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Title: The Speaker made reference to the passing away of Pandit Ravi Shankar, a former member of Rajya Sabha.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of Pandit Ravi Shankar.

Pandit Ravi Shankar was a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1986 to 1992.

He received many awards and honours from his own country and abroad including the highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna in 1999. He was also conferred with Deshikottam from Vishwa Bharati, Music Council, UNESCO Award, Magsaysay Award and Grammy Award.

Pandit Ravi Shankar passed away today in San Diego, USA at the age of 92 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of such a dynamic and versatile personality and I am sure the House will 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.
