

**Title:** References made to the passing away of Shri Ramgopal Reddy, a member from Fifth to Seventh Lok Sabha on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2002.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I rise to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, namely, Shri M. Ramgopal Reddy.

Shri M. Ramgopal Reddy was a member of Fifth to Seventh Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1984 representing Nizamabad Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Reddy was a member of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1962 to 1967.

Before joining active politics, Shri Reddy served as an officer in Nizam Sugar Factory from 1942 to 1961.

Shri Reddy was a member of Consultative Committee constituted under the Andhra Pradesh State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1973 during Fifth Lok Sabha, Committee on Estimates from 1975 to 1977, Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions during 1977 and Committee on Official Language from 1980 to 1984.

Shri Reddy was an active social and political worker. He took keen interest in the Co-operative movement and was the Chairman of Nizamabad Co-operative Sugar-Factory, Nizamabad and Andhra Pradesh State Federation of Co-operative Sugar Factories. He was also the Director of Nizam Sugar Factory, Bodhan and member of Consultative Committee constituted by Indian Sugar Mills Association and National Federation of Co-operative Sugar Factories. He was the founder member of Cane Growers Association, Nizamabad and also the founder and life member of Bharat Krishak Samaj.

Shri Reddy had special interest in development of rural areas and worked relentlessly for helping the needy and sick persons in rural areas.

Shri Reddy was the founder member of Girraj College at Nizamabad and Jagitial College at Karimnagar.

A strong votary of integrating science with environment, Shri Reddy played a key role in inculcating scientific approach in children. He took special interest in scientific research and development of alkaline lands and made efforts to stop spread of desert, pollution of water and air.

Shri M. Ramgopal Reddy passed away on 15 July, 2002 at Nizamabad, Andhra Pradesh at the age of 85, in a road accident.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed soul.

**11.03 hrs.**

*(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)*

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