

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 19th December, 2023 /28 Agrahayana, 1945 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I am pleased to extend birthday greetings to hon. Member of Parliament, Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari, a prominent politician and Member of this august House since July, 2022.

Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari has been a Member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly for six terms, the last three being from the same constituency. He has been a distinguished Minister in the Government of Rajasthan for three terms, holding portfolios of Power, Education, Parliamentary Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies as also Law and Justice.

Hon. Members, when he was Minister of Power in 1998, I happened to be on the opposition side. He shared power in agriculture fields, but not in the House. As Minister of Education of Rajasthan, he was then instrumental in providing free computer education to Government school children, which was duly recognized, for empowering future generations.

In his long and distinguished public life, Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari has proved himself to be a man of multifaceted talents. He is a lawyer by profession— it is an encroachment on our field — and agriculturist by passion but very impactful, a very large farm; I have been there. And, he has also been conferred with UNESCO Confucius Award 2006. I am told by Mr. Tiwari that it carries a financial aspect also. The hon. Finance Minister can take note of it, unless it is time-barred. He was also conferred with Rashtriya Satyen Mitra Award in the field of literacy.

Friends, Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari suffered jail during the Emergency for his political stance. He is married to Smt. Pushpa Tiwari and the couple is blessed with sons Akhilesh, Ashish and daughter Richa.

On my own and your behalf, I wish him a long, healthy and happy life.
