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Title : Madam Speaker made a reference to the passing away of Smt. Gayatri Devi, member, 3rd, 4th and 5th Lok Sabhas.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of our former colleague, Shrimati Gayatri Devi.

Shrimati Gayatri Devi was a member of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabhas from 1962 to 1977 representing the Jaipur Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan.

Shrimati Gayatri Devi was a Member of the Committee on Petitions during the Third Lok Sabha.

A woman who earned international fame and recognition, Shrimati Gayatri Devi was also a pioneer in women's education. She served as the Chairman, Governing Council of the Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls Public School, Jaipur; Board of Trustees of the Sawai Jai Singh Benevolent Trust; Maharani Gayatri Devi Soldiers Welfare Fund; Board of Trustees of Sawai Ram Singh Shilpa Kala Mandir and of Jaipur Museum Advisory Council.

A committed social and political worker, Shrimati Gayatri Devi worked for the welfare of poor and advancement of the women folk.

A sports enthusiast, Shrimati Gayatri Devi held the office of President of the All India Badminton Association and the Vice-President of the All India Lawn Tennis Association. She was also a member of the Sawai Man Singh Club, Jaipur and the Delhi Golf Club.

A widely travelled person, Shrimati Gayatri Devi was a multi-faceted and charismatic personality. She has to her credit a book entitled 'A Gourmet's Gateway'.

Shrimati Gayatri Devi passed away on 29th July, 2009 at Jaipur at the age of 90 after a brief illness.

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: Question Hour.

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY (KOLKATA UTTAR): Madam, the minorities and the Scheduled Castes are being brutally tortured and killed in the State of West Bengal...*(Interruptions)*

MADAM SPEAKER: Please do not disturb. Let the Question Hour continue.

...(Interruptions)

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...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Let the Question Hour continue.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Do not make the Question Hour a casualty everyday. What is all this? आप क्वश्चैन ऑवर चलने दीजिए।

...(Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): I have given a noticeâ€¦...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: बसुदेव आचार्य जी, आपने नोटिस अभी दिया है। I have not had the time to read it. I will read it; I will examine it.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : I have given the notice....(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: You have just given it one minute back. I have not read it. I will read it, examine it and I will get back to you. Please sit down. Let the Question Hour continue. Please sit down.

...(Interruptions)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप लोग शांत हो जाइये और क्वश्चैन ऑवर चलने दीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) â€¦*

MADAM SPEAKER: Please sit down.

...(Interruptions)

*Not recorded