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Title : Madam Speaker made references to the passing away of Shri K.C.Sharma, Member, 7th Lok Sabha; Shri S.Xavier, member, 4th Lok Sabha; Shri Surendra Pal Singh, member 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th Lok Sabhas and Shri Shambhu Nath, member 4th and 5th Lok Sabhas.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of four of our former colleagues, Shri K.C. Sharma, Shri S. Xavier, Shri Surendra Pal Singh and Shri Shambhu Nath.

Shri K.C. Sharma was a Member of the Seventh Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984, representing the Bhind Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Sharma was the Sarpanch, District Panchayat, Bhind for over twelve years. He was also the Chairman of the biggest Cattle Fair held at Maghapura, Madhya Pradesh for a period of over fifteen years.

Shri Sharma ceaselessly worked for rural development through his long association with Panchayats. He worked tirelessly for the promotion of adult education, agriculture and animal husbandry.

Shri K.C. Sharma passed away on 6 November, 2009 at Bhind, Madhya Pradesh at the age of 84.

Shri S. Xavier was a Member of the Fourth Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1970 representing the Tirunelveli Parliamentary Constituency of erstwhile State of Madras now in Tamil Nadu.

An advocate by profession, Shri Xavier was associated with a number of social development activities and was also devoted to the cause of Trade Unions. He served as the President of the Postal and Telephone Exchange Union, Tuticorin and of the Postal and Telephone Exchange Unions, Tirunelveli.

Shri Xavier played a proactive role in the campaigns for the protection of interests of the poor and the needy.

Shri S. Xavier passed away on 6 December 2009 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 90.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh was a Member of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabhas from 1962 to 1977 and a Member of the Eighth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1989 representing the Bulandshahr Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Singh was a member of the Public Accounts Committee during the Third Lok Sabha.

An able administrator, Shri Singh was the Deputy Minister, Ministry of External Affairs from March 1967 to February 1973; Minister of State for Tourism & Civil Aviation from February 1973 to October 1974; Minister of State for External Affairs from October 1974 to December 1976 and Minister of State for Railways from December 1976 to March 1977.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh was a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Parishad from May 1984 to December 1984. He also served as the Cabinet Minister of Sugarcane in the Government of Uttar Pradesh from February 1984 to January 1985.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Singh took keen interest in rural development works. He donated land and money to innumerable schools, hospitals and other institutions in Bulandshahr district.

A widely travelled persons, he was the Leader of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations in October 1970.

A sports enthusiast, Shri Singh was a member of various sports clubs and bodies.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh passed away on 10 December 2009 at Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 92.

Shri Shambhu Nath was a member of the Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabhas from 1967 to 1977 representing the Saidpur Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Nath also served as a member of the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha from 1977 to 1980.

An advocate by profession, Shri Nath played a significant role in developmental activities. He worked for the uplift of poor and marginalized sections of the society.

Shri Shambhu Nath passed away on 12 December, 2009 at Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 81.

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.

11.06 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

...(Interruptions)
