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Title: Mr. Deputy Speaker made references to the passing away of Shrimati T. Lakshmi Kauthamma, member, 3rd, 4th and 5th Lok Sabhas; Shri Wangcha Rajkumar, member, 11th to 13th Lok Sabha; Shrimati Mafida Ahmed, member 2nd Lok Sabha; Dr. Jayantilal Narbheram Parekh, member, 1st Lok Sabha; and Shri Balbir Singh, member, 13th Lok Sabha on 13.12.2007, 23.12.2007, 17.01.2008, 10.02.2008 and 13.02.2008 respectively.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of five of our former colleagues, Shrimati T. Lakshmi Kanthamma, Shri Wangcha Rajkumar, Shrimati Mafida Ahmed, Dr. Jayantilal Narbheram Parekh and Shri Balbir Singh.

Shrimati T. Lakshmi Kanthamma was a Member of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabhas from 1962 to 1977 representing the Khammam Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Shrimati Lakshmi Kanthamma was also a Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1962 and from 1978 to 1983.

An able parliamentarian, Shrimati Lakshmi Kanthamma was a Member of the Business Advisory Committee from 1963 to 1964. She was a Member of the House Committee in 1966 and a Member of the Committee on Public Undertakings from 1967 to 1968. Shrimati Lakshmi Kanthamma was a Member of the Indian Parliamentary delegation to Australia in 1967.

A committed social and political worker, Shrimati Lakshmi Kanthamma was actively associated with a number of social welfare organizations. She was member, National Council for Women's Education and the Central Social Welfare Board. She also served as a Member of the Tirumalai Tirupati Devasthanam Board of Trustees.

A person with a spiritual and scholarly bent of mind, she was also an accomplished author and has to her credit books in English and Telugu languages.

Shrimati T. Lakshmi Kanthamma passed away on 13 December, 2007 at Vijayawada at the age of 83.

Shri Wangcha Rajkumar was a Member of the Eleventh to Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1996 to 2004 representing the Arunachal East Parliamentary Constituency of Arunachal Pradesh.

Earlier he was a Member of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1995 to 1996.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Rajkumar was a Member of the Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution and Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Power during the Eleventh Lok Sabha. He was a Member of the Rules Committee and Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs during the Twelfth Lok Sabha; During the Thirteenth Lok Sabha he was a Member of the Committee on Home Affairs and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

A widely traveled person, Shri Rajkumar worked tirelessly in the service of the people by promoting mutual understanding among diverse communities.

Shri Wangcha Rajkumar passed away under tragic circumstances on December 23, 2007 at Deomali, District Tirap at the age of 42. [\[r1\]](#)

Shrimati Mafida Ahmed was a member of the Second Lok Sabha from 1957 to 1962, representing the Jorhat Parliamentary Constituency of Assam.

During the Second Lok Sabha, Shrimati Mafida Ahmed was a member of the House Committee from 1961 to 1962.

A committed social and political worker Shrimati Mafida Ahmed was actively associated with the Red Cross Society, Jorhat from 1946 to 1949.

She strove for the upliftment of marginalized sections of our society particularly for the women. She served as the Assistant Secretary, Tezpur District Mahila Samiti from 1951 to 1953 and was also associated with several other organizations working for the uplift of the women.

A gifted writer, Shrimati Mafida Ahmed has to her credit several publications in Assamese.

Shrimati Mafida Ahmed passed away on 17 January, 2008 at Jorhat at the age of 87.

Dr. Jayantilal Narbheram Parekh was a member of the First Lok Sabha from 1952 to 1957, representing the Zalawad Parliamentary Constituency of erstwhile Saurashtra Province (now in Gujarat).

Earlier, Dr. Parekh was a member of the Saurashtra Constituent Assembly and the Legislative Assembly from 1948 to 1951. As a member of the Saurashtra Legislative Assembly he served as Chairman, Public Accounts Committee and Member, Estimates Committee.

A Medical Practitioner and Banker by profession, Dr. Parekh was a Member, Governing and Executive Body of Seth Khusaldas J. Mehta T.B. Hospital, Amarnagar; he was the Vice-President, Red Cross Society, Morvi and a member of the All India Medical Association, Morvi Branch and Family Planning Association of India, Mumbai.

A well-known social worker, Dr. Parekh was a Member of the Working Committee, Saurashtra Division of All-India Manufacturers Organisation, Bhavnagar; he was the Adviser and Member, Morvi Cotton Merchants Association and a Member of the Working Committee, Morvi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Dr. Jayantilal Narbheram Parekh passed away on 10 February, 2008 at Mumbai at the age of 96.

Shri Balbir Singh was a member of the Thirteenth Lok Sabha from 1999 to 2004, representing Jalandhar Parliamentary Constituency of Punjab.

Earlier, Sardar Balbir Singh was a member of the Rajya Sabha from 1992 to 1998. He was also a member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly from 1972 to 1977. Shri Singh served as a Minister of State (Department of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education, Sports and Defence Welfare) in the Government of Punjab from 1973 to 1977.

Sardar Balbir Singh was a member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism from 1999 to 2001. He was a member of the Committee on Commerce from 2002 to 2004 and the Committee on Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme from 2000 to 2004.

An advocate by profession, Shri Singh was the President, Law Graduates Association of Punjab. He was the President of the Governing Council of Lyallpur Khalsa College for Boys. He was the Chairman of Shaheed Babu Labh Singh Memorial Trust, Jalandhar and the Senior Vice-President, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi. Shri Singh was also a member of the Syndicate and Senate of the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

A sports enthusiast, Shri Balbir Singh served as a Member, Punjab State Sports Council and the Vice President Punjab Olympic Association.

Shri Balbir Singh passed away on 13 February, 2008 at Jalandhar at the age of 69.

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.

11.09 hrs. *The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

श्री यमजीलाल सुमन (फ़ियेज़ाबाद) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, ...[\(व्यवधान\)](#)

श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव (झंझारपुर) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, पहले भी हमने इस मामले को उठाया था। अब फिर मणिपुर में वही घटना घट गयी। लगातार हिंदी भाषाभाषियों का नरसंहार हो रहा है। मैं केंद्र सरकार और प्रधानमंत्री जी से आग्रह करता हूँ कि हमारे लोगों की जान-माल की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित की जाए। महोदय, लगातार घटनाएं घट रही हैं।...[\(व्यवधान\)](#)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please sit down now.

...[\(Interruptions\)](#)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions) **

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please listen to me first. Please sit down.

...(Interruptions)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं क्वेश्चन आवर सस्पेंड नहीं करना चाहता हूँ और न ही यह हमारे लिए अच्छा लगता है। After the Question Hour, I will try to look into this matter and I will try to accommodate you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Q. No. 281 – Shri Shrinivas Dadasaheb Patil.[\[h2\]](#)