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Title: The Speaker made references to the passing away of Shri Bhajan Lal, a sitting member of Lok Sabha and member of 9th & 12th Lok Sabhas; Shri Dharmabhiksham, a member of the 10th and 11th Lok Sabhas; Shri Sribatcha Digal, a member of the 6th Lok Sabha; Prof. Sripal Singh Yadav, a member of the 9th and 10th Lok Sabhas; Shri L.S. Tur, a member of the 7th Lok Sabha; and Shri Chaturanan Mishra, member of the 11th Lok Sabha. The Speaker also made a reference to attacks in Oslo and Island of Utoya in the Kingdom of Norway. She further made a reference to the reported death of 25 people and injuries to about 100 people in Mumbai in a cowardly terrorist attack on 13th July, 2011. The Speaker also made reference to the death of 38 people and injuries to 29 people in a collision between a bus and train in Kanshiram Nagar in Uttar Pradesh; death of 80 people and injuries to 200 persons when Kalka mail derailed near Malwan, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh and another tragic train accident in which 200 people were injured when Guwahati Puri Express derailed in Nalbari, Assam. She further made reference to the death of 3 people and injuries to more than 50 persons when Azimgunj Malda passenger train rammed into derailed Guwahati Bangalore Express train at Bakharpur, Malda in West Bengal on 31st July, 2011.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Bhajan Lal, a sitting Member of the House and five of our former colleagues, Shri Dharmabhiksham, Shri Sribatcha Digal, Prof. Sripal Singh Yadav, Shri L.S. Tur and Shri Chaturanan Mishra.

Shri Bhajan Lal was a sitting Member of the Lok Sabha representing the Hisar Parliamentary Constituency of Haryana. Earlier, he was a Member of the Ninth Lok Sabha from 1989 to 1991 and Twelfth Lok Sabha from 1998 to 1999 representing the Faridabad and Karnal constituencies of Haryana, respectively.

Shri Bhajan Lal was a Member of the Haryana Legislative Assembly for five terms from 1968 to 1986; 1991 to 1998 and from 2000 to 2009. He held with distinction the Office of Chief Minister, Haryana from 1979 to 1986 and from 1991 to 1996. Shri Bhajan Lal was Minister of State for Agriculture, Haryana from 1970 to 1975. He was also Minister of State for Cooperation, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry, Labour & Employment and Forests in the Government of Haryana during 1978-1979.

Shri Bhajan Lal served as a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1986 to 1989 representing the State of Haryana.

An able administrator, Shri Bhajan Lal served as the Union Cabinet Minister in the Ministry of Environment and Forests from 1986 to 1988 and as the Union Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture from 1988 to 1989. He also served as member of the Planning Commission from 1988 to 1989.

Shri Bhajan Lal was a Member of the Committee on Agriculture and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Environment and Forests during the Ninth Lok Sabha. He was a Member of the Committee on Railways and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture during the Twelfth Lok Sabha. Shri Bhajan Lal was also a Member of the Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice during the Fifteenth Lok Sabha.

Shri Bhajan Lal, a champion of the causes of the masses, worked for the upliftment of the weaker sections of the society throughout his political career spanning over a period of four decades.

In his demise the country has lost a dynamic and visionary leader whose absence will be felt in many walks of life.

Shri Bhajan Lal passed away on 3 June, 2011 at Hisar, Haryana at the age of 81.

Shri Dharmabhiksham was a Member of the Tenth and Eleventh Lok Sabhas from 1991 to 1997 representing the Nalgonda Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Dharmabhiksham was a Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1952 to 1967.

Shri Dharmabhiksham was a Member of the Committee on Urban and Rural Development during the Tenth and Eleventh Lok Sabhas.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Dharmabhiksham actively participated in the freedom struggle.

Shri Dharmabhiksham served as the President of the All India Toddy Tappers and Workers Federation. He was also the

founder of a number of Trade Unions in Nalgonda region. He strove for mobilizing the rural poor particularly the youth, the students and the unorganized workers to fight for their rights and for acquiring land and houses for the poor.

Shri Dharmabiksham passed away on 26 March, 2011 at Hyderabad at the age of 89.

Shri Sribatcha Digal was a member of the Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing the Phulbani Parliamentary Constituency of Orissa.

An educationist by profession, Shri Digal was the President, All Orissa Primary Teachers' Federation during 1976-1977. He also served as the Secretary of the Governing Body of B.B. High School and KIGM College, Linepada.

A committed social and political worker, Shri Digal commenced his political career at the grass root level.

Shri Digal played a proactive role in developmental activities in his constituency.

Shri Sribatcha Digal passed away on 15 April, 2011 at Bhubaneswar, Orissa at the age of 70.

Prof. Sripal Singh Yadav was a member of the Ninth and Tenth Lok Sabhas from 1989 to 1996 representing the Sambhal Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Prof. Yadav was a member of the Committee on Public Undertakings; Member, Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Telecommunications and a member of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Industry during the Ninth Lok Sabha. He was a member of the Public Accounts Committee and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of External Affairs during the Tenth Lok Sabha.

An educationist by profession, Prof. Yadav was President, Model Public School, Chandausi and Rohilkhand University Teachers' Association. He served as the Vice-President N.K.B.M.G. Inter and Degree Colleges, Chandausi. He was a member of the Managing Committee, B.R.S, Inter College, Babrala, Badaun and a member of the Central Social Welfare Board. Prof. Yadav also served as a member of the Court of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

A man of letters, Prof. Yadav has several publications on Geography to his credit.

A sports enthusiast, Prof. Yadav was a member of the Examination and Sports Committees of the Rohilkhand University and was instrumental in organising a number of All-India sports tournaments in the University.

Prof. Sripal Singh Yadav passed away on 26 April, 2011 at Chandausi, Moradabad at the age of 69.

Shri L.S. Tur was a member of the Seventh Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984 representing the Tarn Taran Parliamentary Constituency of Punjab.

Shri Tur was a member of the Committee on Government Assurances during the Seventh Lok Sabha.

An advocate by profession, Shri Tur was Legal Adviser to Local Bodies, Punjab State Electricity Board and to several Cooperative Banks in his parliamentary constituency. Shri Tur worked for the upliftment of the downtrodden and oppressed sections of the society, particularly those residing in the rural regions.

A sports enthusiast, Shri Tur served as a Member, Rajendra Gymkhana Club, Patiala and played a proactive role in organizing a number of sports tournaments for the youngsters of the region.

Shri L.S. Tur passed away on 14 June, 2011 at Patiala, Punjab at the age of 70.

Shri Chaturanan Mishra was a member of the Eleventh Lok Sabha from 1996 to 1997 representing the Madhubani

Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar.

Shri Mishra was a member of the Bihar Legislative Assembly for three terms from 1969 to 1980.

He was a member of the Rajya Sabha from 1984 to 1996 for two terms representing the State of Bihar.

An able administrator, Shri Mishra held several important portfolios in the Union Cabinet. He served as the Union Minister for Agriculture (Excluding Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairy) from 1996 to 1997; Union Minister for Agriculture (Including Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairy) from 1997 to 1998. He also served as the Union Minister for Food and Minister for Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution during 1997.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Mishra played a proactive role in Freedom Movement of the country. He took part in the Quit India Movement of 1942.

Shri Mishra was a leading figure in the Indian Trade Union Movement. He served as the President of the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) for two terms and was the founder General-Secretary of the Kedar Das Institute of Labour and Social Sciences. Shri Mishra was a member of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Trade Unions. He represented India at the International Labour Organisation Convention on Mines.

A man of letters, Shri Mishra was the editor of *AITUC Samvad* and *Sankraman* and has to his credit several booklets on trade union. He also has to his credit thought-provoking novels in Hindi and Maithili on a plethora of socio-economic issues. Shri Mishra was also a regular contributor to many Hindi dailies and periodicals.

Shri Chaturanan Mishra passed away on 2 July, 2011 at the age of 86 after a prolonged illness.

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, on 22 July, 2011, the Kingdom of Norway, with which India has very close and friendly relations, was subjected to two shocking attacks. The first attack was a car bomb explosion in Oslo outside the main Government office block, which included the office of the Prime Minister. Less than two hours later, there was a second attack at a youth camp, which was being organised by the Norwegian Labour Party on the Island of Utoya. Seventy-six persons were killed in these attacks and over 96 were injured.

Hon. Members, as you are aware, on 13 July, 2011, in a cowardly terrorist attack, at least twenty-five people are reported to have been killed and over a hundred others injured when three bombs exploded in a span of ten minutes in the most congested parts of Mumbai.

Such acts of extremist and terrorist violence deserve to be condemned in the strongest terms. Open and democratic societies like Norway and India are vulnerable to the threats of terrorism and extremism and we would like to assure the people of Norway that the people of India are with them at this difficult moment and feel a deep sympathy for the family of those who have been affected by these incidents.

Hon. Members, on 7 July, 2011, in a train accident, 39 people, including children, are reported to have been killed and 31 others injured when a bus collided with Mathura-Chhapra Express at an unmanned level crossing at Thanagaon, Patiyali in Kanshiram Nagar District of Uttar Pradesh.

On 10 July, 2011, 70 people are reported to have been killed and 253 others injured when Kalka Mail derailed near Malwan, Fatehpur in Uttar Pradesh.

On the same fateful day, in another tragic train accident, 16 people were injured, and out of them 3 were injured grievously, when the engine and four coaches of Guwahati-Puri Express derailed between Rangiya and Ghagraper stations in Nalbari District of Assam.

In yet another train accident on 31 July, 2011, 30 people are reported to have been injured and out of them, 2 are grievously when Azimgunj-Malda passenger train rammed into derailed Guwahati-Bangalore express train at Bakharpur, Malda in West Bengal.

I am sure the House would join me in expressing grief over these terrorist attacks and tragic accidents.

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

11.20 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 2nd August 2011 at 11.00 a.m.

11.21 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 / Sravana 11, 1933 (Saka).

* Not recorded.