

Bio-Data

Ramaswamy Venkataraman (1910-2009)

Statesman, a distinguished Legislator and former President of India.

Born on December 4, 1910 at village of Rajamadam, Thanjavur district, Tamil Nadu; ed. Madras University; Advocate, Madras High Court, 1935, Supreme Court, 1951; detained during the Quit India Movement, 1942-44; Member, Provisional Parliament, 1950 and Lok Sabha 1951-57, 1977-84; United Nations Administrative Tribunal, 1955-1979; President, United Nation Administrative Tribunal, 1968-79; Member, Madras Legislative Council, 1957-62, 1962-67; Minister of Industry and Labour, Madras Government, 1957-67; Member, Union Planning Commission, 1967-71; Minister of Finance, Government of India, 1980-82; Minister of Defence, 1982-84; Vice President of India, 1984-87; President of India, 1987-92; etc.; Awarded Tamra Patra for participation in freedom struggle; recipient of a Souvenir from the Secretary General of United Nations; received Doctorate of Law from the University of Madras, Nagarjuna University; Doctor of Social Sciences, University of Roorkee; Soviet Land Prize for his travelogue on K. Kamraj's visit to Socialist countries, etc. Died, 12th January 2009

His publications include: *My Presidential year*, *Role of Planning in Industrial Development*, *The Role of a Private Member of Parliament*

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1.	Papers relating to the proceedings of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras regarding the detention of R. Venkataraman in special jail at Tanjore	1943	11	English
2.	Papers relating to proceedings of the International Labour Association (Forty Second session, Geneva 1958). Also includes a report of the Director General	1958	7	English
3.	Papers relating to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Proceedings	1958-1960	346	Tamil
4.	Papers relating to appointment of R. Venkataraman as the member of United Nations Administrative Tribunal. Includes a correspondence exchanged with U. Thant, Secretary General of United Nations. Also includes the resolution adopted by the General Assembly	1967	2	English

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5.	Papers relating to defence related issues and R. Venkataraman's role as Defence Minister. Includes press clippings on issues like India's expenditure on Defence and Arms purchase policy, on the establishment of Naval Academy at Ezhimala in Cannanore district, decision to buy U.S. copters, R. Venkataraman visit to USSR for arms talks and other issues	1983	80	English
6.	Papers relating to Indo-French talks. Includes press clippings on the issues of transfer of Mirage-2000 technology by France to India and talks on closer Indo-French cooperation	1983	40	English
7.	Papers relating to R. Venkataraman's visit to Moscow and Indo-Soviet Defence talks. Includes press clippings on R. Venkataraman's talks with USSR's Defence Minister Marshal Dmitry Ustinov and Soviet's Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov, on the issues like provision of USSR's missiles, MIG tanks and planes to India	1983	90	English
8.	Papers relating to R. Venkataraman's role as the President of India. Includes copies of photographs of NK Sawhney (M.P.) of Mazagon Docks presenting a model of the Coast Guard ship Vikram to R. Venkataraman, Marshal Dimitry	1983-1984	42	English

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9.	Papers relating to R. Venkataraman's visit to Bulgaria, G.D.R. and Yugoslavia. Includes press clippings on the issues like his meeting with Bulgarian Vice President Peter Tanchev, on the issue of halt to arms race, the meeting between him and Eastern German State leader Egon Krenz	1985	29	English
10.	Papers relating to R. Venkataraman's role as the President of India. Includes foreign newspapers clippings on him being voted as the Head of the State by a big majority, and Rajiv Gandhi expelling three dissidents from the ruling Congress (I) Party	1987	16	English
11.	Papers relating to Indo-Yugoslavia relations. Includes records of discussion between him and Radovan Vlackovic, President of the Presidency of SFRY (Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia)	1987	58	English
12.	Papers relating to talks with GDR (German Democratic Republic) and Yugoslavia. Includes press clippings in <i>News Deutschland</i> a German daily newspaper	1985	35	German

