Title: The Speaker made reference to the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the terrorist attack on Parliament House on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2001.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, with great solemnity, we recall that on 13 December – five years ago – our Parliament had been the target of a terrorist attack.

The attack was foiled by the alert security personnel responsible for the security of the Parliament complex, but in the process five security personnel of Delhi Police; one Mahila Constable of the Central Reserve Police Force; and two Security Assistants of Parliament Watch and Ward, namely, S/Shri Nanak Chand, Ram Pal Singh, Ghan Shyam, Om Prakash, Vijayendra Singh, Shrimati Kamlesh Kumari, Shri J. P. Yadav, and Shri Matbar Singh Negi laid down their lives. Shri Desh Raj who worked as a gardener also lost his life in the attack. Shri Vikram Singh Bisht, a journalist representing the electronic media, succumbed later due to injuries sustained in the attack.

This act of heroism and unparalleled bravery of the security personnel calls for a renewed pledge for making all efforts to curb the menace of terrorism. Let us rededicate ourselves once again to protect the unity, integrity and sovereignty of our country.

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

11.02 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while