

## **Observance of Silence**

**HON. SPEAKER:** Hon. Members, we are meeting today on this first sitting of 18<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha which is a solemn occasion. A new Lok Sabha vested with great and onerous responsibilities for ensuring the welfare of the entire country and our people has been elected under the Constitution. Considering the solemnity of this occasion and as is customary, we may all stand in silence for a short while before we begin our proceedings.

**11.01½ hrs**

*The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

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**11.02 hrs**