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Title: Reference made to the first anniversary of the terrorist attack on Parliament House on 13 December, 2001.

MR. SPEAKER: As the hon. Members are aware, this day last year, five terrorists made a cowardly attack on Parliament.

The attempt of the terrorists to enter inside the Parliament building was thwarted by the brave security staff of Central Reserve Police Force, Delhi Police, Indo-Tibetan Border Police and Parliament Watch and Ward Security. Five security personnel of Delhi Police, one Mahila Constable of CRPF and two Security Assistants of the Parliament Watch and Ward laid down their lives while keeping the terrorists at bay. In their death, these valiant security personnel had set the highest standards of selfless courage and bravery. One innocent Gardener who was on duty also lost his life during the attack. The pain of loss of these brave souls is still felt.

This senseless act of violence and attack on the temple of our democracy by the terrorists indicated their frustration at the vibrancy of our democratic system. Such attacks reinforce our determination to fight the evil of terrorism. Let us rededicate ourselves to protect the sovereignty and integrity of the country at all costs.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the martyrs who lost their lives while protecting the Parliament House Complex.

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