age of 71.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

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.)
