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Title : Reference made regarding mishap that took place on 2 December, 2006 involving Howrah Jamalpur Express which resulted in death of 35 persons, also to the mishap on 2 December, 2006 when a bus from Delhi to Shimla plunged into a gorge resulting in death of 14 person and to a land mine blast on the same day killing 14 police personnel at Kanchkir, in Bokaro district of Jharkhand.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, in a very misfortunate mishap on 2nd December, 2006, 35 people reportedly lost their lives and many were injured when a portion of 150 year old bridge collapsed on the 3071 Howrah-Jamalpur Express at Bhagalpur in Bihar.

In another mishap on the same day, a bus from Delhi to Shimla plunged into a gorge near Kandaghat about 10 km. from Solan on the Kalka-Shimla Highway resulting in death of about 14 people and injuries to many.

In yet another accident or rather a mishap, on the same day, about 14 police personnel were killed and some injured in a landmine blast at Kanchkir, in Bokaro District of Jharkhand.

The House expresses its grief over the loss of lives and injuries caused in these mishaps.

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

11.01 hrs

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

12.00 hrs