

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 10th March, 2025/19 Phalguna, 1946 (Saka)

*The House met at eleven of the clock,
MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.*

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Shamsheer Singh Manhas, a former Member of this House, on the 20th of January, 2025. He served as a Member of this House representing the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir from February, 2015 to February, 2021.

Born on January 4, 1960, in Jammu, Shri Shamsheer Singh Manhas was an outstanding leader committed to the accelerated and holistic development of the Jammu and Kashmir region. He diligently highlighted and brought attention to the region's issues in this august House during discussions. Beyond his parliamentary contributions, Shri Manhas was also an avid sportsperson with special liking for the games of kho-kho and kabaddi. He also served as the Chairman of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan of Jammu and Kashmir from 2003 to 2004.

In the passing away of Shri Shamsheer Singh Manhas, the country has lost a passionate advocate of the development of Jammu and Kashmir region, an avid sportsperson and an able parliamentarian. We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Shamsheer Singh Manhas.

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.)

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

FELICITATIONS BY THE CHAIR

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is with immense pride and joy that I join the House today to felicitate the Indian Men's Cricket Team for their victory in the ICC Champions