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Title: The Speaker made reference to the passing away of Shri Kashi Ram Rana, member, 9th to 14th Lok Sabhas.

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

Shri Kashiram Rana was a Member of the Ninth to Fourteenth Lok Sabhas from 1989 to 2009 representing the Surat Parliamentary Constituency of Gujarat.

Shri Kashiram Rana was also a Member of Gujarat Legislative Assembly from 1975 to 1980.

A distinguished parliamentarian, Shri Rana was Union Cabinet Minister for Textiles from 1998 to 2003 and Rural Development from 2003 to 2004. He also served as a member of Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee and Committee on Public Undertakings.

A widely traveled person, Shri Rana represented the country in various international conferences. He was a member of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation of IPU to Chile and USA.

Shri Kashiram Rana passed away on 31st August, 2012 at the age of 74 in Ahmedabad.

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.

11.01 hrs

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

MADAM SPEAKER: Now Question Hour.

Q. No. 305 – Shri Jaywant Gangaram Awale.

...(Interruptions)

11.02 hrs

At this stage, Shri Ganesh Singh and some other hon. Members came

and stood on the floor near the Table.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI T.R. BAALU (SRIPERUMBUDUR): Madam, Sri Lankan Army should not be given training in the country....(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Q.No. 305-Shri Jaywant Gangaram Awale.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Madam, a Statement is laid on the Table of the House. ...(Interruptions)