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Title: References made to the passing away of Shri Jitendra Prasada on 16 January, 2001 (Member 5th, 7th, 8th and 13th Lok Sabha), Smt. Nisha Chaudhary on 30 January, 2001 (Member 11th to 13th Lok Sabha), Sarvashri Yashwant Singh Kushwal on 25 August 1999 (Member 4th Lok Sabha), Shri Ram Kanwar Berwa on 21 December, 2000 (Member 6th Lok Sabha), Shri Bhawani Lal Verma on 30 December 2000 (Member 10th Lok Sabha), Dr. Sushila Nayar on 3 Jan, 2001 (Member 2nd to 4th and 6th Lok Sabha) Shri G. Lakshmanan on 10 January 2001 (Member 7th Lok Sabha), Smt. Vijaya Raje Scindia on 25 Jan. 2001 (Member 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 9th to 12th Lok Sabha) Shri V.N. Gadgil on 6 February, 2001 (Member 7th to 9th Lok Sabha) and Shri Manubhai Shah on 28 December, 2000 (Member 2nd and 3rd Lok Sabha).

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House with profound sorrow of the passing away of two of our colleagues Shri Jitendra Prasada and Shrimati Nisha Chaudhary and also eight of our former colleagues namely, Sarvashri Yashwant Singh Kushwah, Ram Kanwar Berwa, Bhawani Lal Verma, Dr. Sushila Nayar, Shri G. Lakshmanan, Shrimati Vijaya Raje Scindia, Shri V.N. Gadgil and Shri Manubhai Shah.

Shri Jitendra Prasada was a sitting Member of Lok Sabha representing Shahajahanpur Parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh. He was also a Member of Fifth, Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1977, and 1980 to 1989. He also served as a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1994 to 1999.

Earlier, Shri Prasada was a Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council during 1970-71. Hailing from an agriculturist family, Shri Jitendra Prasada was an active social worker. He worked relentlessly for the upliftment of poor, downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

A renowned and popular political worker, Shri Prasada was also an able parliamentarian. He was a Member of various Parliamentary Committees. An ardent social worker, he lost no opportunity in ventilating in the House the problems faced by the common man.

A widely travelled person, Shri Prasada was a Member of Indian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly during 1983.

Shri Jitendra Prasada passed away on 16th January, 2001 at New Delhi at the age of 63 after a brief illness.

Shrimati Nisha Chaudhary was a sitting Member of Lok Sabha representing Sabarkantha Parliamentary constituency of Gujarat. She was also a Member of Eleventh and Twelfth Lok Sabha from 1996 to 1999.

An able parliamentarian, Shrimati Chaudhary was a Member of Committee on Defence from 1996 to 1998; Committee on Communications; Joint Committee on the Empowerment of Women; Consultative Committee attached with the Ministry of Science and Technology during 1998-99; Committee on Home Affairs from 1999 to 2001 and Consultative Committee to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from 2000 till her death.

A teacher by profession, Shrimati Chaudhary was a well-known social and political worker. She was associated with several social and educational institutions. She was Chairperson, Gujarat State Social Welfare Advisory Board. She worked relentlessly for the welfare of women and child, upliftment of backward classes and poor sections, particularly the tribals.

Shrimati Nisha Chaudhary passed away on 30th January, 2001 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat at the age of 49.

Shri Yashwant Singh Kushwah was a Member of Fourth Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1970 representing Bind Parliamentary constituency of Madhya Pradesh.

Shri Kushwah was earlier a Member of Madhya Bharat Legislative Assembly from 1948 to 1952 and Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1962.

An able administrator, Shri Kushwah served as a Minister in the erstwhile Gwalior State and later in the Madhya Bharat Government.

A journalist by profession, he was recipient of an award from Madhya Pradesh Government for his literary work namely "Neh-Deep". Besides, he was also editor of various dailies and weeklies.

An active social and political worker, Shri Kushwah worked relentlessly for the uplift of weaker sections of the society, specially for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. He also worked for the promotion of Khadi.

A well-known educationist, Shri Kushwah was associated with various social and educational institutions.

Shri Yashwant Singh Kushwah passed away on 25 August, 1999 at New Delhi at the age of 78.

Shri Ram Kanwar Berwa was a member of Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing Tonk Parliamentary

constituency of Rajasthan. He also represented Phagi Assembly constituency of Rajasthan from 1980 to 1985.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Berwa was a member of various Parliamentary and Consultative Committees.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Berwa served as a member of Gram Panchayat from 1959 to 1965 and Agriculture Cooperative Society in his State.

A renowned social worker, Shri Berwa was associated with various social and welfare organisations and worked relentlessly for the development of agriculture; upliftment of the downtrodden and labourers. He was founder of All India Berwa Samaj and fought against social evils like dowry and consumption of liquor.

Shri Ram Kanwar Berwa passed away on 21 December, 2000 at Jaipur, Rajasthan at the age of 67.

Shri Bhawani Lal Verma was a member of Tenth Lok Sabha from 1991 to 1996 representing Janjgir Parliamentary constituency of former Madhya Pradesh (now Chhattisgarh).

Earlier Shri Bhawani Lal Verma was a member of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1967 to 1990. An able administrator, he served as Deputy Minister from 1975 to 1977 and Minister of State from 1980 to 1983 and during 1989-90 in the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Verma was the Chairman of Committee on Government Assurances during 1985-86; the Committee on Petitions during 1986-87 and the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table during 1987-88 in the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Verma was a member of the Agriculture Commission in 1987. He took keen interest in horticulture and other related activities.

Shri Bhawani Lal Verma passed away on 30 December, 2000 at Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh at the age of 75.

Dr. Sushila Nayar was a member of Second, Third, Fourth Lok Sabha from 1957 to 1970 and Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing Jhansi Parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

An able administrator, Dr. Nayar served as Minister of Health in the Union Council of Ministers from 1962 to 1967.

Earlier, Dr. Nayar was a member of Delhi Vidhan Sabha from 1952 to 1956. She served as Minister of Health, Rehabilitation and Transport and Charitable Endowments in Delhi State from 1952 to 1955. She also adorned the Office of Speaker, Delhi Vidhan Sabha during 1955-56.

A veteran freedom fighter, Dr. Nayar actively participated in the freedom struggle and was imprisoned along with Mahatma Gandhi from 1942 to 1944.

A doctor by profession, Dr. Nayar was medical attendant to Mahatma Gandhi and was founder Director, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences at Sevagram. She was also Chairperson of Maternal and Child Health Committee, Indian Council of Medical Research and its Scientific Advisory Board and President, All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Tuberculosis Association of India from 1964 to 1967.

A well-known social worker, Dr. Nayar was associated with various social organisations and medical institutions and worked relentlessly for rural development and the welfare of downtrodden, especially of women and child.

Dr. Nayar took keen interest in literature and was awarded President's Award for Literature in 1952. She had three publications to her credit, namely, *Harmari Ba, Kasturba - Wife of Gandhi* and *Karavas ki Kahani*.

Dr. Sushila Nayar passed away on 3 January, 2001 at Sevagram in Gujarat at the age of 86.

Shri G. Lakshmanan was a Member of Seventh Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984 representing Madras North Parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu. He ably served as Deputy-Speaker of Lok Sabha during the period.

Earlier, he was a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1974 to 1980. He was a member of the Panel of Vice-Chairmen of Rajya Sabha.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Lakshmanan was a member of various Consultative, Joint and Select Committees. He also served as Chairman, Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions and Library Committee.

An active social and political worker, Shri Lakshmanan was associated with trade union movement and always strived hard for the welfare of the working class.

A widely travelled person, Shri Lakshmanan was a member of Indian Delegation to Inter-Parliamentary Union

Conference, Bonn in 1980.

Shri G. Lakshmanan passed away on 10 January 2001 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 77

Shrimati Vijaya Raje Scindia was a Member of Second, Third, Fifth and Ninth to Twelfth Lok Sabha during 1957 to 1967, 1971 to 1977 and 1989 to 1999 representing Gwalior, Bhind and Guna Parliamentary constituencies of Madhya Pradesh.

Shrimati Scindia was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1978 to 1989. Earlier, she was a Member of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1967 to 1971.

An able parliamentarian, Shrimati Scindia was a member of the Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests from 1996 to 1999. She was also a member of the Consultative Committee to the Ministry of Human Resource Development during 1990-91.

A member of royal family of Gwalior, she strove relentlessly for the welfare of children and spreading education among women.

A well-known social worker, she was founder President of Shishu Mandir and Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior. She served as the President of All India Women's Conference (Gwalior Branch) for forty years and Madhav Institute of Technology and Science (MITS) Board of Governors, Gwalior.

Shri took keen interest in literature and had to her credit two publications, namely, *The Last Maharani of Gwalior* and *Raj Path se Lok Path*.

Shrimati Vijaya Raje Scindia passed away on 25 January, 2001 at New Delhi at the age of 82, after a brief illness.

Shri V.N. Gadgil was a Member of Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1991 representing Pune Parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra.

Shri Gadgil was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1971 to 1980 and 1994 to 2000.

An able administrator, Shri Gadgil served as Minister of State in the Union Council of Ministers from 1975 to 1977 and 1983 to 1986 and held various important portfolios.

A well-known parliamentarian, Shri Gadgil was a staunch secularist and fearless leader. He was Chairman, Committee on Subordinate Legislation, Rajya Sabha during 1974-75 and also served as a member of Library Committee and Consultative Committee to the Ministry of Defence during 1990.

A lawyer by profession, Shri Gadgil was associated with various organisations. He was Honorary Professor of Economics, Ruparel College, Bombay from 1955 to 1960 and Constitutional Law, New Law College, Bombay from 1960 to 1966.

A widely travelled person, Shri Gadgil was Leader of Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the United Kingdom and West Germany in 1972 and a member of Indian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in 1975.

A man of letters, Shri Gadgil was Consulting Editor of Marathi Encyclopaedia. He had three publications in Marathi to his credit – *Obscenity and the Law*; *Trials of Great Men*; and *Judicial Administration in India*.

Shri V.N. Gadgil passed away on 6 February, 2001 at New Delhi at the age of 73.

Shri Manubhai Shah was a Member of Second and Third Lok Sabha from 1957 to 1967 representing Madhya Saurashtra Parliamentary constituency of erstwhile Bombay State and Jamnagar Parliamentary constituency of Gujarat. He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha during 1956-57 and from 1970 to 1976.

Shri Shah was a Member of Saurashtra Legislative Assembly from 1948 to 1956 and served as Minister of Industries, Finance and Planning in the State Government.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Shah took active part in the Quit India Movement and suffered imprisonment for three years.

A renowned parliamentarian and an able administrator, Shri Shah served with distinction in the Union Council of Ministers from 1956 to 1967 in different capacities. He also served as Chairman of Central Board of Rehabilitation, Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation and Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation.

An active social and political worker, Shri Shah took keen interest in promoting industrial and economic development and setting up of heavy, small scale and village industries.

Shri Manubhai Shah passed away on 28 December, 2000 at New Delhi at the age of 85.