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Title : Regarding passing away of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Jabar Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait; Shri Bhagwan Shankar Rawat, member of 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha on 31 December, 2005; Shri K.S. Chavda, member 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2006; Shri S.A Agadi, member 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Amir of the State of Kuwait and three of our former colleagues, Shri Bhagwan Shankar Rawat, Shri K.S. Chavda and Shri S.A. Agadi.

We have learnt with deep sadness of the passing away of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait. Sheikh Jaber's contribution to the development and prosperity of Kuwait was considerable. Kuwait has lost a great leader and the world a wise statesman.

India has enjoyed close and friendly relations with Kuwait under the leadership of Sheikh Jaber. The large Indian expatriate community in Kuwait will miss his care and concern.

This House joins the ruling family of Kuwait, the leadership and the people of Kuwait in mourning the death of Sheikh Jaber.

Shri Bhagwan Shankar Rawat was a Member of the Tenth to Twelfth Lok Sabhas from 1991 to 1999, representing Agra Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Rawat was the Chairman, Committee on Public Accounts from 1993 to 1995 and was also the member of various Parliamentary, Consultative, Joint and Select Committees of the House.

An advocate by profession, Shri Rawat was the Vice-President, Agra Collectorate Bar Association from 1974 to 1980. He was the member of Legal Aid Committee, Uttar Pradesh from 1991 to 1992.

Shri Rawat was an active political and social worker. He was the President of Agra College Students Union from 1961 to 1962. He was a member of the Managing Committee of Uttar Pradesh State Road Fund during 1999. He worked for the solidarity and harmony among people and eradication of various social evils.

As an educationist, he was instrumental in organising seminars for the promotion of literature and culture. He was nominated the member of the Agra College, Agra Trust by the Government of Uttar Pradesh from 1978 to 1983. He served as member of the Senate, Agra University from 1985 to 1997 and of its Executive Council from 1986 to 1996.

A widely travelled person, Shri Rawat was a member of various Parliamentary delegations going abroad.

Shri Bhagwan Shankar Rawat passed away on 31 December, 2005 at Agra, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 65.

Shri K.S. Chavda was a Member of the Fifth, Sixth and Ninth Lok Sabhas from 1971 to 1979 and 1989 to 1991, representing Patan Parliamentary Constituency of Gujarat.

Earlier, Shri Chavda was a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1960 to 1971, representing the State of Gujarat. Shri Chavda was also a member of the erstwhile Bombay Legislative Assembly from 1952 to 1957.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Chavda served as the Chairman and member of various Parliamentary, Consultative and Joint Committees of the House.

An active social worker, Shri Chavda served as a teacher from 1938 to 1942 at Vikas Mandir established by Mahatama Gandhi as a part of the National Movement. He was the President of the Mehsana Prant Antyaj Yuvak Mandal from 1947 to 1951. Shri Chavda worked relentlessly for the uplift of the weaker sections of the society.

A man of letters, Shri Chavda had several publications, both in Gujarati and English, to his credit. He was also the Editor of a Gujarati fortnightly and weekly, 'Tankar' and 'Abhyuday' respectively [\[mks1\]](#).

A widely travelled person, Shri Chavda was a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, New York in 1978 and the Conference of the People for World Peace at Sofia, Bulgaria in 1980.

Shri K.S. Chavda passed away on 3rd January, 2006 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat at the age of 87.

Shri S.A. Agadi was a Member of the Second and Fourth Lok Sabhas from 1957 to 1962 and 1967 to 1970, representing Koppal

Parliamentary Constituency of erstwhile Mysore.

Shri Agadi was a Member of the erstwhile Mysore Legislative Council from 1964 to 1967. Shri Agadi served as a Member of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions from 1960 to 1962.

A committed votary of Gandhian principles, Shri Agadi was an active social worker.

An agriculturist and trader by profession, Shri Agadi was the President, Taluk Agricultural Produce Co-operative Society. He also served as the Director, Co-operative Textile Mills, Raichur.

Shri Agadi was Member, Executive Committee of Karnataka Hindi Prachar Sabha, Dharwar; Life Member, Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha; Founder Member of Gavi Sidheswar High School, Koppal besides being associated with a number of Trade Associations. He evinced keen interest in archaeology and was a member of the Royal Asiatic Society.

Shri S.A. Agadi passed away on 4th February, 2006 at Koppal, Karnataka at the age of 100 years.

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.

**12.31 hrs.**

*The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

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