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Title : The Speaker made a reference to the passing away of Shri Ambica Banerjee, sitting member of Lok Sabha and Shri C.Kuppusami, a member of the 12th, 13th and 14th Lok Sabhas.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of our colleague, Shri Ambica Banerjee and one of our former colleagues, Shri C. Kuppusami.

Shri Ambica Banerjee was a sitting Member representing the Howrah parliamentary constituency of West Bengal.

Shri Banerjee was also a Member of West Bengal Legislative Assembly for five terms and served as Deputy Leader of Opposition in the Assembly for two terms.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Banerjee served as Member of Committee on Urban Development and Committee on Public Undertakings.

Shri Ambica Banerjee passed away in the early hours today at the age of 84 in Kolkata.

Shri C. Kuppusami was a Member of the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Lok Sabhas representing the Chennai North parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Kuppusami served as Chairman of the Estimates Committee and was a Member of several parliamentary committees.

An active trade union leader, he contributed immensely for the development of unorganised labour in the country.

Shri C. Kuppusami passed away on 19th April, 2013 at Chennai at the age of 86 years.

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

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

11.02 Â½ hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 26th April, 2013 at 11 a.m.

11.03 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Friday, April 26, 2013 / Vaisakha 6, 1935 (Saka).

* As the House adjourned after Obituary Reference, Starred Questions could not be called for oral answers, therefore, treated as unstarred Questions