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Title: The Speaker made reference to the passing away of Shri Janaki Ballav Patnaik, Member, 5th and 7th Lok Sabhas. She also made reference to the loss of lives of 44 persons and injuries to several others due to torrential rains and hailstorm in north and north-eastern districts of Bihar.

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Janaki Ballav Patnaik who was a Member of the Fifth and Seventh Lok Sabhas representing the Cuttack parliamentary constituency of Odisha.

Shri Patnaik was a Union Minister in the Ministry of Defence from 1973 to 1977 and was Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Labour from January to June, 1980.

Shri Patnaik was a Member of Odisha Legislative Assembly for four terms and served as the Chief Minister of Odisha for three times from 1980 to 1989 and again from 1995 to 1999. He was also the Leader of Opposition in the Odisha Legislative Assembly from 2004 to 2009. awaw

Shri Patnaik held the office of Governor of Assam from 2009 till 2014.

Shri Patnaik was a scholar, researcher and author of over a dozen books and has to his credit a large number of articles on travel, wildlife, international affairs and literature.

Shri Janaki Ballav Patnaik passed away on 21st April, 2015 in Tirupati at the age of 88.

We deeply mourn the loss of Shri Janaki Ballav Patnaik and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

Hon. Members, more than 44 people were reportedly killed and several others injured due to torrential rains and hailstorm in northern and north-eastern districts of Bihar yesterday. This natural calamity has also damaged crops and property worth several crores of rupees.

The House expresses its profound sorrow on this natural calamity which has brought pain and suffering to all the affected people and 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.

11.04 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

...(Interruptions)