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Title : The Speaker made reference to the passing away of Selvi J. Jayalalitha, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and former Member of Rajya Sabha on 5 December, 2016.

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of *Selvi* J. Jayalalitha, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who passed away on 5th December, 2016 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 68.

Selvi Jayalalitha served as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for six terms. She was also member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for seven terms. She was the first woman Leader of Opposition in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

She was also a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1984 to 1989.

Jayalalithaji was a true leader of the masses and her followers fondly called her *Amma* meaning mother and *Puratchi Thalaivi* meaning a revolutionary leader.

A multi-faceted personality, *Selvi* Jayalalitha was an accomplished classical dancer and successful actress who acted in over 140 Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Hindi films.

In her demise, the country has lost a highly popular, courageous and eminent political leader.

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

11.04 hours

(The Members then stood in silence for short while.)

HON. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 7th December, 2016, at 11 a.m.

11.05 hours

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock
on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 / Agrahayana 16, 1938 (Saka).