



SPEAKER

T.S. JOHN

Shri T.S. John who graced the seat of the Speaker in the fourth Kerala Legislative Assembly, had the distinction of having been a Minister in the Council of Ministers as well. He was born on October 21, 1939 at Kaviyoor as the son of Shri Mathai. Shri T.S. John, like many others of his generation, was also drawn to politics through student movements. A graduate in Science, Shri T.S. John was an active participant in several student movements during his days in SB College, Changanassery. Later he became a law graduate and practised as an advocate for some time in the High Court of Kerala. Shri T. S. John was one of the founder members of Kerala Congress and was its Vice Chairman. He had also served as a member of Kaviyoor Panchayat.

Getting elected to KLA in 1970, 1977, 1982 and 1996 from Kalloopara Constituency, Shri T. S. John assumed charge as the Speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly on February 17, 1976 in the fourth KLA. Till then Shri R.S. Unni, Deputy Speaker had been performing the duties of the Speaker. Shri T. S. John occupied the Chair till March 25, 1977.

Subsequently, he served as the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies from October 19, 1978 to October 27, 1978 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony and from October 29, 1978 to October 7, 1979 in

the Ministry headed by Shri P. K. Vasudevan Nair. He was also the Chairman of the Estimates Committee.

Shri T.S. John had also served as Kerala Congress (J) Vice Chairman, Kerala Congress (M) Vice Chairman and High Power Committee member.

Smt. Aleykutty was his wife and they have one son.

Shri T.S. John expired on June 9, 2016. The assembly paid homage to him on June 27, 2016.

