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Title : The Speaker made references to the passing away of Shri Satyendra Narayan Sinha, member of the Provisional Parliament, 1st, 2nd and 5th to 8th Lok Sabhas; Shri Shankararao Patil, member 7th & 9th Lok Sabhas; Shri Ravindra Verma, member 3rd, 6th and 7th Lok Sabhas; Shri Kanshi Ram, member 10th & 11th Lok Sabhas and Shri Bhikku Ram Jain, member 7th Lok Sabha on 04.09.2006, 13.09.2006, 09.10.2006, 09.10.2006 and 10.11.2006 respectively.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of five of our former colleagues, Shri Satyendra Narayan Sinha, Shri Shankararao Patil, Shri Ravindra Varma, Shri Kanshi Ram and Shri Bhikhu Ram Jain.

Shri Satyendra Narayan Sinha was a Member of the Provisional Parliament, First, Second and Fifth to Eighth Lok Sabhas from 1950 to 1961 and 1971 to 1989 representing Aurangabad parliamentary constituency of Bihar. [\[MSOffice2\]](#)

Shri Sinha was a Member of the Bihar Vidhan Sabha from 1961 to 1969 and Vidhan Parishad during 1989. An able administrator, Shri Sinha served as Minister for Education, Local Self Government and Agriculture in the Government of Bihar from 1961 to 1967. He rose to become the Chief Minister of Bihar in 1989.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Sinha served as the Chairman of Committee on Estimates from 1977 to 1979. He was also a Member of the Committee on Finance from 1950 to 1952; Committee on Estimates from 1956 to 1958 and thereafter during 1985-86 and the Committee on Public Undertakings during 1982-83.

An advocate by profession, Shri Sinha organized Legal Aid Programmes for political prisoners during pre-Independence days.

A man of the masses and well-known social activist, Shri Sinha was popularly known as 'Chhote Saheb'. During his initial years in public life, he was the Assistant Secretary to the Bihar Provincial Committee of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund and Secretary to the Bihar Provincial Committee of the Gandhi National Memorial Fund. He was also associated with a number of educational and social institutions in different capacities. He was member, Senate and Syndicate of Patna University from 1946 to 1960 and Bihar University from 1958 to 1960.

A widely travelled person, Shri Sinha attended Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference, Helsinki, Finland in 1955. He was the leader of the cultural delegation to Kabul on the occasion of 'Jasan' in 1963. He also led the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the Spring Meetings of Inter-Parliamentary Council, Canberra in 1977 and also to its meeting at Lisbon in 1978. He was a member of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to erstwhile USSR in 1976 and was elected a member of the Special Committee on Violations of Human Rights of Parliamentarians at Canberra in 1977.

Shri Sinha was the founder of Hindi weekly "*The Swadesh*" and was also its managing editor for two years.

Shri Satyendra Naryana Sinha passed away on 4th September, 2006 at Patna, Bihar at the age of 87, after a brief illness.

Shri Shankararao Patil was a Member of the Seventh and Ninth Lok Sabhas from 1980 to 1984 and 1989 to 1991, representing Baramati parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra.

Earlier, Shri Patil was a Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly for six consecutive terms from 1952 to 1980. He also served as the Deputy Minister, Minister of State and Cabinet Minister in the Government of Maharashtra from 1962 to 1978 holding the portfolios of Agriculture, Revenue, Cooperative and Social Welfare, Labour, Finance and Dairy and Rural Development.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Patil was Member, Consultative Committee, Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies during 1990.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Patil was a well-known social worker. He worked relentlessly for the welfare of the people working in horticulture, poultry and dairy industries. He was the chairman and founder of various social and cultural organizations, namely, Indapur Sahakari Sakkar Karkhana, Pune; Indapur Shikshan Prasarak Mandal; Shivaji Education Society, Bawada and Indapur Taluka Vikas Pratisthan.

A widely traveled person, Shri Patil was the member, Indian Delegation to Cooperative Seminar at erstwhile Czechoslovakia in 1968.

Shri Shankararao Patil passed away on 13th September, 2006 at Pune, Maharashtra at the age of 82.

Shri Ravindra Varma was a Member of the Third, Sixth and Seventh Lok Sabhas from 1962 to 1967 and from 1977 to 1984, representing Thiruvalla parliamentary constituency of Kerala, Ranchi parliamentary constituency of erstwhile Bihar and North-Bombay parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra respectively.[\[a3\]](#)

Shri Varma was the Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Labour from March 1977 to August, 1979.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Varma was a Member of the Consultative Committee for the Ministries of External Affairs, Defence and Finance during the Third Lok Sabha and the Committee of Privileges and the Rules Committee during the Seventh Lok Sabha.

A freedom fighter, Shri Varma suffered imprisonment for taking active part in the Quit India Movement and the struggle for responsible Government in the pre-Independence Travancore and Mysore States. As an active student leader, he held many positions in youth organizations. He was also the Secretary, Indian Committee of the World Assembly of Youth for two terms. He was the Chairman of the Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and the Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapeeth at the time of his demise.

A devoted Gandhian, Shri Varma was the Secretary, Gandhivichar Parishad, an organization for the research, study and publication of different facets of Gandhian philosophy. He also organized Gandhian Study Centres all over the country.

A widely traveled person, Shri Varma took part in several International Conferences and Seminars *inter alia* organized by the United Nations and its constituent Units. He was the Leader of the Parliamentary Delegation to the People's Republic of North Korea and Mongolia.

Shri Varma also contributed articles to important newspapers and weeklies.

In his demise, the country has lost a veteran Gandhian.

Shri Ravindra Varma passed away on 9 October, 2006 at New Delhi at the age of 81.

Shri Kanshi Ram was a Member of the Tenth and Eleventh Lok Sabhas from 1991 to 1997, representing Etawah and Hoshiarpur Parliamentary Constituencies of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, respectively.

Shri Kanshi Ram was a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1998 to 2004, representing the State of Uttar Pradesh.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Kanshi Ram was a Member of the Committee on Human Resource Development from 1993 to 1995 and the General Purposes Committee during 1997.

An active political and social worker, Shri Kanshi Ram was a well-known journalist and writer. He authored two books namely, "Birth of BAMCEF" and "An Era of the Stooges."

Shri Kanshi Ram championed the cause of the oppressed and depressed people of the country. As a fore-runner of Dalit Movement in the nation, Shri Kanshi Ram tirelessly strove for the welfare of the downtrodden and to ensure that they get their equal rights and equal status in the society.

Shri Kanshi Ram passed away on 9 October, 2006 at New Delhi at the age of 72, after a brief illness.

Shri Bhikhu Ram Jain was a Member of the Seventh Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984 representing Chandni Chowk Parliamentary Constituency of Delhi.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Jain was a Member of the Committee on Public Accounts during 1984.

An active political and social worker, Shri Jain was a Member of the Delhi Municipal Committee from 1945 to 1957; Delhi Municipal Corporation from 1958 to 1967 and Delhi University Court for over ten years. He was the Treasurer of the Hindu College, Delhi. He served as the Chairman of erstwhile Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking from 1958 to 1961 and of Standing Committee, Delhi Municipal Corporation from 1965 to 1966. He was a Member of the Delhi Metropolitan Council from 1966 to 1967.

Shri Jain also served as the Executive Councillor, Finance and Civil Supplies, Delhi from 1966 to 1967 and Chairman, All-India Sales Tax Abolition Committee during 1978. He also served as President and Member of several trade and industrial associations of the country.

Shri Bhikhu Ram Jain passed away on 10 November, 2006 at Delhi at the age of 91.

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.

11.19 hrs.

The members then stood in silence for a short while.

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 23rd November, 2006 at 11 a.m.

11.20 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on
Thursday, November 23, 2006/Agrahayana 2, 1928 (Saka).*

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