

Title: References made to the passing away of Shri Niren Ghosh (Member Seventh Lok Sabha) on 1 July, 2001 and Shri Thota Subba Rao (Member Tenth Lok Sabha) on 10 July, 2001, respectively.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, namely, Shri Niren Ghosh and Shri Thota Subba Rao.

Shri Niren Ghosh was a Member of Seventh Lok Sabha representing Dum Dum Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal from 1980 to 1984.

Earlier, Shri Ghosh was a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1962 to 1975.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Ghosh served as a Member of the Committee on Government Assurances.

A well-known social worker and a trade unionist, Shri Ghosh was the President of Bengal Chatkal Majdoor Union in 1969 and was also associated with different trade unions and social organisations.

A widely travelled person, Shri Ghosh was a Member of Indian Delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference at Rome during 1972.

A man of literary bent of mind, he wrote several articles on different topics.

Shri Niren Ghosh passed away on 1 July, 2001 at Kolkata, West Bengal at the age of 87.

Shri Thota Subba Rao was a Member of Tenth Lok Sabha from 1991 to 1996 representing Kakinada Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Rao was a Member of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1983 to 1991. Shri Rao served as a Member, Committee on Government Assurances in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly during 1985-86.

An able administrator, he rose from a humble position to become a Cabinet Minister in the Government of Andhra Pradesh during 1988-89.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Rao took keen interest in the proceedings of the House. He served as a Member of the Committee on Energy from 1993 to 1995 and Joint Committee on Offices of Profit from 1991 to 1996.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Rao was an active social and political worker. He took keen interest in horticulture. He worked relentlessly for the uplift of the farming community and weaker sections of the society.

Shri Thota Subba Rao passed away on 10th July, 2001 at Hyderabad at the age of 62, after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would 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 memory of the departed souls.

11.05 hrs.

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

12.01 hrs.