



Brief introduction of Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

Brought up in an ordinary and respectable family of Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi had been active in social-political activities since his early age. During the Emergency (1975), Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi actively participated in “Sampoorna Karanti” (Total Revolution) movement, launched by “Loknayak” Jaiprakash Narayan and during the movement, he was jailed under “MISA-DIR” at the age of just 17 years. He actively participated in various movements for democratic and social issues and was even jailed on several occasion during these movements.

Born on 15th October, 1957 at Bhadari Village in Allahabad, Shri Naqvi has completed his BA (Hons) and post-graduation in Mass Communication. He has continued writing on several socio-political-cultural issues and working for the uplift of artisans and craftsmen.

Committed to nationalistic, democratic and secular values, Shri Naqvi, as a BJP candidate, has contested two Assembly elections (1991, 1993) and three Lok Sabha elections (1998, 1999 and 2009). He became the first ever BJP Muslim Lok Sabha Member elected from Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, in 1998, he has been elected to the Rajya Sabha (Upper House of Parliament) in 2002, 2010 and 2016. He has worked as Chairman and Member of different important Parliamentary Committees and led several Indian Parliamentary delegations abroad.

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi served as Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs in 1998 in Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government. During his tenure, he took major decisions and initiated reforms like Direct to Home broadcast system (DTH) and giving industry status to Indian film industry. In the present Shri Narendra Modi Government, he has served as Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Independent Charge of Minority Affairs and then Cabinet Minister for Minority Affairs. Known for his humble and friendly approach, Shri Naqvi played a crucial role in several key legislative works and passage of various important Reform Bills. With cooperation-coordination-communication with the Opposition benches, he has played an important role in successful completion of several legislative works despite the Government being in minority in the Upper House of Parliament.

Presently, Shri Naqvi is Cabinet Minister of Minority Affairs Ministry. He has effectively implemented various schemes aimed at socio-economic-educational empowerment of poor & weaker sections of Minority communities with the goal of “Development with Dignity”.

Recognized as a constructive, companionable & cultured leader, Shri Naqvi has a long political, administrative and organisational experience. He was National General Secretary, National Vice-President and National Spokesperson of the BJP and National Vice-President of BJP's youth wing Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha. Shri Naqvi has successfully fulfilled various important responsibilities in the party. He has headed the central election management and coordination during 2014 and 2019 Parliamentary elections and he had also been head of BJP's electoral reform committee and a member of the party's Central Election Committee. He has also served as BJP organisation in-charge of various states.

Shri Naqvi has been inspired by the life and works of "Father of the Nation" Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay, "Loknayak" Jaiprakash Narayan, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Shri Lal Krishna Advani, Shri Narendra Modi in political-social fields.

He believes in the principle that "Never stop learning because life never stops teaching".