

**Title:** Urged upon the Government to constitute a national level committee confer Bharat Ratna to Late Prof. N.G. Ranga on the occasion of his birth centenary celebration and release a postal stamp in his memory.

PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESHWARLU (TENALI): Sir, I wish to bring to the notice of the Government that it is a national honour that birth centenary year of our departed leader, late Prof. N.G. Ranga will be celebrated between 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 and 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2001. Prof. Ranga was a great *kisan* leader, an able parliamentarian and a veteran freedom fighter. As we are all aware, he has got very long innings in this Parliament spanning over six decades. In view of the yeoman services rendered by this veteran leader over six decades, it would be in the fitness of things that a national level committee for Prof. Ranga's centenary celebrations is constituted under the Chairmanship of our hon. Prime Minister.

It would also be appropriate to release a postal stamp in commemoration of the centenary celebrations of Acharya Rangaji. In addition, it would also be appropriate to confer the highest civilian award of this country, *Bharat Ratna* to late Prof. Ranga. I urge upon the Government to look into this matter on priority basis.