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Title: The Speaker made a reference on the passing away of Shri Baishnab Charan Patnaik, member, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lok Sabha. She further made a reference to the loss of lives of eleven persons in an accident of a boat capsizing in Yamuna River in Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. She also made a reference to the loss of lives of eight persons in a landmine blast in Gaya district, Bihar on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2013.

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

Shri Baishnab Charan Patnaik was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha from 1962 to 1967 representing the Dhenkanal Parliamentary Constituency of the then State of Orissa.

Shri Patnaik was also a Member of Orissa Legislative Assembly from 1952 to 1957.

Shri Patnaik, popularly known as "Veer Baishnab", actively participated in the freedom struggle and Quit India Movement and was imprisoned several times.

Shri Baishnab Charan Patnaik passed away on 1 January, 2013 at the age of 98 in Dhenkanal, Odisha.

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.

Hon. Members, as you are aware, eleven persons were killed and several others injured when a boat capsized in Yamuna River in Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh on 20 February, 2013.

Hon. Members, in an another tragic incident, eight persons including six policemen were killed in a landmine blast in Gaya district of Bihar on 22 February, 2013.

The House expresses its profound sorrow on these tragic incidents which have brought pain and suffering to the families of the bereaved and injured.

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.*

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**11.02½ hrs**

MADAM SPEAKER: Question No.21.

Now Shri Basu Deb Acharia.