

Sad Demise of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister of India on 16.08.2018 at AIIMS, New Delhi

Union Cabinet, in its meeting held on 16.08.2018, observed two minutes silence in the memory of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister of India. Cabinet also passed a Condolence Resolution.

As mark of respect to the departed dignitary, the Union Cabinet further decided that: -

- (i) State mourning will be observed for seven (7) days i.e. from 16.08.2018 till 22.08.2018. There will be no official entertainment during this period;
- (ii) During the period of State mourning the National Flag will be flown at half-mast throughout India in all buildings where it is regularly flown;
- (iii) National Flag will also be flown at half-mast in all the Indian Missions/High Commissions abroad for seven days from 16.08.2018 till 22.08.2018;
- (iv) State funeral will be accorded to Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee at 4.00 PM on 17th August 2018 at Rashtriya Smriti Sthal, New Delhi; and
- (v) There will be half [$\frac{1}{2}$] day holiday in the afternoon on the day of funeral i.e. 17.08.2018 in the offices of Central Government and CPSUs throughout the country.