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Title : Regarding passing away of Shri Mahboob Zahedi (sitting member and member 11th to 13th Lok Sabha) on 8 April, 2006; Sh. A. B.A.Ghani Khan Chowdhary (sitting member and member 7th to 13th Lok Sabha) on 14th April, 2006; Prof Shailendra Nath Shrivastava (member 9th Lok Sabha) on 12th February, 2006; Shri Bansi Lal (member 7th, 8th and 9th Lok Sabha) on 28th March, 2006; Shri B.R.Kavade(member 4th and 5th Lok Sabha) on 19th April, 2006 and Shri Pramod Mahajan (member 11th Lok Sabha) on 3rd May, 2006. The Speaker also made reference regarding killing of Shri K. Suryanarayana, an Indian engineer in Afghanistan; death of 58 people at Victoria Park in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh; killing of 32 persons in a brutal terrorist attack in J&K and killing of persons in bus accidents at Thane, Maharashtra and Rampur (Uttar Pradesh).

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have the unhappy duty to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Mahboob Zahedi and Shri A. B. A. Ghani Khan Chowdhury sitting Members, and four of our former colleagues, namely, Prof. Shailendra Nath Shrivastava, Shri Bansi Lal, Shri B. R. Kavade and Shri Pramod Mahajan.

Shri Mahboob Zahedi was a sitting Member of Lok Sabha since 2004, representing Katwa Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal. Shri Zahedi was also a Member of the Eleventh to Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1996 to 2004, representing the same Constituency.

In his early days as a political and social worker he fully devoted himself to the cause of agricultural workers, and contributed immensely in organising them. His role in the Kisan Movements will always be remembered. Shri Zahedi was a Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly from 1991 to 1996. He also served as the Minister, Animal Resource Development; Minority Affairs; Haj and Wakf in the Government of West Bengal. As a Minister he was instrumental in the establishment of the West Bengal University of Animal Husbandry and Fishery Sciences, which is the first institution of its kind under the Indian Council of Veterinary Research. He was also the Savadhipati Zila Parishad, Burdwan, West Bengal. At the time of his passing away he was the Vice-President of All India Kisan Sabha.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Zahedi was a Member of the Committee on Agriculture from 1996 to 1997, 1998 to 2000 and again 2004 onwards; Joint Committee on Offices of Profit from 1998 to 1999; Joint Committee on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Bill, 1999, and Committee on Railways 2004 onwards.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Zahedi served as an organiser in the Indian National Army set up by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and fought the British forces under the leadership of General Shah Nawaz Khan.

Throughout his life Shri Zahedi – as an active political and social worker – dedicated himself to the cause of the struggling people. A popular leader of the masses, Shri Zahedi, apart from Kisan Movements, was actively associated with the Literacy Movement in Burdwan district of West Bengal, and in animal resource development.

As a multi-dimensional public activist, he zealously served various organisations in different capacities. He was the Member, Indian Peoples' Theatre Association; Central Haj Committee from 1991 to 1996; Joint Committee of Wakf from 1996 to 1997; Animal Welfare Committee from 1998 to 1999; Governing Body of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; Governing Body of the Standing Finance Committee of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and West Bengal Children's Film Festivals Organisation. He also served as the Chairman of the Haj Committee, West Bengal from 1991 to 1996 and West Bengal Minority Finance Corporation from 1994 to 1996.

Shri Mahboob Zahedi passed away on 8 April 2006 at New Delhi, at the age of 77, after a brief illness[\[ak1\]](#).

Shri A.B.A. Ghani Khan Chowdhury was a sitting member of Lok Sabha, representing Malda Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal. He was also a member of the Seventh to Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1980 to 2004, representing the same Constituency.

Earlier, Shri Chowdhury was a member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly from 1952 to 1957 and from 1967 to 1980. He was the Minister, Irrigation and Power in the Government of West Bengal during 1971 and from 1972 to 1977.

An able administrator, Shri Chowdhury was the Union Cabinet Minister, Energy with additional charge of Department of Coal and Irrigation from 1980 to 1982; Railways from 1982 to 1984 and Programme Implementation from 1985 to 1987.

An eminent parliamentarian, Shri Chowdhury was member, Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests from 1996 to 1997; Committee on Railways and Consultative Committee, Minister of Water Resources from 1998 to 1999; Committee on Energy from 1999 to 2000 and in 2004; Committee on Estimates from 1999 to 2001 and Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament from 2002 to 2004.

A widely travelled person, Shri Chowdhury was a member of the Indian Delegation to United Nations in 1972 held in connection with admission of Bangladesh to the world body and again in 1976 in connection with Farakka water dispute.

Shri Chowdhury who was a highly respected political leader, actively associated with the task of rural development and was responsible for a number of pro-people projects in the State of West Bengal. He made substantial contribution to the State's development.

Shri A.B.A. Ghani Khan Chowdhury passed away on 14th April, 2006 at Kolkata, West Bengal, at the age of 79, after a brief illness.

Prof. Shailendra Nath Shrivastava was a member of the Ninth Lok Sabha from 1989 to 1991, representing Patna Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar.

An able parliamentarian, Prof. Shrivastava was a member of Bihar Legislative Assembly from 1980 to 1985. He also served as member of various Parliamentary and Consultative Committees during his membership of Bihar Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha.

An academician, Prof. Shrivastava was the Professor and Head of the Hindi Department, Patna University till his retirement in 1996. Thereafter, he served as the Vice-Chancellor, T.M.B. University, Bhagalpur from 1998 to 1999 and Chairman, Bihar Inter University Board, Patna, 1999 onwards.

Prof. Shrivastava, who was actively associated with various educational institutions, was a member of the Bihar Rashtrabhasha Parishad, Patna, Bihar. He was the National President 'Samskar Bharti' and life member of Bhartiya Hindi Parishad, Allahabad.

A litterateur, Prof. Shrivastava contributed more than sixty articles in Hindi and English and has to his credit four collection of poems. Besides, he authored four books in Hindi on literary criticism and research, and also wrote the biography of Jai Parkash Narayan in 2002.

A widely travelled person, Prof. Shrivastava was a delegate to the Sixth World Hindi Conference, held at London in 1999 and to the 2nd World Bhojpuri Conference, held at Port Louis in 2006.

Prof. Shrivastava was awarded "Sahitya Seva Samman" in 2001; "Loknayak Jai Prakash Samman" in 2002; "Kayasth Gourav Samman" in 2003 and "Padmashri" by the President of India in 2003.

Prof. Shrivastava passed away on 12 February, 2006 at Patna, Bihar at the age of 70.

Shri Bansi Lal was a member of the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabhas from 1980 to 1986 and 1989 to 1991 representing Bhiwani Parliamentary Constituency of Haryana[\[KMR2\]](#).

An experienced and active parliamentarian, Shri Bansi Lal was the member, Rajya Sabha from 1960 to 1966 and 1976 to 1980. Shri Bansi Lal was also a member of Haryana Legislative Assembly from 1967 to 1975, 1986 to 1987 and from 1991 to 2005. He ably served as the Chief Minister of Haryana from 1968 to 1975, 1986 to 1987 and 1996 to 1999.

Shri Bansi Lal was the Union Minister, Defence from 1975 to 1977, Railways from 1984 to 1985 and Transport from 1985 to 1986.

In his legislative career spanning more than four decades, Shri Bansi Lal served as member and Chairman of various Parliamentary and Consultative Committees.

A well-known social worker, Shri Bansi Lal served as the Secretary, Praja Mandal, Loharu State from 1943 to 1944; President, Bar Association, Bhiwani from 1957 to 1958 and member, Central Wage Board for Port and Dock Workers from 1964 to 1968.

An agriculturist and advocate by profession, Shri Bansi Lal was at the helm of affairs when Haryana State was carved out of Punjab and will be remembered as the architect of modern Haryana. A proactive and assertive personality, Shri Bansi Lal through his visionary policies put Haryana on the path to progress. He was awarded Honorary Degrees of Doctor of Law and Doctor of Science by Kurukshetra University and Haryana Agriculture University, respectively.

Shri Bansi Lal passed away on 28th March, 2006 at New Delhi at the age of 79, after a brief illness.

Shri B.R. Kavade was a member of the Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabhas from 1967 to 1977, representing Nasik Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Kavade was member of the Committee on Government Assurances during 1975.

An advocate and agriculturist by profession, Shri Kavade took keen interest in the promotion of cooperative movement. He served as the member, Executive

Committee, Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj and District Cooperative Board, Nasik. He was also the Chief Promoter, Nandgaon Co-operative Oil Mill and was the President, Zilla Parishad, Nasik from 1962 to 1967.

Shri Kavade passed away on 19th April, 2006 at Nasik, Maharashtra at the age of 83.

Shri Pramod Mahajan was a member of the Eleventh Lok Sabha from 1996 to 1997, representing Mumbai North East Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra. He was a sitting member of the Rajya Sabha. He was also a member of the Rajya Sabha from 1986 to 1996 earlier.

Shri Mahajan began his career as a schoolteacher before entering social and political life.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Mahajan was both an impressive orator and an effective floor manager. He was a member, Committee on Defence till his untimely demise. During his membership of the Lok Sabha from 1996 to 1997, he served as the Chairman, Committee on Transport and Tourism.

Shri Mahajan had the distinction of holding various important positions in the Union Government. He was the Union Minister of Defence during May-June 1996. Thereafter from 1998 to 1999 he was the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting with additional charge of Food Processing Industries. During 1999 to 2003, he held the portfolios of Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of Information Technology and Minister of Communications. As the Minister of Communications, he was instrumental in initiating several steps for bringing the benefits of mobile telephony within the reach of common man.

Shri Pramod Mahajan was known for his ability to carry with him friends and opponents alike. His tenure as Minister of Parliamentary Affairs will always be remembered for his competent handling of issues in the House. He maintained

the best relationship with everyone in the House and would be remembered for his proactive role as a parliamentarian and a Minister.

Shri Pramod Mahajan passed away on 3rd May, 2006 at the age of 57, at Mumbai, Maharashtra.

In his tragic and untimely death, the country has lost one of the promising and able political leaders.

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 [\[KMR3\]](#).

As the hon. Members are aware, an Indian engineer, Shri K. Suryanarayan was abducted, and later was brutally killed in Afghanistan on 29 April, 2006. The House strongly condemns the murder of Shri Suryanarayan, who was engaged in the work of reconstruction and development of Afghanistan, and believes that the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan will take all steps to apprehend and bring the perpetrators of this dastardly crime to justice. The House also expresses its solidarity with the people and Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in their efforts to build a sovereign, stable, democratic and prosperous country.

In another tragedy, on 10 April, 2006, 58 people lost their lives, and 162 were injured in the devastating fire at a Consumer Goods Fair held at Victoria Park in the city of Meerut in Uttar Pradesh.

On 30 April, 2006, more than 32 persons were killed in a brutal terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir.

On 2 May, 2006, more than 50 people were killed in two separate bus accidents at Thane, Maharashtra, and at Rampur in Uttar Pradesh.

We deeply mourn the deaths of innocent persons in these tragedies.

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

11. 16 hrs

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 11th May, 2006 at 11 a.m.

11.17 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

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[\[r4\]](#) Friday, March 10, 2000/Phalguna 20, 1921 (Saka).