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Title : The Speaker made references to the passing away of Shri Meghrajji member, 4th Lok Sabha and Shri M.Rajashekara Murthy, member, 7th Lok Sabhas. The Speaker also made reference to the unprecedented rains in the coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh due to which 14 people were killed and thousands of others displaced.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, Shri Meghrajji and Shri M. Rajashekara Murthy.

Shri Meghrajji was a Member of the Fourth Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1970 representing the Surendranagar Parliamentary Constituency of Gujarat.

Shri Meghrajji also served as a Member of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly.

Shri Meghrajji strove for eradication of various social evils and worked for the welfare and upliftment of the women folk and children.

A brilliant scholar, Shri Meghrajji had his education at prestigious institutions in India and abroad. He played a proactive role in the campaigns for the betterment of educational facilities for children of his constituency. Shri Meghrajji was also actively associated in management of a number of educational institutions. He served as the President of the Rajkumar College, Rajkot from 1966 to 2000.

Shri Meghrajji passed away on 1 August 2010 at the age of 87.

Shri M. Rajashekara Murthy was a Member of the Seventh Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984 representing the Mysore Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka.

Shri Murthy was a sitting Member of the Rajya Sabha representing the State of Karnataka.

Shri Murthy was a Member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly from 1952 to 1978 and from 1989 to 1994. An able administrator, he held several portfolios in the Government of Karnataka. He was Minister for Industries and Commerce, Information and Publicity and Film Development from 1968 to 1971; Minister of Finance and Excise from 1989 to 1990 and Minister of Revenue and Religious Endowments from 1992 to 1993. Shri Murthy also served as the Union Minister of Surface Transport (Independent Charge) from September 1995 to June 1996.

A committed social and political worker, Shri Murthy actively participated in the freedom struggle. He was instrumental in the establishment of several schools and colleges in his constituency.

Shri M. Rajashekara Murthy passed away on 5 December 2010 at the age of 88.

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, about 14 people are reported to have been killed and thousands of others displaced due to unprecedented rains in the coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh. The torrential rains damaged standing crops in the State besides rendering a large number of people homeless.

The House expresses its sorrow over bereavement and sufferings caused due to this natural tragedy.

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

11.01 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

MADAM SPEAKER: Now, Question Hour. Q.No.441.

...(Interruptions)

11.05 hrs

At this stage, Shri Dilipkumar Mansukhlal Gandhi, Shri Shailendra Kumar and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table

...(Interruptions)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : पूरन काल चलने दीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go in the records.

(Interruptions) â€¦*

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

11.05 Â½ hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Twelve of the Clock.
