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Friday, January 31, 2025 / Magha 11, 1946 (Saka)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

A copy was laid on the Table of the House.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

HON. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of our former Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh and four of our former colleagues and Mr. James Earl Carter Jr., former President of the United States of America.

Dr. Manmohan Singh had been the Prime Minister of India for two terms from the year 2004 to 2009 and from the year 2009 to 2014. He served as a Member of the Rajya Sabha for six terms from the year 1991 to 2024. He was also the Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha from the year 1998 to 2004. Dr. Singh also served as Union Minister of Finance from the year 1991 to 1996. He was the Chief architect of liberalization of India's economic policies marking a turning point in the nation's economic history. During his long illustrious and highly distinguished parliamentary career, he served as the Chairperson of the Committee on Commerce and also as Members of Committee on Finance, Rules Committee, Committee of

Privileges and General Purposes Committee. Dr. Singh is recognized worldwide as a distinguished scholar in the field of economics and public policy. Dr. Singh also held several significant positions, including Governor of the Reserve Bank of India and Deputy Chairperson of the Planning Commission. Dr. Singh was the recipient of India's second-highest civilian Award, Padma Vibhushan in 1987, the Euromoney Award for the Minister of Finance for the Year in 1993 and Honorific Degrees from the prestigious institutions worldwide, including the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge. Dr. Singh will always be fondly remembered for his duty-bound, innate simplicity and human nature other than being an economic thinker of repute. Dr. Manmohan Singh passed away on 26 December 2024 at the age of 92 in New Delhi.

Now I shall move following motion for consideration of the House:-

“The House deeply mourns the loss of Dr. Manmohan Singh, Former Prime Minister of India and to all intents and purposes, places on record huge acclaim and encomium for his critical role in the progress and prosperity of the nation. His cherished values and ideals shall continue to be the sustained source of inspiration for us.”

This spirit of the House will be conveyed to the family of Hon'ble Dr. Manmohan Singh Ji in the form of a message. I think the House unanimously agrees to this motion.

Shri Kunar Hembram was a Member of the 17th Lok Sabha from Jhargram Parliamentary Constituency in West Bengal. Shri Hembram served as a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal, Mines and Steel. Mr. Kunar Hembram passed away on 21st September, 2024 in Kolkata, West Bengal at the age of 62 years.

Shri Hasan Khan was a Member of the 13th and 15th Lok Sabha representing the Ladakh Parliamentary Constituency of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir (since Union Territory Administration of Ladakh). Shri Khan served as a Member of several Parliamentary Committees. Shri Hasan Khan passed away on 17th December 2024 in Jammu, Union Territory of Jammu at the age of 88 years.

Dr. Manda Jagannath was a Member of the 11th, 13th, 14th and 15th Lok Sabha representing Nagar-Kurnool Parliamentary constituency of undivided Andhra Pradesh (since in Telangana). Dr. Jagannath served as a Member of several Parliamentary Committees. Dr. Manda Jagannath passed away on 12th January, 2025 in Hyderabad, Telangana at the age of 73 years.

Shri P. R. Sundaram was a Member of the 16th Lok Sabha representing the Namakkal Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu. Shri Sundaram served as a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development, Member of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table and various other Parliamentary Committees. Earlier on, he had also served as a Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for two terms. Shri P. R. Sundaram passed away on 16th January 2025 in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu at the age of 73 years.

I also have to inform the House about the demise of **Mr. James Earl Carter Jr.**, former President of the United States of America. Mr. Carter served as the 39th President of the United States from the year 1977 to 1981. President Carter's visit to India in the year 1978 and his signing of the Delhi Declaration laid a strong foundation for enduring India-US relations based on common democratic values. In addition to discharging the responsibilities as the President of the United States, he was dedicated to building a better world through the Carter Centre. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in the year 2002 for his contribution to the cause of humanity. Mr. James Earl Carter Jr. passed away on 29th December 2024 in Georgia, USA at the age of 100 years.

Mahakumbh is the symbol of India's eternal spiritual heritage. Crores of devotees are participating in the holy confluence of faith, devotion and culture in Mahakumbh. This gigantic and sacrosanct event is indicative of the spirit of 'Unity in Diversity' of our country. However, I have to inform the House with profound grief that 30 pilgrims have tragically lost their lives and 60 of them were injured in an unfortunate incident on 29th January, 2025 during the Mahakumbh at Prayagraj. It is a matter of deep sorrow for us.

This House expresses its heartfelt condolences on the passing away of the former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh ji, four of our former

colleagues and former President of the United States of America, Mr. James Earl Carter Jr. and the death of pilgrims in the unfortunate incident at the Mahakumbh. The Sabha wishes a speedy recovery to the injured pilgrims.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

HON. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, as you have already been informed through Bulletin-2, copies of the Economic Survey would be made available through the Members' Portal after its presentation by the Hon'ble Minister.

UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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