

Title: Reference made to the passing away of Shri C.T. Dhandapani (Member 4th, 5th and 7th Lok Sabha) on 28th October, 2001.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our colleagues, Shri C.T.Dhandapani.

Shri C.T.Dhandapani was a Member of Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1977 and 1980 to 1984 representing Dharampuram and Pollachi Parliamentary constituencies of Tamil Nadu.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Dhandapani served as a member of various Parliamentary and Consultative Committees.

A banker by profession, Shri Dhandapani was an active social worker. He established night schools and libraries. He was instrumental in organising conferences for the enrichment of Dravidian culture and languages. He worked relentlessly for the eradication of caste system and promotion of inter-caste marriages, removal of economic disparities and upliftment of the down-trodden and weaker sections of the society.

Keen on the promotion of sports, Shri Dhandapani organised All India Football tournaments in Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu.

A widely travelled person, Shri Dhandapani was the member of the Executive Committee of the Indo-US Cultural Association, Coimbatore unit.

Shri C.T.Dhandapani passed away on 28 October, 2001 at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu at the age of 68.

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

11.02 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.