



SPEAKER

A.C. JOSE

Shri A.C. Jose, who adorned the seat of the Speaker in the sixth Kerala Legislative Assembly was an Advocate, Journalist, Trade Unionist and Political Leader. Born on May 9, 1937 as the son of Shri A.C. Chacko and Smt. Mary Chacko at Edapally in Ernakulam District, Shri A.C. Jose, a B.Sc., LL.M. degree holder, had his education at St. Albert's College, Ernakulam, Government Law College, Ernakulam and Department of Law, Kerala University. Like many other prominent leaders down the years, he too entered the political fray through student politics.

Before becoming a Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly, Shri A.C. Jose was instrumental in the formation of the Kerala Students Union and served as its General Secretary and President during the period 1959-63. During 1963-65 he was

member of the National Executive of the Indian Youth Congress. He was also the Vice President of Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee.

A prominent trade unionist, Shri A.C. Jose was the elected leader of trade unions of almost all major industries as well as the National Shipping Board. A member of the Municipal Corporation Council of Cochin during 1969-78, Shri A.C. Jose made a remarkable stint as the Mayor during 1972-73 and was the youngest Mayor of India at that time.

In 1980, Shri A. C. Jose became a Member of the sixth Kerala Legislative Assembly from Parur Constituency. He was elected as the Speaker of the Assembly on February 3, 1982 and he held the post till June 23, 1982.

Subsequently, he was elected to the seventh Kerala Legislative Assembly through a by-election held on May 22, 1984 from Parur. While serving as Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly, Shri Jose had also served as Chairman of Privileges Committee (1986-87) and the Estimates Committee (twice during 1984-87). In 1996, he was elected as a member of the 11th Lok Sabha.

During 1996-98, while serving as a Member of Parliament, Shri A.C. Jose was also Member of several committees, the Privileges Committee (1996-97),

Committee on External Affairs (1997-98) (two terms) and Consultative Committee, Ministry of Commerce (1997-98). After getting re-elected to the 12th Lok Sabha in 1998, Shri A.C. Jose served as member of the Executive Committee, CPP, Committee on Transport and Tourism, Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament and Consultative Committee, Ministry of Tourism. Getting elected yet again in 1999 to the 13th Lok Sabha, Shri A.C. Jose was Member of Committee on Industry (1999-2000) and Consultative Committee, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (2000-04). Shri A.C. Jose was also a Member of the official delegation of Government of India to the UN in 1996 and 1998.

Shri A.C. Jose also served as the Managing Editor of the Veekshanam Daily and later was its Chief Editor, who published many relevant articles for several years.

A lover of sports who was instrumental in organising several sports events in the State, Shri A.C. Jose was also the President of the Kerala Sports Council during 1982-87. He was Member of the official delegation not only to the Los Angeles Olympics but also to several Asian Games.

Prof. Leelamma Jose was his wife and they have three sons and a daughter.

Shri A.C. Jose expired on January 23, 2016. The Assembly paid homage to him on February 8, 2016.

