

Title: References made to the passing away of Shri Bhagwan Din, Member of Constituent Assembly on 18 February, 2002 and Shri P.G. Mavalankar, Member of 5th and 6th Lok Sabha on 14 March, 2002.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I rise to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, namely, Shri Bhagwan Din and Shri P.G. Mavalankar.

Shri Bhagwan Din was a Member of Constituent Assembly of India from 1946 to 1950 representing erstwhile United Provinces (presently, Uttar Pradesh).

Shri Bhagwan Din was also a Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1946 to 1957 and Rajya Sabha from 1976 to 1982.

A dedicated social and political worker, Shri Bhagwan Din worked relentlessly for the uplift of downtrodden, particularly the *Safai karamcharis*. He also served as Vice-President of the All-India Depressed Classes League in 1947 and *Bharatiya Safai Mazdoor Federation* in 1948.

Shri Bhagwan Din passed away on 18 February, 2002 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 86, after a prolonged illness.

Shri P.G. Mavalankar was a Member of Fifth and Sixth Lok Sabha from 1972 to 1979 representing Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar Parliamentary Constituencies of Gujarat.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Mavalankar took keen interest in parliamentary activities and institutions of the various Democracies of the World. He also served as a Member of Committee of Privileges during 1977-78.

A teacher by profession, Shri Mavalankar served various educational institutions in important capacities.

A committed and renowned social and political worker, Shri Mavalankar took special interest in matters pertaining to inter-state cultural relations and activities promoting harmony and integrity of India. He also ably served in several social, cultural and regional organisations, in various capacities.

An erudite scholar, Shri Mavalankar was a prolific writer. He had a number of publications in Gujarati, Marathi and English to his credit and was Editor of various journals.

Shri P.G. Mavalankar passed away on 14 March, 2002 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat at the age of 74, 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.

11.04 hrs.

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