

Title: References made to the passing away of Shri Gudivada Gurunadha Rao, Member of 12th Lok Sabha, Shri Haroobhai Mehta, Member of 8th Lok Sabha, Shri Mangal Ram Premi, Member of 7th, 10th and 11th Lok Sabha and Shri Arnagil Sreedharan, Member of 4th Lok Sabha.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of four of our former colleagues, namely, Sarvashri Gudivada Gurunadha Rao, Haroobhai Mehta, Mangal Ram Premi and Arangil Sreedharan.

Shri Gudivada Gurunadha Rao was a Member of Twelfth Lok Sabha during 1998-99 representing Anakapalli parliamentary constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Gurunadha Rao was a Member of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1989 to 1994. He served as Minister of State for Technical Education in the State Government.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Rao served as a Member of the Committee on Commerce and Consultative Committee, Ministry of Science and Technology during 1998-99.

He was an active social and political worker and took keen interest in cultural activities.

Shri Gudivada Gurunadha Rao passed away on 22nd November, 2001 at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh at the age of 46 due to kidney ailment.

Shri Haroobhai Mehta was a Member of Eighth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1989 representing Ahmedabad parliamentary constituency of Gujarat.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Mehta served as Chairman, Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament from 1987 to 1989 and also as a Member of various parliamentary Committees.

Shri Mehta was an advocate and educationist by profession. He worked as Senior Central Government Standing Counsel in Gujarat High Court during 1980-84. He also served as a member of Gujarat State Legal Aid and Advice Board and Gujarat University Court. An active social and political worker, Shri Mehta worked relentlessly for the upliftment of the tribal and other backward communities. He served as Chairman, State-level committee appointed by the Government of Gujarat for the study of problems concerning the tribals and the committee to identify socially and educationally backward classes.

As a popular trade unionist, Shri Mehta was associated with various trade unions.

A man of literary bent of mind, Shri Mehta authored many books in English and Gujarati.

Shri Haroobhai Mehta passed away on 1st December, 2001 at Bhavnagar, Gujarat at the age of 68.

Shri Mangal Ram Premi was a Member of Seventh, Tenth and Eleventh Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984 and 1991 to 1997 representing Bijnor parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Premi was a Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1977 to 1980.

Shri Premi was a distinguished parliamentarian and served as a Member of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1984, 1991-92 and 1996-97 and the Committee on Railways from 1993 to 1995.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Premi actively participated in the Quit India Movement.

Shri Premi, an agriculturist by profession, was an active social and political worker. He was associated with various social and political organisations in the State. He worked relentlessly for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of the society. He also served as a member of the National Commission for Safari Karmcharis during 1994.

Shri Mangal Ram Premi passed away on 11th December, 2001 at New Delhi at the age of 76.

Shri Arangil Sreedharan was a Member of Fourth Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1970 representing Badagara parliamentary constituency of Kerala. He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1988 to 1994.

Shri Sreedharan was an able administrator and served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce during 1990. He also served as a Member of Estimates Committee from 1968 to 1970.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Sreedharan actively participated in Quit India Movement in 1942.

Shri Sreedharan worked relentlessly for the welfare of farmers and weaker sections of the society.

As a trade unionist, Shri Sreedharan was associated with various trade unions. Shri Arangil Sreedharan passed away on 13th December, 2001 at Kozhikode, Kerala at the age of 78.

Hon. Members, as you are aware four security personnel of Delhi Police, Sarvashri Nanak Chand, ASI, Ram Pal, ASI, Om Prakash, Head Constable and Ghan Shyam, Head Constable, one *Mahila* Constable of CRPF, Smt. Kamlesh Kumari, one Parliament Watch & Ward Security Assistant Shri Jagdish Prasad Yadav and one *Mali* of CPWD, Shri Desh Raj laid down their lives during the terrorist attack on Parliament House on 13th December, 2001.

Another staff of the Watch & Ward Security of Parliament House, Shri Matwar Singh Negi, Security Assistant who was seriously injured in the terrorist attack succumbed to his injuries on 16th December, 2001.

We deeply mourn the loss of these former Members and the Security Personnel 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.

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