Title: Reference made to the passing away of Shri Sachindralal Singh (Member, Sixth Lok Sabha) on 8 December, 2000.

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

Shri Sachindralal Singh was a member of the Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing the Tripura West Parliamentary Constituency.

An able administrator, Shri Singh was the first Chief Minister of Tripura. He had also been the Chairman of the Tripura Territorial Council besides various other organisations.

An active parliamentarian, he was also a member of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation from 1977 to 1979.

A well-known social worker, Shri Singh organised the Tripura Rajya Gana Parishad. He worked relentlessly for the upliftment of the peasants and the downtrodden. He also worked for famine relief in tribal areas in Tripura. He did a pioneering work in the development of Tripura and strove for the development of Railways in his home State.

An uncompromising freedom fighter, Shri Singh agitated against the autocratic monarchy rule in Tripura. He was connected with the Chittagong Armoury Raiders. He was imprisoned for more than I4 years.

Shri Sachindralal Singh passed away on 8 December, 2000 at New Delhi at the age of 93.

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