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Title : The Speaker made a reference to the tragic loss of lives of several thousands of people and a large-scale damage to property in Japan's north-eastern coast caused by a massive 9 magnitude earthquake triggering devastating Tsunami on 11 March, 2011.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as you all are aware, a massive nine magnitude earthquake struck off Japan's north-eastern coast on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, triggering devastating tsunami in the region that swept away everything in its path, including houses, ships, cars; and in the process killing several thousands of people. It is reported that many more are still missing.

The House expresses its heart-felt condolences to the people of Japan for the tragic loss of life and large-scale damage to property wreaked by this catastrophe.

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

**11.01 hrs.**

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

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*...(Interruptions)*

MADAM SPEAKER: Now, the House will take up Question Hour. Q. No. 241 – Shri Bhausahab Rajaram Wakchaure

*...(Interruptions)*