

**Title:** Reference made to the passing away of Shri G.I. Patel (Member Eight Lok Sabha) on 8 December, 1999.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri G.I. Patel.

Shri Patel was a Member of Eighth Lok Sabha representing Gandhinagar parliamentary constituency of Gujarat from 1984 to 1989.

Shri Patel was a leading operator in the housing finance sector. He started his political career as the Chairman of the Municipal School Board in the seventies.

An active social and political worker, Shri Patel was associated with various organisations in the State. He worked for the welfare of the downtrodden.

Shri G.I. Patel passed away on 8 December, 1999 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat, at the age of 69.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

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

11.01 hrs.

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

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... (Interruptions)