

Title: Made reference to the passing away of the following members of Parliament and also made references to loss of several lives and property on account of the tragedy caused due to the tornado which hit the states of West Bengal and Orissa on 24 March, 1998 Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda, former Prime Minister on 15 January, 1998 Shri E.M.S. Namboodiripad, former Chief Minister of Kerala on 19 March, 1998 Shri Shrikrishna Vajinath Dhamankar, a member of fifth Lok Sabha on 6 April, 1995 Shrimati Vimla Deshmukh, a member of Third Lok Sabha on 9 September, 1997 Shri Mohinder Singh Sayianwala, a member of Sixth Lok Sabha on 7 Nov. 1997 Shri Chakleshwar Singh, a member of Fifth Lok Sabha on 14 Nov., 1997 Shri Tridib Chaudhuri, a member of first to Seventh Lok Sabha on 21 December, 1997 Shri Nurul Islam, a member of Seventh, Tenth and Eleventh Lok Sabha on 30 Dec. 1997 Shri Mohammed Idris Ali, a member of Eleventh Lok Sabha on 30 Dec., 1997 Shri Bimalkanti Ghose, member of Fourth and Eighth Lok Sabha on 1 January, 1998 Shri M.A. Sreenivasan, a member of Constituent Assembly on 15 Jan., 1998 Vaidhya Dau Dayal Joshi, a member of ninth to Eleventh Lok Sabha on 16 January, 1998 Shri Bhola Nath Sen, a member of Eighth Lok Sabha on 18 January, 1998

12.23 hrs.

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MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda former Prime Minister, Shri E.M.S. Namboodiripad, former Chief Minister of Kerala and eleven of our other esteemed friends, Shri Srikrishna Vajinath Dhamankar, Shrimati Vimla Deshmukh, Sarvashri Mohinder Singh Sayianwala, Chakleshwar Singh, Tridib Chaudhuri, Nurul Islam, Mohammad Idris Ali, Bimalkanti Ghosh, M.A. Sreenivasan, Vaidya Dau Dayal Joshi and Shri Bhola Nath Sen.

Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda was a Member of First, Second and Third Lok Sabhas representing Sabarkantha Parliamentary Constituency of erstwhile Bombay State during 1952-67. Later, he was elected to Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabhas during 1967-77 from Kaithal Parliamentary Constituency of Haryana.

An able Parliamentarian, he was actively associated in the governance of the nation. Shri Nanda was a Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power during 1952-57; Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning during 1957-62; Minister of Planning during 1962-63; Minister of Home Affairs during 1963-66 and Minister of Railways during 1970-71. He served as the Prime Minister twice for brief periods i.e., from 27 May to 9 June, 1964 and 11 to 24 January, 1966.

Earlier, Shri Nanda was a Member of Legislative Assembly, Bombay during 1937-39 and 1947-50. He served the State Government of Bombay as a Parliamentary Secretary (Labour & Excise) during 1937-39 and Minister of Labour and Housing during 1947-50.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Nanda joined non-cooperation movement in 1921, actively participated in the Satyagraha Movement in 1932 and the Quit-India Movement in 1942. He suffered incarceration many a time for his patriotic ventures. Despite holding very high positions, Shri Nanda, like a true Gandhian, led an austere and a pious life.

A widely travelled person, Shri Nanda was appointed a substitute Government Delegate to the Asian Regional Conference in 1947. He was a Leader of the Indian Delegation to the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee in 1955 and Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the International Labour Conference held at Geneva in 1959.

The country honoured him with its highest civilian award 'The Bharat Ratna' in July, 1997. Earlier he was also awarded the Padma Vibhushan.

An active social and political worker, Shri Nanda was associated with various trade unions from 1921 in different capacities. He took keen interest in the proceedings of the House and by dint of his sheer hard work, turned out to be one of the most successful Parliamentarians in the country.

A man of letters, Shri Nanda wrote several articles on wide ranging topics. His publications include 'Some Aspects of Khadi', 'History of wage adjustment in the Ahmedabad Textile Industry', 'Approach to the Second Five-Year Plan' and 'Some Basic Considerations'.

Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda passed away on 15 January, 1998 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat at the age of one hundred years.

Shri E.M.S. Namboodiripad popularly known as 'EMS' was born in an aristocratic and conservative Brahmin family in Malabar district of Kerala in June 1909. By the time he began his graduation, he had revolted against both Brahminical conservatism and British imperialism. He left his studies to join the Civil Disobedience Movement of 1932. He was chosen as a General Secretary of the Kerala Provincial Congress Committee. In 1937 he, along with the late Shri P. Krishnapillai formed the first Communist Group within the Congress in Kerala.

Shri Namboodiripad was the pioneer of the Communist Movement in the country and had a stupendous role to play in helping the Communist Party of India (Marxist) become a major force in the political arena of the country.

As a leader, he headed the first ever elected Communist Government in the world in 1957, when he became the Chief Minister of Kerala and returned again in 1967. He served as the Leader of the Opposition in the Kerala Legislative Assembly from 1969 to 1970 and later in 1977.

Apart from being an astute politician, he was an author, historian and a social commentator. All that he earned from his books and columns went to the party as he led a spartan life.

Shri E.M.S. Namboodiripad breathed his last at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 19 March, 1998 at the age of 89 years.

Shri Shrikrishna Vajinath Dhamankar was a Member of the Fifth Lok Sabha representing Bhiwandi Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra during 1971-77.

A businessman by profession, Shri Dhamankar was a well known political and social worker. He worked hard for Hindu-Muslim unity for forty years in Bhiwandi and Thana districts.

A renowned educationist, Shri Dhamankar strived hard for promotion of education and was associated with various educational and social institutions in his area.

Shri Dhamankar took keen interest in the upliftment of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of the society. He worked relentlessly for the promotion of child welfare, agriculture and community development.

Shri Dhamankar passed away on 6 April, 1995 at Bhiwandi at the age of 90 years.

Shrimati Vimla Deshmukh was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha representing Amravati Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra during 1965-67.

Shrimati Deshmukh was also a Member of Rajya Sabha during 1967-72.

An active social and political worker, Shrimati Deshmukh worked relentlessly for the upliftment of women. She was a member of the All India Women's Conference, Vidarbha Branch and the Founder-member of the Bharatiya Gramin Mahila Sangh.

A widely travelled person, Shrimati Deshmukh was a delegate to the International Social Workers' Conference held in Toronto, Canada during 1954. She was elected as the leader of the Youth Group to represent India in the Toronto Conference.

Shrimati Vimla Deshmukh passed away on 9 September, 1997 at Nagpur, Maharashtra at the age of 91 years.

Shri Mohinder Singh Sayianwala was a Member of the Sixth Lok Sabha representing Ferozepur Parliamentary Constituency of Punjab during 1977-79.

Earlier, he was a Member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly during 1969-77.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Sayianwala was also a well known political and social worker. He served his district as Chairman, Panchayat Samiti and Vice-Chairman, Zila Parishad, Ferozepur.

Shri Mohinder Singh Sayianwala passed away at Ferozepur on 7 November, 1997 at the age of 66 years.

Shri Chakleshwar Singh was a Member of Fifth Lok Sabha representing Mathura Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh during 1971-77.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Singh was an active social and political worker. He was a member of various social organisations and served his State in different capacities.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Singh participated in the 'Quit India Movement' and suffered imprisonment in 1942.

Shri Chakleshwar Singh passed away on 14 November, 1997 at Mathura, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 75 years.

Shri Tridib Chaudhuri was a Member of First to Seventh Lok Sabhas representing the Berhampore Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal during 1952-84. He was a sitting Member of Rajya Sabha, having been elected to that House twice, first in July, 1987 and then in August, 1993.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Chaudhuri was detained without trial as a suspected revolutionary from 1931-37 and again during 1940-46. Shri Chaudhuri was also imprisoned by the Portuguese authorities in Goa for participating in the Liberation Satyagraha Movement against Portuguese colonialism.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Chaudhuri was a member of several Parliamentary Committees including the Standing Committees on External Affairs and Railways and the Committee on Subordinate Legislation in Rajya Sabha.

An active social worker, he worked relentlessly for the upliftment of the working class and the youth and was connected with various social organisations and trade unions.

A man of letters, he authored several articles in various literary and political journals in Hindi, Bengali and English languages.

Shri Tridib Chaudhuri passed away on 21 December, 1997 in West Bengal at the age of 86 years.

Shri Nurul Islam was a Member of Seventh, Tenth and Eleventh Lok Sabhas representing the Dhubri Parliamentary Constituency of Assam during 1983-84 and 1991-97.

Earlier, he was a Member of Assam Legislative Assembly during 1972-78. He was Chairman, Public Undertakings Committee, Assam Legislative Assembly during 1974-78.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Nurul Islam was a member of Estimates Committee and Standing Committee on Defence of Lok Sabha and Consultative Committees of the Ministries of Industry and Defence.

A well known educationist, Shri Nurul Islam was instrumental in establishing various schools and colleges in Assam.

Shri Nurul Islam passed away on 30 December, 1997 at New Delhi at the age of 66 years.

Shri Mohammed Idris Ali was a Member of the Eleventh Lok Sabha representing the Jangipur Parliamentary Constituency of West

Bengal during 1996-97.

Earlier, he was a Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly during 1969-77. He was Chairman, Estimates Committee and member, Public Accounts Committee, Public Undertakings Committee and Committee on Government Assurances in West Bengal Legislative Assembly.

An advocate by profession and a well known educationist, Shri Idris Ali was instrumental in establishing many schools, libraries and clubs.

Shri Mohammed Idris Ali passed away on 30 December, 1997 at Murshidabad, West Bengal at the age of 65 years.

Shri Bimalkanti Ghosh was a Member of the Fourth and the Eighth Lok Sabhas representing Serampore Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal during 1967-70 and 1984-89.

An active social and political worker, Shri Ghosh was associated with various social and rural reconstruction programmes.

A well known educationist, Shri Ghosh worked relentlessly for the spread of education.

Shri Bimalkanti Ghosh passed away at Serampore on 1 January, 1998 at the age of 74 years.

Shri M.A. Sreenivasan was a Member of the Constituent Assembly representing the erstwhile Princely State of Gwalior during 1947-48.

Shri Sreenivasan had an illustrious career in the Civil Service in the then State of Mysore. He served as Mysore's Trade Commissioner in London. During the Second World War, Shri Sreenivasan also held offices of Controller of Supplies and Controller of Purchases in the Government of India.

Known as the voice of the Cooperative Sector in the country, Shri Sreenivasan was the first Indian Chairman of the John Taylor Company which was then mining gold at Kolar Gold fields. He also served as Chairman of Consolidated Coffee Limited and Coffee Lands and Industries. He worked as Director of Air India, Buckingham and of Carnatic Mills and other companies.

He became Minister in Princely State of Mysore under Dewan Sir M. Madhava Rao and handled portfolios of Industries, Agriculture and Food and Civil Supplies during 1943-46. He became Dewan (Vice-President of Executive Council) of the erstwhile princely State of Gwalior under Maharaja Jivaji Rao Scindia during the crucial days of accession to the Indian Union.

He founded an Agriculture College, at Hebbal, Mysore, wrote an autobiography and authored a book titled 'The Raj, Maharaja and Me'.

Shri Sreenivasan was the founder President of the Greater Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry during 1976-79 and worked tirelessly for its growth.

Shri M.A. Sreenivasan passed away on 15 January, 1998 at Bangalore, Karnataka at the age of hundred and one years.

Vaidya Dau Dayal Joshi was member of the Ninth to Eleventh Lok Sabhas representing Kota Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan during 1989-97.

Earlier, he was member of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly during 1977-89.

A Medical Practitioner by profession, Vaidya Dau Dayal Joshi was a votary of the age-old system of Indian Medicines and many a time highlighted the values of Indian Medicines in the House.

An able Parliamentarian, Vaidya Joshi was a member of Estimates Committee, Standing Committee on Human Resource Development and Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Vaidya Dau Dayal Joshi passed away on 16 January, 1998 at Jaipur, Rajasthan at the age of 67 years.

Shri Bhola Nath Sen was a member of Eighth Lok Sabha representing Calcutta South Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal during 1984-89.

Earlier, Shri Sen was a member of West Bengal Legislative Assembly during 1972-82. An advocate by profession Shri Sen was Senior Standing Counsel in West Bengal during 1971-72.

Shri Bhola Nath Sen served as a Cabinet Minister in the State Government of West Bengal during 1972-77. An able parliamentarian, he was a member of Estimates Committee of Lok Sabha during 1985-86.

Shri Bhola Nath Sen passed away on 18 January, 1998 at Calcutta at the age of 74 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

As the hon. Members are aware, more than hundred persons have met with untimely death in the tragedy due to the tornado which hit the States of West Bengal and Orissa yesterday. The tornado which was accompanied by heavy rains, flattened a primary school building in Orissa's Balasore district, killing 16 children. Many people have been rendered homeless and there has been a heavy loss of property. We deeply mourn this tragedy.

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

12. 38 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Sir, I am on a point of order under Rule 376. ...(Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Sir, I request the hon. Minister to speak on the victims of the tornado in West Bengal and Orissa. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Please, I will come to you.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: One minute please. There is a listed business. I am coming to you.

SHRI MUKUL WASNIK MUKUL (BULDHANA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in obituary reference, one correction has to be made. At number 3, instead of Shri Shrikrishna Vijinath Dhankar there should be Shri Shrikrishna Vijinath Dhamandkar. That correction will have to be made.

MR. SPEAKER: We will make that correction.