

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 13th December, 2023/22 Agrahayana, 1945 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

REFERENCE BY THE CHAIR

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, today, we pay our humble tributes to the security personnel who made supreme sacrifice to defend the 'Temple of Democracy' twenty-two years ago. On this day, in 2001, the atrocious plan of terrorists to shake the foundation of our democracy by launching an armed attack on Indian Parliament was foiled by our brave security personnel; nine of them laid down their lives defending our Parliament.

By their selfless act, these heroic martyrs set an example of unwavering devotion to duty and indomitable courage. Their sacrifice will be remembered as we reiterate our commitment to wipe out terrorism, a threat to humanity, in all its forms and manifestations. I speak in no uncertain terms that Bharat, the 'Mother of Democracy' will emerge mightier and stronger whenever such nefarious efforts are made to shake us.

Hon. Members, I request you to rise in your place and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives in the terror attack.

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

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Papers to be laid on the Table.

Notifications of the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH) to lay on the Table-

(i) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways