Title: Reference regarding passing away of Shri Sukhendra Singh, member, 6th & 7th Lok Sabha; Shri Krishna Singh, member 8th Lok Sabha and Shri Mahesh Dutta Misra, member, 3rd Lok Sabha on 17.09.06, 12.10.06 and 11.11.06 respectively.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of three of our former colleagues, Shri Sukhendra Singh, Shri Krishna Singh and Shri Mahesh Dutta Misra.

Shri Sukhendra Singh was a Member of the Sixth and Ninth Lok Sabhas from 1977 to 1979 and 1989 to 1991, representing Satna Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Singh was a Member of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1962 to 1967.

Shri Singh was a Member, Committee on Public Undertakings; Estimates Committee and Consultative Committees of Ministry of Shipping and of Ministry of Communications during the Ninth Lok Sabha.

An agriculturist and lawyer by profession, Shri Singh participated in India's freedom struggle. A committed social worker, he actively strove for the betterment of the poor and downtrodden.

Shri Sukhendra Singh passed away on 17 September, 2006 at Satna, Madhya Pradesh at the age of 81.

Shri Krishna Singh was a Member of the Eighth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1989, representing Bhind Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh.

Shri Singh was a Member of the House Committee during 1989.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Singh served as a Member on the Board of Directors, Madhya Pradesh State Co-operative Union, Bhopal.

A sports enthusiast, Shri Krishna Singh was a member of Lokendra club, Datia. He also had keen interest in reading and photography.

Shri Krishna Singh passed away on 12 October, 2006 at Datia, Madhya Pradesh at the age of 78, after a prolonged illness.

Shri Mahesh Dutta Misra was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha from 1962 to 1967, representing Khandwa Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Misra was a Member of the Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha from 1952 to 1957. He was also a Member of the Land Reforms Committee in Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Misra suffered imprisonment several times during the freedom movement.

A Gandhian to the core, Shri Misra was closely associated with Gandhiji for some time. He also served as a member of the First Sarvodaya Executive in 1948.

An educationist, Shri Misra was a faculty member of Jabalpur and Allahabad Universities.

A well-known social worker, Shri Misra was actively involved in constructive work, agricultural and rural uplift, Khadi and village industries and cultural activities.

A man of letters, Shri Misra authored books on elementary civics and social studies.

Shri Mahesh Dutta Misra passed away on 11 November, 2006 at the age of 91 at Harda, Madhya Pradesh.

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.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)[R1]