Title: Reference made to the passing away of Shri Shripati Mishra (Member of Fourth and Eighth Lok Sabha) on 7 December, 2002.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri Shripati Mishra.

Shri Shripati Mishra was a Member of the Fourth and Eighth Lok Sabha during 1969-70 and from 1984 to 1989 representing Sultanpur and Machhlishahar Parliamentary Constituencies of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Mishra was earlier a Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1962 to 1969 and from 1980 to 1984. He was also a Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council during 1970. He was a Cabinet Minister in the Uttar Pradesh Government during 1970-71.

He adorned the offices of Deputy-Speaker and Speaker of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly during 1967-68 and from 1980 to 1982 respectively.

Shri Mishra ably served as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh from 1982 to 1984. He also served as Deputy Chairman, State Planning Commission during 1976-77.

He was an agriculturist and advocate by profession. He was actively associated with many educational institutions. He served as Secretary, Vishwamitra Boards Union, Banaras Hindu University and Bar Association, Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He was President, Sanskrit Inter College, Bijathua, Sultanpur and Shri Hanumant Inter College, Surapur, Sultanpur. He was a member of General Council of the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi during 1988-89.

A widely travelled person, Shri Mishra was a delegate to the 26th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference, Lusaka in Zambia during 1980 and 27th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference, Suva in Fiji during 1981. He also participated in Indian Trade Exhibition, Kuwait in 1983.

Shri Shripati Mishra passed away on 7th December, 2002 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 78 after prolonged illness.

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.)
