

Brief Introduction of Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi



Formative Years:

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi was born and brought up in a respectable family of Allahabad (Prayagraj) on 15th October, 1957 at Bhadari Village, Uttar Pradesh. From an early age he took keen interest in socio political movements and was an active participant in the “Sampoorna Karanti” (Total Revolution) movement launched by “Loknayak” Jaiprakash Narayan during the Emergency and was jailed under “MISA-DIR” at the age of just 17 years. These experiences laid the foundation of a progressive, secular, democratic and grassroots leader who has made his mark in national politics.

Having done his Graduation and Post Graduation in Mass Communication, he has retained his interest of writing on several socio-political-cultural issues to this day drawing upon his vast experience and grassroots activities in various movements for democratic and social issues concerning the common masses. Of late has been particularly propagating the rights, welfare and upliftment of artisans and craftsmen.

Emerging Leader:

His commitment to nationalist, democratic and secular values have been validated by his participation in the democratic process when he contested as a BJP candidate, two Assembly elections (1991, 1993) and three Lok Sabha elections (1998, 1999 and 2009) apart from being elected thrice to the Upper House of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) in 2002 and 2010 from Uttar Pradesh and in 2016 from Jharkhand. He has the eminent distinction of becoming the first ever BJP Muslim Lok Sabha Member after winning the Parliamentary elections from Rampur (Uttar Pradesh) in 1998. His knowledge and leadership role have also been recognised as Chairman and Member of different important Parliamentary Committees such as Defence, Finance, Information Technology and Communications, External Affairs, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Civil Aviation, Public Undertaking, Pay and Pension of Members of Parliament etc. He has also 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 respected Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Government. During his tenure, he took major decisions and initiated reforms like Direct to Home broadcast system (DTH) and conferment of industry status to the Indian film industry. In the first term of Shri Narendra Modi led Government in 2014, he served as Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs (Independent Charge) and as Cabinet Minister for Minority

Affairs.

His humble and friendly approach has helped Shri Naqvi play a crucial role in several key legislative works and the passage of various Reform Bills. He was able to facilitate their passage despite the Government being in a minority in the Upper House due to his excellent skills and coordination. It was in just recognition of his role and experience that on 31st May, 2019, Shri Naqvi was given the charge of the crucial and sensitive Minority Affairs Ministry with the rank of a Cabinet Minister in the second term of the Modi Government.

Growth as a Reformer focussing on inclusiveness and empowerment:

Under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Naqvi has effectively and strongly devoted himself to the dictum of **“Inclusive Empowerment”** and **“Equal Opportunity to All”**. His sincere and persistent efforts for socio-economic and educational development of all needy sections including Minorities have shown positive results on the ground. His major step to provide scholarships to crores of Minority students has resulted in significant reduction in school dropout rate among Minority students especially girls and increase in their literacy rate.

Under his leadership and vision for a better future, the Ministry for Minority Affairs has proactively partnered with state governments in setting up infrastructure for Residential schools, Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kendriya Vidyalaya; school buildings, hostels, degree colleges, ITIs, polytechnics, common service centres, Hunar Hubs, hostels for working women, Sadbhav Mandaps, Yunani college and health facilities etc on a war footing in historically neglected, backward and Minority concentrated areas across the country. He has also been working effectively for skill development and providing employment and employment opportunities to Minorities with his mission of **“Kaushal Ko Kaam”**.

Shri Naqvi's mantra of **“reform, perform and transform”** for weaker sections have resulted into India becoming the first country to make the entire Haj process completely digital/online. Under his watch there was a record increase in Muslim pilgrims going for Haj despite the abolition of the Haj subsidy, thus demolishing the myth that Haj pilgrims were dependent on the subsidy which was in fact a source of “Political Swindling”. He also over saw the lifting of restriction on women going to Haj without Mehram (male companion) thus enabling thousands of Muslim women to perform Haj something they could not have done earlier under the Mehram system.

100 per cent digitisation of Waqf properties and 100 per cent Central funding for socio-economic-educational development projects on Waqf land has also opened the way for progressive and developmental utilisation of lakhs of waqf properties across the country for welfare of the society.

He has also been working tirelessly towards empowerment of India's indigenous legacy of artisans and craftsmen by providing them an effective and credible employment oriented platform through **“Hunar Haat”** a very successful initiative started by him.

These Hunar Haats in a short span of 3 year have created thousands of livelihoods and put the humble artisans in the national limelight with a marketing platform across the country.

Party role and organisational skills:

Recognized as a constructive, companionable & down to earth leader, Shri Naqvi has also excelled as an able organisation man handling key positions in his organisational career. He was National General Secretary, National Vice-President, National Spokesperson and National Secretary of the BJP and National Vice-President of BJP's youth wing Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha.

Shri Naqvi successful assignments in the party include heading the central election management and coordination during 2014 and 2019 Parliamentary elections and BJP's electoral reform committee. He has been a member of the party's Central Election Committee and served as BJP's organisation in-charge of various states.

Source of Inspiration:

Shri Naqvi has been inspired by the life and works of “Father of the Nation” Mahatma Gandhi, “Iron Man of India” Sardar Patel, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay, “Loknayak” Jaiprakash Narayan, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, respected Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Shri Lal Krishna Advani and Shri Narendra Modi in political & social fields.

He believes in the principle that one should **“Never stop learning because life never stops teaching”**.

Literary pursuits and zeal:

Shri Naqvi has a keen passion for writing and literature. Known for his effective literary skills, he writes regularly on various national-international and social issues. His latest novels- “Balwa”, “Rajleela” and “Cyber Supari” have become very popular amongst the readers. Earlier, he had written spectacular and inspiring novels such as “Danga”, “Vaishali” and “Syah”.