

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, 22nd July, 2019/31 Ashadha, 1941 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of **Shrimati Sheila Dikshit**, former Chief Minister of Delhi, on the 20th of July, 2019, at the age of 81 years.

Born in March, 1938, at Kapurthala in Punjab, **Shrimati Dikshit** was educated at the Delhi University.

Shrimati Sheila Dikshit started her legislative career as a Member of the Lok Sabha from the Kannauj Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh, from 1984 to 1989. She also served as the Minister of State of Parliamentary Affairs in the Union Council of Ministers, from May, 1986 to December, 1989 and in the Prime Minister's Office, from June, 1988 to December, 1989. **Shrimati Dikshit** was also a Member of the Delhi Legislative Assembly for three consecutive terms, from 1998 to 2013 and was the longest serving Chief Minister of Delhi for a period of 15 years.

During her Chief Ministership she pioneered many developmental activities including improvement of infrastructural facilities in Delhi. She also served as the Governor of Kerala for a brief period.

In the passing away of **Shrimati Sheila Dikshit**, the country has lost a distinguished parliamentarian and an able administrator.

We deeply mourn the passing away of **Shrimati Sheila Dikshit**.

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)

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