

Profile

Shri Pralhad Joshi

Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of Coal & Mines.

Member of Parliament DHARWAD (State Karnataka)

General

Shri Pralhad Joshi is a household name in his Parliamentary Constituency in Karnataka. This is because of his dedication to the cause of poor, downtrodden, farmer-welfare and his concern towards regional as well as national issues.

Political Career

Since his younger days, Shri Joshi has been a BJP activist and has played an important role in the party growing from strength to strength in Karnataka. He has been instrumental in boosting BJP's popularity in the Hubballi-Dharwad region. Dharwad Lok Sabha Constituency has been held by the BJP continuously since 1996.

Shri Joshi was BJP's Dharwad District President and presently he is the General Secretary in the Karnataka State Unit of the party. A person of the highest degree of discipline in his life, Shri Joshi is hailed as the man of the masses. In 1992, he led the "Save Kashmir Movement" and also hoisted the National Flag in KitturChennamma Circle (Idgah Maidan). These successful movements made him a popular figure and established him as a leader in this part of Karnataka.

Owing to his massive public connect and distinct leadership skills, Shri Joshi got elected as a Member of Parliament in Dharwad Constituency in 2004. He was reelected with a thumping majority in 2009, 2014 and again in 2019 for the 4th consecutive time.

Achievements as a Member of Parliament

Shri Joshi has always been an active Parliamentarian. He has fought for a number of causes and lent his voice to several issues, both inside and outside the Parliament. Some of these are:

- Hubli-Ankola Railway Line
- Gadag-Bijapur Gauge Conversion
- New Goodshed at Navalur
- Modernisation of Hubli Railway Workshop
- Upgradation of Hubli Railway Station
- Crop Insurance Scheme
- Development of Hubli-Dharwad City
- Upgrading Hubli Airport road to international standards

Shri Joshi established BaroSadhanakerige, a memorial of the famous Kannada Poet and Jnanpith Awardee, Dr. Da- Ra- Bendre. The beautiful garden in front of Dr.Bendre's house stands testimony to Shri Joshi's efforts.

Positions held in Parliament

In the 14th Lok Sabha, Shri Joshi was nominated to serve on Standing Committees on:

- Chemicals and Fertilizers
- Transport and Culture
- Consultative Committee on Finance.

In the 15th Lok Sabha, Shri Joshi served as a member of:

- Standing Committee on Railways
- Estimates Committee
- Member of the Consultative Committee on Urban Development

Shri Joshi has also been a member of the Delegation on Empowerment of Women, and has addressed the UN General Assembly in that capacity. His views were taken note of and appreciated. He was also elected as a Member of the Tobacco Board and oversaw its efficient functioning.

Achievements as a Union Minister

- Pioneered the launch of commercial mining of coal
- Mega mineral reforms
- Removal of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir and reorganization of the state
- Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019

Social Inclinations

As a member of the R.S.S. from a young age, Shri Joshi got trained in various camps. Early on, he developed a habit of helping the masses in any way he could. He is still very active and participates in a number of socio-cultural and educational initiatives for the people of his constituency.

Shri Joshi has established two NGOs in Hubballi. These NGOs undertake a number of social activities, like organising Health camps, Eye-checkup camps and other cultural activities. He has been conducting public outreach activities in various parts of his constituency. These outreach programs are where he meets general public to take cognisance of their issues and make efforts towards their redressal.

To contribute constructively for the cause of education, Shri Joshi works actively with an organization called Hubli education Society. Established by Shri N. S. Hardikar, a noted freedom fighter, the society runs an educational institute - City High School, Hubli.

Shri Joshi also contributes to a foundation engaged in providing free mid-day meals. The foundation feeds nearly one lakh school children every day.

Professional Career

Shri Joshi is a self-made man. Together with a few of his friends, he has established a small-scale industry, Vibhava Chemicals. Owing to the first-hand experience from running a business, he has been furthering the cause of the business fraternity. He has also served as a Member of the Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Hubli.

Personal Life

Shri Joshi belongs to a humble family. His father was a Railway employee. He was born in 1962 as the third child of Late Shri Venkatesh Joshi and Smt. Malatibai. He completed his primary education from Railway school and graduated from Sri Kadasiddeshwar Arts College, Hubli. He is married to Smt. Jyothi, and is blessed with three children.

Shri Joshi enjoys Indian classical music and other forms of art. He plays cricket, badminton and reads extensively.