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**CABINET RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF MINISTER OF POWER, SHRI P.M. SAYEED**

New Delhi, December 19, 2005

Following is the text of the Resolution passed by the Union Cabinet, which met here today, following the death of the Union Minister for Power, Shri P.M. Sayeed:

“The Cabinet has learnt with profound sorrow about the death of Shri P.M. Sayeed, Minister of Power on December 18, 2005 in Seoul.

Born on May 10, 1941 in Androth Island of Lakshadweep, Shri P.M. Sayeed was a distinguished Parliamentarian. He was elected to the Lok Sabha in ten straight elections from 1967 onwards from Lakshadweep. He first became Member of Parliament at the age of 26. Shri Sayeed retained his seat by continuing to win consecutively the elections in 1971, 1977, 1980, 1984, 1989, 1991, 1996, 1998 and 1999. Since 2004, he was a Member of the Rajya Sabha.

Shri P.M. Sayeed held the office of the Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha from 1998 to 1999 and then from 1999 to 2004. During his stint as Deputy Speaker, Shri Sayeed brought to bear on the proceedings of the House his diligence and distinctive style. He was held in very high esteem across the political spectrum.

As a lawyer, political leader and social worker, Shri Sayeed displayed the highest traditions of selfless public service. He was the epitome of politeness and old world grace, and a model of quite efficiency and effectiveness. He lent dignity to whichever office he occupied and brought to bear his humanitarian outlook on national affairs. Shri Sayeed endeared himself to all sections of society.

In 2004, Shri Sayeed was entrusted with the responsibility of the portfolio of the Ministry of Power. Shri Sayeed was responsible for the formulation of a comprehensive national electricity policy for the country. Shri Sayeed’s deep conviction for rural development led to the formulation of the Rajiv Gandhi Vidyutikaran Yojana aimed at electrification of rural India.

Shri P.M. Sayeed has left his imprint on our national life. There was a unique grace in his simplicity which touched the hearts and minds of a large number of people. In his death, the country has lost an eminent son and a popular national leader.

The Cabinet records its deep appreciation of the services of Shri P.M. Sayeed to the nation, and offers its heartfelt condolences to the members of his family in their bereavement.”

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