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Title: The Speaker made a reference to the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attack on Parliament House on 13th December, 2001.

MADAM SPEAKER : Hon. Members, it is with great solemnity that we recall the tragic incident of 13 December, 2001 when Parliament became the target of a terrorist attack.

The cowardly attack was foiled by the alertness displayed by our security forces guarding the Parliament Complex, but in the process five security personnel of Delhi Police; one Mahila Constable of the Central Reserve Police Force and two Security Assistants of Parliament Security Service laid down their lives. A CPWD gardener also lost his life in the attack. A journalist representing the electronic media who was injured during the attack, succumbed later to injuries.

On the eve of the eighth anniversary of this tragic incident, the House pays homage to the supreme sacrifice made by our valiant security personnel, reiterates the commitment of the nation to be ever vigilant towards the threats to the country and its institutions and to the need for making all efforts to combat the menace of terrorism. Let us rededicate ourselves once again to protecting the unity, integrity and sovereignty of our country.

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

11.02 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.
