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Title: The Speaker made a reference to the passing away of Mr. Mohammed Zillur Rahman, the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on 20 March, 2013.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, it is with great shock and sorrow that we have learnt of the passing away of Mr. Mohammed Zillur Rahman, the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 20th March, 2013.

President Rahman was a man of high ideals who served his country and the people with distinction over decades. His public life was marked by a spirit of sacrifice and simplicity. He was a champion of the friendly relations between India and Bangladesh and was held in the highest esteem by the people of India.

We deeply mourn the loss of President Rahman and I am sure that the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family and the people of Bangladesh. May they have the strength to bear this irreparable loss. We extend our solidarity to the people of Bangladesh in their hour of grief.

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: Question Hour. Question No. 341 – Shri Tufani Saroj.

...(Interruptions)

11.03 hrs

At this stage, Shri C. Sivasami, Shri A.K.S. Vijayan, Dr. Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, Shri Thol Thirumaavalavan, Shri P. Lingam, Shri Ramesh Rathod and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.

...(Interruptions)