

2003 and conferred the Civilian Award, Padma Shri, in 2009 by the Government of India. Married to Smt. Geeta Basra, the couple is blessed with daughter, Hinaya, and son Jovan. I join this House to wish Shri Harbhajan Singh and his family the best of health and happiness and extend greetings to his family members.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of a former Member of this House, **Shri Dharmapuri Srinivas**, on 29th June, 2024.

Shri D. Srinivas, a three-term Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, a Cabinet Minister in the State, as also the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, served in this House, representing the State of Telangana, from 2016 to 2022. Born on 27th September, 1948, at Velpur in Nizamabad district of Telangana, Shri Dharmapuri Srinivas dedicated his life to the upliftment of backward and deprived sections of the society. In the passing away of Shri Dharmapuri Srinivas, the country has lost a veteran legislator, a champion of the backward classes and an able administrator. We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Dharmapuri Srinivas. I request the 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.

REFERENCE BY THE CHAIR

Stampede at a religious event at Hathras, Uttar Pradesh

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, as you are aware, several devotees lost lives in a stampede that broke out at a religious event at Hathras in Uttar Pradesh. The loss of precious lives and injury to hapless persons in this tragic incident is indeed painful and unfortunate. All necessary steps are being taken to provide medical aid to the injured and authorities have set up a committee to investigate the matter. This House joins me in expressing our heartfelt condolences as well as deep sympathy and sorrow to