Title: References made to the passing away of Dr. Hira Lal Roy (Member, 12<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha) on 9 February, 2001.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our esteemed former colleagues, Dr. Hira Lal Roy.

Dr. Hira Lal Roy was a Member of Twelfth Lok Sabha during 1998-99 representing Chhapra Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar.

A teacher and educationist by profession, Dr. Roy was Principal of Ram Jaipal College, Chhapra, Bihar.

An active parliamentarian, he was a member, Committee on External Affairs and Consultative Committee, Ministry of Human Resource Development during 1998-99.

A keen social and political worker, he worked relentlessly for the welfare and uplift of downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

Dr. Hira Lal Roy passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2001 at Chhapra, Bihar at the age of 65.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure, the House would 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 memory of the departed soul.

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

12.3 1/2 hrs.