



SPEAKER

V.M. SUDHEERAN

Shri V.M. Sudheeran, known for his principled stand on several issues, graced the Chair of the Speaker in the seventh Kerala Legislative Assembly. He was one of those veterans who had the distinction of serving as the Speaker of the Assembly and as the Minister in the Cabinet.

Born on May 26, 1948 at Padiyam village, Anthikad in Trichur District as the son of Shri Vailoppilly Sankaran Mama and Smt. Girija, Shri Sudheeran was actively involved in student and youth movements, rising to hold high offices at a young age. He served as President, Kerala Students Union from 1971 to 1973 and President, Kerala Pradesh Youth Congress from 1975 to 1977. He was also General Secretary, Indian Youth Congress from 1977 to 1979.

Shri Sudheeran was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1980, 1982, 1987 and 1991 from Manalur Constituency. He held the Office of the Speaker in the seventh KLA from March 8, 1985 to March 27, 1987. His tenure as Speaker is particularly remembered for the principled stand he adopted in the issue of re-promulgation of Ordinances, as he was convinced that the Law should originate from the Legislature.

Subsequently, he served as the Minister for Health from April 20, 1995 to May 9, 1996 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony. While a member of the Assembly he chaired the Estimates Committee from 1982 to 1984 and the Private Members' Bills and Resolutions Committee from 1984 to 1985. Shri Sudheeran was a member of the Lok Sabha during 1977-79, 1996-97, 1998-99, 1999-2004 from Alappuzha Constituency.

He served as a Member, Standing Committee on Railways in 1996-97. He was

also Member of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development during 1998-2002 and served as the Convenor of its Sub Committee on Medical Education during 1998-2000. He also served as Member, Standing Committee on Rural and Urban Development during 2002-04. During 2001-04, he was a Member, Committee on Ethics of the Lok Sabha. He also served as Member of the Consultative Committees for the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Railways during 1996-97 and 1998-2004 respectively.

Besides, he was a Member of the Coir Board during 1977-78 and 1998-99.

Shri Sudheeran was the General Secretary of KPCC during 1980-85 and Vice President of KPCC in 1990-91 and has long been a member of the AICC. He held the post of KPCC President from 2014 to March 2017.

Smt. Latha is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.

