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Title: The Speaker made reference on the occasion of World AIDS Day.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as you are all aware today is World AIDS Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the AIDS pandemic among people.

As per estimates, there are more than 34 million people living with HIV/AIDS and about 25 million people have died of AIDS worldwide since the first cases were reported in 1981. Eradication of AIDS still remains one of the toughest challenges for mankind.

Let us, on this occasion, resolve to augment our efforts for containing this dreaded disease by generating awareness among people and more importantly by lending a helping hand to those who are suffering.

MADAM SPEAKER: Now, we will take up Question Hour. Shri Khagen Das.

...(Interruptions)

11.03 hrs

At this stage, Shri Narahari Mahato, Shri Ramesh Rathod, Shri Ghanshyam Anuragi, Shri P. Karunakaran, Shri Anto Antony, Shri O.S. Manian and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.

MADAM SPEAKER: Let us run the Question Hour.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Shri Khagen Das, please ask your question.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Minister may read the answer.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 12 noon.

11.04 hrs

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Twelve
of the Clock.*

12.00 hrs

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Twelve of the Clock.

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker in the Chair)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, Papers to be laid on the Table. Shri Virbhadra Singh.

...(Interruptions)

12.0 ½ hrs

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...(Interruptions)