

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, December 13, 2004/Agrahayana 22, 1926 (Saka)

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

**REFERENCES BY THE SPEAKER**

**THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORISTS'**

**ATTACK ON PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

**AND**

**DEMISE OF SHRIMATI M.S. SUBBULAKSHMI**

Title: References made regarding Third Anniversary of terrorists' attack on Parliament House on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2001 and demise of Smt. M.S. Subhulakshmi.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as you are aware, three years ago on 13 December, 2001, a terrorist attack was made on the temple of Indian Democracy – our Parliament. Due to the supreme sacrifice and the exemplary courage shown by the security personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force, Delhi Police, Indo-Tibetan Border Police and the Parliament Watch and Ward Staff, the terrorist attack was foiled.

On this solemn occasion, we pay our tributes to the nine brave persons, namely, Shri J.P. Yadav, Shri Matbar Singh Negi, Shrimati Kamlesh Kumari, S/ShriNanak Chand, Ram Pal Singh, Ghan Shyam, Om Prakash, Vijayendra Singh and Deshraj, who laid down their lives in the process of safeguarding our apex democratic institution; and

We reiterate our firm resolve to fight terrorism till it is eliminated.

Hon. Members, with a heavy heart I have also to inform you about the sad demise of Shrimati MS Subhulakshmi, the renowned exponent of Carnatic Music.

A Magasaysay award winner, Subbulakshmi, who was popularly known as "MS", took the Carnatic Music to aesthetic heights. Born as Kunjamma in the temple city of Madurai in 1916, she grew up surrounded and filled by music.

In her initial years she also acted in a few Tamil films. Her first movie 'Sevasadanam' was released in 1938. This was followed by 'Shakunthalai', 'Savithri' and 'Meera' to mention a few.

MS was the first woman to be awarded the 'Sangitha Kalanidhi', a prestigious title of the well-known Music Academy of Chennai.

In her illustrious career, which spanned over five decades, she mesmerised a generation of Carnatic music lovers. M.S. received a large number of awards during her illustrious career. India's top civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, was conferred on her in 1998. The void caused by her demise would never be filled. While she is not physically with us, her melodious voice will always continue to inspire us.

M.S. Subbulakshmi passed away on 11 December, 2004 at the age of 88 years at Chennai after a brief illness.

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

**11.02 hrs.**

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

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