

Title: Need to release a commemorative stamp in the memory of Shri N.M.R. Subbaraman, freedom fighter hailing from Madurai on the occasion of his Birth Centenary on 14.8.2005.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): Sir, Shri N.M.R. Subbaraman of Madurai admired as "Madurai Gandhi", he participated in all Satyagraha Movements of Gandhiji and courted imprisonment along with his wife for about five years. He held positions like Chairman of the Madurai Municipality, Member of then Madras Legislative Assembly before and after Independence. He was also elected to the Lok Sabha from Madurai Constituency.

Uplifting the lives of Harijans was a work dear to his heart. His work among Harijans to bring them into the main stream of socio-political life is legendary. Through Tamil Nadu Harijans Sevak Sangh, a unit of all India Harijans Sevak Sangh founded by Gandhiji, N.M.R. Subbaraman was instrumental in establishing a chain of Harijan Hostels.

In the post Gandhian era Shri N.M.R. Subbaraman was deeply involved in Bhoodhan Movement started by Vinobaji and donated 100 acres of his fertile land to Vinobaji. He was instrumental in establishing the first Gandhi Museum in the country at Madurai.

On 14.08.2005 we will be celebrating Shri N.M.R. Subbaraman's Birth Centenary. I request the Government to release a commemorative stamp in the memory of this great patriot of India.