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Title : The Speaker made reference to the passing away of Shri Baliram Kashyap, a sitting member of Lok Sabha and a member of the 12th, 13th and 14th Lok Sabhas.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of our colleague, Shri Baliram Kashyap.

Shri Baliram Kashyap was a sitting Member of the Lok Sabha representing the Bastar Parliamentary Constituency of Chhattisgarh. Earlier he was a Member of the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Lok Sabhas from 1998 to 2009 representing the same Parliamentary Constituency.

Earlier, Shri Kashyap was a Member of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1972 to 1992. He served as a Minister of State in the Public Works Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh from 1977 to 1978 and as a Cabinet Minister for Tribal Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh from 1978 to 1980 and again from 1989 to 1992.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Kashyap was a member of the Committee on Agriculture during the Twelfth Lok Sabha. He was a member of the Committee on Human Resource Development during the Thirteenth Lok Sabha. Shri Kashyap served as a member of the Committee on Petitions during the Fourteenth Lok Sabha. He was a member of the Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment in the present Lok Sabha.

A well-known social activist Shri Kashyap strove for the welfare of the poor, downtrodden and the deprived sections of the society.

Shri Baliram Kashyap passed away in the early hours of today at Raipur at the age of 75.

We deeply mourn the loss of our friend and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

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

11.02 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again on March 11, 2011 at 11 a.m.

11.03 hrs

**The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock
on Friday, March 11, 2011/Phalguna 20, 1932 (Saka).**