Title: The Speaker made a reference to the passing away of Shri Mukesh Bhairavdanji Gadhvi, sitting member of Lok Sabha. She also made reference to the loss of lives of nineteen persons and injuries to several others when a major fire broke out in a market in Kolkata on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of our colleague, Shri Mukesh Bhairavdanji Gadhvi.

Shri Gadhvi was a sitting Member of the Banaskantha Parliamentary constituency of Gujarat.

A distinguished parliamentarian, Shri Gadhvi was also a Member of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly for three terms from 1998 to 2009.

Shri Gadhvi was a Member of the Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Finance.

An active social and political worker, he promoted the cause of education particularly of the girl child.

Shri Mukesh Bhairavdanji Gadhvi passed away today at Ahmedabad after a brief illness at the age of 50.

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

**Hon. Members,** as you are aware, 19 persons are reported to have been killed and several others injured in a major fire that broke out in a Market in Kolkata on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

The House expresses its profound sorrow on this tragic incident which has brought pain and suffering to the affected families.

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: The House stands adjourned to meet on Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at 11.00 a.m.

## 11.02 hrs

## The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Monday, March 4, 2013/Phalguna 13, 1934 (Saka). [r1]

<sup>[1]</sup> Friday, March 10, 2000/Phalguna 20, 1921 (Saka).