

Title : Regarding passing away of Shri P.M.Sayeed, Union Minister of Power, a sitting member of Rajya Sabha and member of the 4th to 13th Lok Sabhas on 18 December, 2005.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as you are aware, Shri P.M. Sayeed, Union Minister of Power and a Member of the Rajya Sabha, passed away yesterday.

Shri P.M. Sayeed was a Member of the Fourth to Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1967 to 2004 representing Lakshadweep Parliamentary Constituency of Union Territory of Lakshadweep. In recognition of his vast experience in parliamentary skills and immense knowledge of practice and procedure of the House, he was elected as Deputy-Speaker in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Lok Sabhas. He also discharged the functions of the Speaker after the unfortunate demise of Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, the then Speaker, Lok Sabha till the election of Shri Manohar Joshi. He ably served as the member, Panel of Chairmen from 1991 to 1992 and 1996 to 1997.

Shri P.M. Sayeed was the Union Minister of State in the Ministries of Steel, Coal and Mines from 1979 to 1980; Home Affairs from 1993 to 1995 and Information and Broadcasting from 1995 to 1996.

A person endowed with versatile parliamentary skills, Shri P.M. Sayeed served on various Parliamentary and Consultative Committees as Member and Chairman.

A linguist, Shri P.M. Sayeed was fluent in eight languages. He was instrumental in organizing various social and cultural activities at Lakshadweep, besides being associated with various inter-State cultural programmes and promoting folk arts of the region. He was also the member, Central Haj Committee from 1968 to 1969 and Central Haj Advisory Board from 1970 to 1971 and of various other social and educational bodies. He worked relentlessly for the uplift of the downtrodden and people belonging to minorities.

An advocate, political leader and social worker, Shri Sayeed was the youngest Member of the House when he was elected to the Fourth Lok Sabha in 1967 at the age of 27.

A widely travelled person, Shri Sayeed was a Member of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the Twenty-fourth and Thirty-sixth Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly in 1969 and 1982, respectively. Besides, he also led the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to various international fora.

Shri Sayeed, who was genial and unflappable by temperament, commanded respect, love and affection of all the sections of the House. He was a dedicated parliamentarian, committed to upholding the best traditions of Parliamentary Democracy and has left an indelible imprint on our parliamentary history.

Shri P.M. Sayeed passed away on 18 December, 2005 at Seoul, South Korea at the age of 64, after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the demise of Shri Sayeed and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

Hon. Members, it is with a deep sense of sorrow that I have to also inform the House that during the early hours on 18 December, 2005, as per news reports about 42 persons were trampled to death and 37 persons were seriously injured in a stampede at a flood relief centre, Arignar Anna School in MGR Nagar, Chennai. This tragic event took place when more than 4,000 people who gathered at the flood relief centre, pushed at the gate of the school in the belief that distribution of tokens was about to begin. This stampede has added to the grief of the victims of the flood ravage[k1].

We [r2]deeply mourn the loss of lives in this tragedy and join the members of the bereaved families in their hour of grief and sorrow.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the departed.

11.05 hrs

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again tomorrow, the 20th December, 2005 at 11 a.m.

11.06 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on[r3] Tuesday, December 20, 2005/Agrahayana 29, 1927 (Saka).

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[\[r3\]](#) Friday, March 10, 2000/Phalguna 20, 1921 (Saka).