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Title: The Speaker made references to the passing away of Shri Harbhajan Lakha, member, 9th and 11th Lok Sabhas. The Speaker also made references to loss of live of 4 persons and injuries to 22 others when Delhi-Dibrugarh Rajdhani Express derailed in Saran District of Bihar on 25 June, 2014 and loss of lives of people in various accidents.

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Harbhajan Lakha who was a Member of the Ninth and Eleventh Lok Sabhas representing the Phillaur Parliamentary Constituency of Punjab.

Shri Lakha was a Member of the Committee on Labour and Welfare and the House Committee.

Shri Harbhajan Lakha passed away on 11th June, 2014 in Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab at the age of 72.

We deeply mourn the loss of Shri Harbhajan Lakha and convey our condolences to the bereaved family.

Hon. Members, four persons were reportedly killed and twenty-two others injured when the New Delhi – Dibrugarh Rajdhani Express derailed in Saran district of Bihar on 25 June, 2014.

In another tragic accident about fifteen persons were killed and several others injured when the trunk pipeline of Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) exploded following a gas leak near Nagaram in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh on 27 June, 2014.

Hon. Members, ten persons including five children and three women lost their lives and two others were injured when a dilapidated four-storied building collapsed in Delhi on 28 June, 2014.

In yet another tragic accident, over sixty persons lost their lives and several others were injured when an eleven-storeyed under construction building collapsed due to heavy rains in Chennai on 28 June 2014.

The House expresses its profound sorrow on these tragic accidents which have brought pain and suffering to the bereaved families and prays for succour for all the affected people.

The House may now stand in silence for a short-while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

11.04 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

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