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Title: Madam Speaker made reference to the passing away of Shri Bibudhendra Misra, member, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lok Sabha and death of more than 6 persons and missing of several in flash floods and landslides in Kerala due to heavy rains. The Speaker also made references to the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Quit India' movement launched on the 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1942 and the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dropping of atom bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of our former colleague Shri Bibudhendra Misra.

Shri Bibudhendra Misra was a member of the Third Lok Sabha from 1962 to 1967 representing Puri Parliamentary Constituency of Odisha.

Shri Misra was also a member of Rajya Sabha during 1958 to 1962.

An advocate by profession, Shri Bibudhendra Misra took active part in politics from his student days and underwent imprisonment during the Quit India Movement in 1942.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Misra served as Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Law during 1962 to 1964.

Shri Bibudhendra Misra passed away on 15 February, 2012 at the age of 91 in Cuttack, Odisha.

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

Hon. Members, you may be aware that more than six persons are reported to have been killed and several others missing in flash floods and landslides in Kerala due to heavy rain on 7 August, 2012.

The House expresses its profound sorrow on this natural calamity which have brought pain and suffering to the families of the missing, injured and deceased.

Hon. Members, it was seventy years ago on this day, that is the 9th of August, 1942 that Mahatma Gandhi launched the 'Quit India' movement to liberate our country from the shackles of foreign rule.

The 'Quit India' movement galvanized the entire nation to unitedly raise its voice for freedom and liberation.

On this occasion, we pay our respectful homage to the Father of the Nation and to all the martyrs who laid down their lives in the freedom struggle and rededicate ourselves to the high ideals for which they stood.

Hon. Members, may also recall that sixty-seven years ago, atom bombs were dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on the 6th and 9th of August, 1945 respectively, causing unthinkable human suffering and misery.

Thousands of innocent people lost their precious lives and millions were crippled in this catastrophe.

On this occasion, let us reiterate our commitment towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons. This House extends its wholehearted support to all endeavors which seek to ensure global peace.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed, martyrs of our freedom movement, and victims of the atomic holocaust in Japan

**11.03 hrs**

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

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