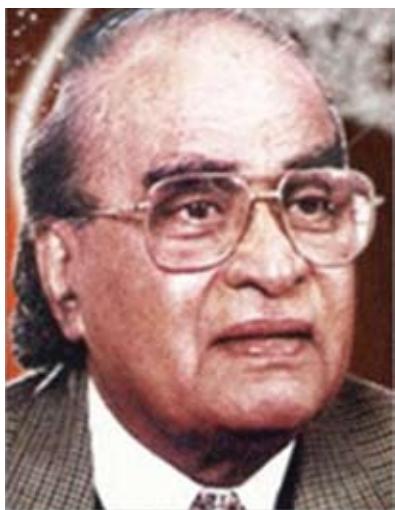


Veteran Leader CA. N. K. P. Salve No More



The Indian Chartered Accountant fraternity lost one of its doyens in public life when former union minister and ex-BCCI president CA. Narendra Kumar Prasadrao Salve, popularly known as N. K. P. Salve, passed away on 1st April, 2012, at the age of 91. He is survived by his son Shri Harish Salve, an eminent senior advocate and a former Solicitor General of India (1999-2002), and his daughter, Arundhati Upadhyay, who, being a devout educationist, has been running a number of public schools in Nagpur. Shri Salve was a veteran Indian National Congress parliamentarian and a cricket administrator too. Shri Salve was a man of varied interests. He made quite a valuable contribution towards promoting education in Maharashtra and sports across the country. He was quite active leading the student wing for the cause of freedom struggle of our nation. He was an outstanding orator in English as well as in Hindi and Marathi. He was, interestingly, quite fond of classical music.

A chartered accountant by profession with an active practice from 1950 to 1982, Shri Salve was considered an authority on direct taxes. A front-ranking orator, especially on public finance, taxation, macroeconomics, constitutional issues, etc., he headed the *Joint Parliamentary Committee on Taxation Laws* in 1975, which was responsible for rewriting the Income Tax Laws. He gave up his practice after joining Union Cabinet in 1982 under the leadership of the then-Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi.

Born in Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh, Shri Salve became the

member of Lok Sabha in 1967 and remained so till 1977 from Betul constituency of Madhya Pradesh. Later, he was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra and continued to be there for four successive terms from 1978 to 2002. He was the chairman of the Privileges Committee of the Lok Sabha from 1975 to 1977. He worked under the leadership of Smt. Indira Gandhi, Shri Rajiv Gandhi and Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao while undertaking responsibilities for Ministries of Information & Broadcasting, Steel and Mines, Parliamentary Affairs and Power. He is also credited with bringing private participation in the power sector. During this period, he also became the Chairman of 9th Finance Commission of India for 1987-90.

Shri Salve was quite fond of cricket since his early days. He even played cricket for Modi Club of Nagpur in Maharashtra. Later he served as an umpire too, especially in first class matches including those in Ranji Trophy and Commonwealth matches. He became the President of Vidarbha Cricket Association in 1972, and, then of the Board of Cricket Control of India (BCCI) in 1982, a post he held till 1985. In 1983, he was elected the first chairman of Asian Cricket Council, which was constituted by the collective efforts of Shri Salve, Air Marshal Noor Khan of Pakistan and late Gamini Dassanaika of Sri Lanka. He was instrumental in bringing the cricket World Cup out from England and, later, to the Indian subcontinent in 1987. During his administrative tenure, our cricketers brought home its first cricket World Cup in 1983. He managed to get joint hosting rights for the 1987 Reliance World Cup for India and Pakistan. He was the chairman of the India-Pakistan Joint Management Committee which organised the World Cup in the Indian subcontinent. He had written an acclaimed and interesting account of the world cup, *The Story of the Reliance Cup*, in 1987. The BCCI started NKP Salve Challenger Trophy in 1995 in recognition of his contribution to the Indian cricket.

Leaders across political spectrum have mourned and expressed grief over his demise. Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil was also deeply aggrieved, as she said: *Shri Salve*

was a personality with varied interests and was also associated with our freedom struggle from his student days. An expert in taxation matters...he was also keenly interested in Constitutional Law and Public Finance. Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh condoled Shri Salve's demise saying the country had lost a senior and distinguished leader who left a lasting imprint in different areas of public life. He said: *I was deeply grieved to hear of the sad demise...In his demise the country has lost a senior and distinguished leader who left a lasting imprint in different areas of public life.* Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri Hamid Ansari sent his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family: *We pray to the Almighty to grant them the strength and fortitude to withstand this loss.* Maharashtra Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan said Salve's extensive political life and the work done by him will always remain inspirational. BCCI President N. Srinivasan has also expressed his deep regards for the departed soul and said: *His contribution to Indian cricket, as President of the BCCI, can never be forgotten. It was during his tenure that India won the World Cup for the first time, in 1983...It was also due to his initiative that the World Cup was co-hosted by India and Pakistan in 1987.* Shri Salve was responsible for the World Cup becoming a global event. AICC General Secretary Vilas Muttemwar remembered him as a thorough gentleman: *Salve was a cultured person and was well versed in English, Hindi, Marathi and Urdu.* BJP president Nitin Gadkari condoled: ...*the movement for separate Vidarbha state has suffered a huge setback... (Vidarbha) region has lost a great leader of his stature.* Rajasthan Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot expressed his grief: *Salve was a thorough gentleman and a perfect administrator in sports. His contribution to cricket would always be remembered.*

Shri Salve was accorded state funeral by the Maharashtra government considering his contribution in the socio-cultural development of the state. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India pays its heartfelt tribute to the departed leader and hopes that his probity in public life and result-oriented enthusiasm for education and sports will continue to inspire our younger generations in the years to come. May his noble soul rest in peace! Amen! ■

CA. N. K. P. Salve: Down the Memory Lane



CA. N. K. P. Salve with the then Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi and Indian cricket players, with 1983 World Cup



CA. N. K. P. Salve with the then Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi and melody queen Ms. Lata Mangeshkar



CA. N. K. P. Salve with the then Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi



CA. N. K. P. Salve with the then French President Mr. Francois Mitterrand (1981-85)



CA. N. K. P. Salve with President of India Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil



CA. N. K. P. Salve with Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh

