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Title : The Speaker made reference to the passing away of Shri Mahabir Prasad, member, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabhas.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri Mahabir Prasad.

Shri Mahabir Prasad was a member of the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabhas from 1980 to 1991 and the Fourteenth Lok Sabha from 2004 to 2009 representing the Bansgaon Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Prasad was a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1974 to 1977.

An able administrator, Shri Prasad held several important portfolios in the Union Government. He served as Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways; Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel and Mines - Department of Mines; Minister of Small Scale Industries and Minister of Agro and Rural Industries.

Shri Prasad adorned the Office of the Governor of Haryana from 1995 to 2000. He also adorned the Office of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh from September, 1995 to November, 1995 and from April 1996 to July, 1997, as an additional charge.

An agriculturist, Shri Prasad was associated with various social welfare organizations during his long and illustrious political career and worked for the welfare of the weaker and oppressed sections of the society and promoting their upliftment through education.

A man of letters Shri Prasad has a book *Rashtriya Chetna Aur Atmasadhana* in Hindi to his credit.

Shri Mahabir Prasad passed away on 28 November, 2010 at New Delhi at the age of 71 after prolonged illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of our friend and I am sure the House would 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 memory of the departed.

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**11.02 hrs.**

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

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...(Interruptions)

**11.03 hrs.**

*At this stage, Shri Ganesh Singh, Shri Akhilesh Yadav, Shri K. Sugumar and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table*

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Question Hour; Question 301.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) â€ˆ\*

अध्यक्ष महोदया : कृपया शांत हो जाएं और पूजनकाल चलने दें।

â€ˆ(लवणान)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 1200 hours.

**11.04 hrs.**

**The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Twelve  
of the Clock.**

**12.00 hrs.**

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*The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Twelve of the Clock.*

*(Madam Speaker in the Chair)*