

have the combined effect of denying opportunities and growth of professional firms, restricting their desire and ability to compete globally, preventing the country from obtaining advantage of India's considerable expertise and precluding consumers from opportunity on free and informed choice.

Nonetheless today or tomorrow we have to open up our legal service, but it should

not be seen as a threat to our legal community but it is an opportunity to compete in more and more countries. As soon as Indian perspective in concerned, already Indian legal service sector is hugely crowded, will be opening up of legal service in India will lead to cut-throat competition but the Indian lawyers also have fair chance of proving their mettle in other countries of the world and bring laurels to the nation.

REFERENCE OF THE ADVOCATE-GENERAL ON THE DEMISE OF SRI E. AYYAPU REDDY, ADVOCATE

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My Lord the Chief Justice and companion Justices, Members of the Bar and friends.

Death strikes with regularity. It conquers with fatalism. It steals from us not just our near and dear but ever so often, those we look upto, those who inspire us and those whose presence in our midst has always been one of reassuring confidence.

It is rather sad that my first address to this Court must be a word of sorrow.

The passing away of Sri *E. Ayyapu Reddy* garu on June 27th is not just a loss to the Bar but a loss that will be felt in the realm of politics and the field of Telugu Literature.

Like many stalwarts, who were witnesses and participants in our historic struggle for freedom, he too started his long and illustrious career from the rural fields of Gadiga-revula Village in Kurnool District, where he was born on 14th January, 1924.

The Gold Medalist Law Graduate from Madras Law College had a long and lasting relationship with politics.

With patriotic fervor, he joined the Quit India Movement. The response to Gandhian call early in life was his insurance against the politics of corruption.

It would be appropriate to enlist some of the milestones he designed in life. To recall a few :

- (1) In the year 1955, he was elected to the A.P. Legislative Assembly on a Congress Party ticket.
- (2) Appointed as Chairman of the Delegated Legislative Committee of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly in the year 1957.
- (3) In the year 1962, he was re-elected to the A.P. Legislative Assembly.
- (4) Appointed as a Member of State Law Commission, where he acted as a Chairman of Delegated Legislation Committee for 5 years.
- (5) He was again elected unopposed to the A.P. Legislative Assembly in 1972.
- (6) He served as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and as a

Member of the Land Reforms Advisory Committee in New Delhi.

- (7) In 1978, he was re-elected again to the A.P. Legislative Assembly.
- (8) From 1980 to 1982 he held the position as a Minister for Law and Legislature in the Cabinet of Sri *Anjaiah*, where he was also the Floor Leader of the Congress Legislature Party.
- (9) He was elected to the 8th Lok Sabha in the year 1985.
- (10) He served as a Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee of the 8th Lok Sabha from 1985 to 1987. He was one of the First Members of AICC and continued to be a member.
- (11) He also held position as a Director of Reserve Bank of India (Central Board)
- (12) Chairman of the Southern Local Boards of RBI.
- (13) Member to Board of Financial Supervision of RBI.

A warm heart, sharp intellect and a committed zeal made him the man he was and the legend, he will remain to an entire generation of lawyers and Judges who have not had the opportunity to witness his clinical skill sets as a lawyer.

His exposure to the many challenges of life and the varied opportunities in the political field perhaps equipped him to be the advocate he was. His practice in all fields; civil, criminal, constitutional law, gave him an unique place in the gallery of the great.

He was a mobile treatise of Elections Laws, a subject that few lawyers took to with ease.

Many among us are familiar with his modesty and humility. For a former Law Minister, he sat in the Bar Association with a signature silence, uniquely his.

We will miss his silence. We will also miss his words.

Few perhaps are aware that in addition to his passion for law, he had love for poetry and has written 4 books – *Uha Tarangalu*, *Swecha Vihangalu*, *Ayyapureddy Kandhalu* and *Vikasa Veechikalalu*.

He has left impressive foot prints. His juniors include those who adorn the Bench, Sri Justice *N.V. Ramana* and Sri Justice *P. Swaroop Reddy*. Sri *D.K. Samarasimha Reddy*, former Law Minister was also his junior. Sri *C.B. Ramamohan Reddy*, Advocate is also one of his many colleagues. Sri *K. Girija Sankar*, District Judge, Kadapa and *Shankar Reddy*, Additional Commissioner of Endowments were from his office.

He is survived by wife, three sons and one daughter. His eldest son, Sri *E. Pratap Reddy*, a non-practising Advocate, is elected as MLA for 3rd time from Kurnool District. His second son, Sri *Prakash Reddy* and third son, Sri *Pradeep Reddy* are well settled in business field. His daughter, Smt. *Prasanna* is married and resides in United States of America.

May his near and dear who had the fortune to know and react with him be blessed with the strength to meet the tragedy.

The Bar salutes the passing away of a silent giant. With your Lordships' leave on behalf of the legal Fraternity, I would convey heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.