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Title: Madam Speaker made reference on the Golden Jubilee of Liberation of the State of Goa and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as you are all aware, today marks the Golden Jubilee of the liberation of the State of Goa and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu. It was on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1961 that the Indian Armed Forces launched Operation Vijay and liberated Goa, Daman and Diu from the shackles of Portuguese rule.

The House congratulates the people of Goa, Daman and Diu on the occasion of completing fifty years of freedom and conveys its best wishes to them in their march towards prosperity and all around development.

On this occasion, let us pay our tributes to the valiant freedom fighters and soldiers who laid down their lives during the freedom struggle.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while to mark the solemnity of the occasion.

**11.01 hrs.**

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