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Title: The Speaker made a reference on the passing away of Shri Viren Shah, a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of our former colleague, Shri Viren Shah.

Shri Viren Shah was a Member of the Fourth Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1970 representing the Junagadh Parliamentary constituency of Gujarat.

Shri Shah was also a Member of Rajya Sabha for two terms from 1975 to 1981 and from 1990 to 1996. He was the Governor of West Bengal from 1999 to 2004.

An active social and political worker, Shri Shah participated in the Quit India Movement in 1942.

Shri Viren Shah passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in Amman, Jordan at the age of 86.

We deeply mourn the loss of Shri Viren Shah 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.

**11.01 hrs.**

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

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