

An able parliamentarian, Shri Lakkappa during his long parliamentary career lost hardly any opportunity to raise the problems faced by Kisans, labourers, youth and rural masses. He served on various Parliamentary and Consultative Committees attached with various Ministries.

Shri Lakkappa passed away at Bangalore on 8 November, 1991 at the age of 62 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.

Friends, I have to make reference to a recent tragedy with engulfed Garhwal region of the neighbouring State of Uttar Pradesh.

As the House is aware, on 20 October, 1991, a severe earthquake rocked all the eight hill districts as well as adjoining districts of Uttar Pradesh. Hundreds of human lives were lost and large scale loss occurred as a result of this devastating earthquake. Thousands of families have become homeless and subjected to enormous miseries and sufferings. Already relief work on a large scale is going on.

The House would join me in expressing our deep sorrow and sympathies to the affected families.

The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then Stood in Silence for a Short While.

11.15 hrs

WELCOME TO THE MALDIVIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, at

the outset, I have to make an announcement.

On my own behalf and behalf of the Hon'ble members of the House. I have great pleasure in welcoming His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Zaki, Speaker of the Citizens' Majlis of Maldives and the Hon. Members of the Maldivian Parliamentary Delegation who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests.

The other Hon. Members of the delegation are:-

1. Mr. Abdulla Farouk Hassan, MP
2. Mr. Ali Mohamed, MP
3. Mr. Abdul Haseeb, MP

The delegation arrived Delhi on 18 November, 1991 evening. They are now seated in the special box. We wish them a happy and fruitful stay in our country. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the President, Citizens' Majlis, the Government and the friendly people of Republic of Maldives.

11.16 hrs.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Alleged Misappropriation of DDA Funds

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- *1. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigation into the alleged misappropriation of funds of the Delhi Development Authority amounting to Rs. 20 crores allocated for developmental work of East Delhi has since been completed;