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MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have to refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of **Ms. J. Jayalalithaa,** a former Member of this House and Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, on the 5th of December, 2016, at the age of 68 years.

Born in February, 1948, at Mysore City in Karnataka, Ms. Jayalalithaa was educated at Bangalore and Chennai. She was honoured by several Universities including the University of Madras.

An accomplished and prolific artiste, Ms. Jayalalithaa contributed immensely to the Tamil, Telugu and Kannada film industry.

Ms. J. Jayalalithaa represented the State of Tamil Nadu in this House from April, 1984 to January, 1989. She was also a Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for seven terms. She was the Leader of Opposition in that Assembly twice, and five times served as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, till her untimely and sad demise. She was an eminent public figure and a charismatic personality.

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As Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, her contributions towards the economic development of the State and social welfare of the poorer segments will be long remembered and cherished. Her death is an irreparable loss to the people of India.

In the passing away of Ms. J. Jayalalithaa, the country has lost a prominent leader, a distinguished parliamentarian and an able administrator.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Ms. J. Jayalalithaa.

(One Minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.)

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