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HON. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, with profound sorrow, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of Dr. M. Karunanidhi, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who passed away on 7 August, 2018 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 94.

Born as Daksinamoorthy in Tiruvarur district of Tamil Nadu, Dr. M. Karunanidhi, during his long and illustrious political career, ably showcased his admirable leadership qualities and worked relentlessly for the cause of the people, particularly the marginalized and the downtrodden sections of the society. As astute administrator, he served as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for five terms. He was also Member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for thirteen terms. He was also a Member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Council. He also served as the Leader of Opposition in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly twice. Dr. M. Karunanidhi, a visionary and a true leader of the masses was fondly called by his followers as

"Kalaigñar" meaning a versatile personality. A multi-faceted persona, Dr. M. Karunanidhi rose to become the most celebrated screenwriter in the Tamil film industry, using the cinematic medium to deliver his political ideas to the masses. The 1952 box office hit 'Parasakthi', in particular, was a turning point both in Tamil cinema and for Dr. M. Karunanidhi. In his demise, the country has lost a highly popular and eminent public personality. His passing away is an irreparable loss to the country and marks the end of an era.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

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Secretary General

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