

Dr. M. Veerappa Moily is the new Union Cabinet Minister of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs of India.



Prior to his Union Cabinet Minister's position in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Dr. Moily was Union Cabinet Minister in the Ministry of Law and Justice. He served the Legislative Assembly of his home-state, Karnataka, for six terms. Dr.

Moily has also served as the Leader of Opposition in Karnataka Assembly. He, then, rose to the position of Chief Minister of the state in 1992. Before becoming the Chief Minister, Dr. Moily had served the state as Cabinet Minister in various departments including Finance, Law and Education.

Born in the Moodabidri district of Karnataka and elected from its Chikkballapur constituency, Dr. Moily has got 40 years of experience in public service, policy making, governance and politics. He was conferred the *Next Step Foundation Award* by the Foundation of U.K., House of Commons, for his outstanding contribution to judiciary in India. Dr. Moily has a passion for a detailed understanding of the Indian economy, fiscal structure and requirement of the Indian States from both macro as well as micro perspective. His interests also include putting in efforts for the overall development of the country in respect of education, agriculture and art.

In his present capacity of Minister of Corporate Affairs, Dr. Moily wants to focus on Corporate

Governance. His priority is also to amend the laws that govern the three professional institutes that include ICAI, to allow the formation of multi-disciplinary limited liability partnership (LLP) firms in their sector. His Ministry is working on new bills on multi-state societies and multi-state partnerships. Despite his understanding that reform may not be pleasant for all, Dr. Moily is a reformist by nature. He believes in fastest and inclusive justice. He intends to strengthen the checks against the corporate frauds in a time-bound manner.

A Bachelor of Law from the Government of Law College of Bangalore, Dr. Moily was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Mangalore University, as well as by the Russian Academy and the NALSAR, Hyderabad.

Dr. Moily takes very keen interest in literature. A literary figure himself in Kannada literature, he has written many novels and plays. His novel *Tembare* (The Edge of Time) has been translated in English, which is about the worship of hero-spirits. Critically-acclaimed film director and twice National Award winner for Best Film on National Integration, Mr. M. S. Sathyu, has made a telefilm based on the novel *Kotta* written by Dr. Moily, in Hindi as well as Kannada. Dr. Moily has published three anthologies of poems in Kannada. He has also written an epic in Kannada called *Sri Ramayana Mahanveshanam* – to be published in five volumes and to be translated in Hindi as well. He is in the process of writing another epic on Draupadi called *Shrimudi Parikranam* while carrying on his *unstoppable journey* in literature. Dr. Moily has contributed numerous articles for regular columns in newspapers like *The Hindu* and *Deccan Herald*, as well as for *Samyukta Karnataka*, a Kannada newspaper, in the past.

Dr. Moily has travelled across the world including the countries such as Australia, China, France, Kuwait, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore, U.S.A. and U.K. ■