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Title : The Speaker made reference to the passing away of Shri Pravinsinh Solanki, member 3rd to 5th Lok Sabha, Shri P. Narasimha Reddy, member 5th Lok Sabha and Shri Raja P.C.Deo Bhanj, member 3rd Lok Sabha on 24 April, 2006; 14 June, 2006 and on 19 June, 2006 respectively. Mr. Speaker also made reference to the earthquake that struck Indonesia's Java island on 27 May, 2006 and Tsunami on 17 July, 2006 causing loss of several lives in these tragedies and to the 7 bomb blasts that occurred on 11 July, 2006 in suburban trains in Mumbai and grenade attacks on tourists in Srinagar on the same day resulting in loss of innocent lives.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of three of our former colleagues, Shri Pravinsinh Solanki, Shri P. Narasimha Reddy, and Raja P. C. Deo Bhanj.

Shri Pravinsinh Solanki was a Member of the Third to Fifth Lok Sabhas from 1962 to 1977 representing Kaira and Anand Parliamentary Constituencies of Gujarat. An able Parliamentarian, Shri Solanki was a Member of various Parliamentary and Consultative Committees.

An active social worker, Shri Solanki worked relentlessly in rural areas for improvement of education, agriculture and living standards of the downtrodden. He strove for prevention of child marriage and abolition of dowry system. He was also a Member of the National Shipping Board and Delimitation Committee for Gujarat for the 1967 General Elections.

A sports enthusiast, Shri Solanki worked hard for promotion of sports. A widely traveled person, Shri Solanki was a Member of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to Australia in 1967. Shri Pravinsinh Solanki passed away on 24 April 2006 at Anand, Gujarat at the age of 71.

Shri P. Narasimha Reddy was a Member of the Fifth Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1977 representing Chittoor Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh. Earlier, Shri Reddy was a Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from 1966 to 1970. Shri Reddy was a Member of the Consultative Committee constituted under the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976.

A freedom fighter, Shri Reddy suffered imprisonment during the British rule. An active social worker, Shri Reddy was actively involved in the welfare of downtrodden and rural uplift. He served as the President, Panchayat Samiti, Bangarupalayam, and as Member and Vice-Chairman, Zila Parishad from 1964 to 1966.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Reddy took special interest in the development of agriculturally and industrially backward regions of the State of Andhra Pradesh. He was a Member of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from 1974 to 1977. Shri P. Narasimha Reddy passed away on 14 June 2006 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 83.

Raja P. C. Deo Bhanj was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha from 1962 to 1967 representing the Bhubaneswar Parliamentary Constituency of Orissa[\[ak1\]](#).

Earlier, Raja Bhanj was elected unopposed to the Orissa Legislative Assembly in 1960.

An able parliamentarian, Raja Bhanj was the member of the Central Advisory Board of Anthropology from 1962 to 1967 and Committee on Absence of Members from the sittings of the House during 1964-65 and 1966-67.

A former ruler, Raja Bhanj was member, General Council of the Rajkumar College, Raipur. A well-known social worker, he was actively associated with many schools, colleges, hospitals, youth organisations and charitable institutions, both within and outside the State of Orissa.

A man of letters, Raja Bhanj wrote a number of poems and hymns in Oriya dedicated to Lord Jagannath.

A man with spiritual bent of mind, Raja P.C. Deo Bhanj was the President of the Managing Committee of the Ramakrishna Mission of Visakhapatnam. He was also instrumental in the construction of temples dedicated to Lord Jagannath at Daspalla Hills, Visakhapatnam and at Chennai. He also served as the Chief Patron of the Utkal Samskrutika Samaj of Visakhapatnam.

Raja Bhanj passed away on 19th June, 2006 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh at the age of 74, after a brief illness.

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.

Hon. Members, as you are aware, an earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale struck Indonesia's Java Island on May 27, 2006 followed by another earthquake measuring 7.2 on Richter Scale causing large scale devastation.

On 17th July, 2006, Indonesia was rocked by a Tsunami which claimed approximately five hundred lives.

The House expresses its heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the people of Indonesia who have lost their near and dear ones due to earthquakes and Tsunami. We pray for the early recovery of those who were injured.

On 11th July, 2006, 184 innocent persons lost their lives and 840 were injured in seven bomb blasts in suburban trains in Mumbai. On the same day, nine other innocent people mainly tourists were killed and 33 injured in five grenade attacks in Srinagar.

The House strongly condemns these dastardly and cowardly acts of the terrorists. Their nefarious designs to halt the progress and even tempo of life and to divide the people of this country can never succeed. I am sure all sections of the House will join me in commending the courage, fortitude and sense of patriotism shown by our people in the wake of the senseless killings.

The House expresses its condolence to the bereaved families and sympathy to the injured, wishing them a speedy recovery. On this occasion, all necessary steps should be taken to bring to book the perpetrators of the heinous crimes. We should all pledge to fight this menace and to root out the scourge of terrorism, collectively and unitedly, with resolute courage and strength.

We deeply mourn the loss of lives in these tragic incidents.

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

11.07 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

... (Interruptions)

मोहम्मद सलीम (कलकत्ता-उत्तर पूर्व) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, बैरूत पर इज्राइली हमले में अनेक लोग मारे गए...(व्यवधान)

श्री रामदास आठवले (पंढरपुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मुम्बई बम ब्लास्ट में भी लोग मारे गए...(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: I will take it. I have some observations, please allow me to make a statement.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): I would like to urge upon you to pass a resolution... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: The Speaker hardly speaks, and when he speaks, Members should listen to him.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You are only committing a breach of privilege; I am sorry to say that it is a gross breach of privilege. I mentioned about the Mumbai blasts. What are you talking?

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Chowdhury, defiance of Chair is becoming a part of the process.