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Title: Madam Speaker made references to the passing away of Shri Khagapati Pradhani, a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabhas and Shri Ashok Singh, a member of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabhas. Madam Speaker also made reference to the death of 63 people including women and children and injuries to hundreds other in a stampede in an ashram in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, Shri Khagapati Pradhani and Shri Ashok Singh.

Shri Khagapati Pradhani was a member of the Fourth to Twelfth Lok Sabhas from 1967 to 1999, representing Nowrangpur Parliamentary Constituency of Orissa.

During his long and illustrious tenure spanning over a period of more than three decades, Shri Pradhani ably served as a member of various parliamentary committees. He was the Chairman of the Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the Seventh and Eleventh Lok Sabhas. He served as a member in the Panel of Chairmen, Lok Sabha during the Twelfth Lok Sabha.

Shri Pradhani worked for the welfare of the poor and backward classes of the society. He was the Chairman, Panchayat Samiti, Tentulikhunti, Orissa from 1963 to 1966. Shri Pradhani served as a member of the Gantantra Parishad from 1956 to 1957 and the South Eastern Zonal Railway Users' Committee from 1974 to 1976. He also served as a member of the State Planning Board, Orissa from 1973 to 1976.

Shri Khagapati Pradhani passed away on 3 February, 2010 at the age of 87.

Shri Ashok Singh was a member of the Eleventh and Twelfth Lok Sabhas from 1996 to 1999 representing the Raebareli Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, he was a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1989 to 1992 for two terms.

Shri Singh was a member of the Committee on Urban and Rural Development during the Eleventh Lok Sabha. He was also a member of the Committee on Human Resource Development and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas during the Twelfth Lok Sabha.

A committed social and political worker, Shri Singh was the Block Pramukh, Amawa, Raebareli in the year 1987. He was also the Chairman, District Co-operative Bank Ltd., Raebareli from May, 1994 to July, 1998 and from February to May, 1999. Shri Singh also served as the President of the District Panchayat, Raebareli from January, 2006 to February, 2010.

Shri Ashok Singh passed away on 23 February, 2010 at the age of 55.

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

Hon. Members, as you are aware, on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, sixty-three people including women and children are reported to have been killed and hundreds other injured in a stampede in an ashram in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh.

The House expresses its profound sorrow on this tragedy which has brought pain and suffering to the families of the bereaved and injured.

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

**11.02 hrs.**

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

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप लोग बैठ जाइए। हर वक्त इस तरह से क्वेश्चन आकर को डिस्टर्ब करना ठीक नहीं है। It is not a nice thing; not nice. Raise it in the Zero Hour.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: No, Question Hour is not going to be a casualty everyday. Everyday it is becoming a practice. Please sit down. Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) ⚡ \*

अध्यक्ष महोदया : श्री राकेश सिंह, आप बोलिए।

श्री राकेश सिंह (जबलपुर): मैडम, इतना गंभीर प्रश्न है, इतना गंभीर विषय है। इस प्रश्न पर अगर इस तरह से सदन में पूछा जाएगा, तो कैसे बात बनेगी...(व्यवधान)

माननीय सदस्यो, यह बहुत गंभीर विषय है। पूरे देश का मामला है।...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : राकेश सिंह जी, आप अपना प्रश्न पूछिए।

⚡(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप लोग अपनी बात को जीरो आवर में उठाइए। पहले नोटिस दीजिए। क्या बात है? Question Hour is now being disturbed everyday. Sit down, please.

⚡(व्यवधान)

श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव (मैनपुरी): महंगाई बढ़ती चली जा रही है।...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : मुलायम सिंह यादव जी, आप बैठिए। इस विषय पर चर्चा हो चुकी है।