

He was the recipient of the Bharat Ratna Award in 1992 and in the same year he got the UN's Population Award. Shri Tata was also associated with several social, charitable and educational institutions and organisations.

In the death of Shri Tata, the country has lost a towering personality who left an indelible mark by his contribution in the sphere of national development, particularly in the fields of industry and aviation. He will always be remembered for his dedication and significant achievement.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri T. Chandrasekhar Reddy, Shri Lalchand Hirachand Doshi, Shri Valadi Ganpati Gopal, Shri Debabrata Mookerjee and Shri J. R. D. Tata. I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved families our sense of profound sorrow and deep sympathy.

Reference to Earthquake Victims in Latur and Osmanabad Districts of Maharashtra

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, it is with a sense of deep grief that I refer to the tragic suffering and loss of life following the earthquake which struck Latur and Osmanabad districts of Maharashtra and some parts of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh in the early hours of the 30th September, 1993.

Our hearts go out to the next of kin of those who lost their lives in this calamity. We express our deep sympathy and pray for the early recovery of the injured.

I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the victims in that catastrophe.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: As a mark of respect to the memory of Shri J. R. D. Tata, I adjourn the House till 11.00 A.M. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at thirteen minutes past eleven of the clock till eleven of the clock on Friday, the 3rd December, 1993.