

Dr. H.V. HANDE



H. V. Hande is an eminent physician, the rock of Gibraltar for the family, a politician, now an author and thinker he has been multifaceted. He was elected to the Tamil Nadu legislative assembly from Park Town constituency as a Swatantra Party candidate in 1967, and 1971 elections. He is known as 'ever genial Mangalorian' because of his ancestral roots in Mangalore. In the 1977 elections, He was National Council member of Bharathiya Janatha Party in 2004. He is also a writer having written books on Ramayana, Dr. Ambedkar and other topics. He has opened Hande Hospitals in 1984 at Shenoy Nagar, Chennai

Dr. H.V. HANDE



Brief Public Profile of Dr. H.V. Hande

Dr. Hande born on November 28, 1927 in Coimbatore, India. Dr. Hande participated in the Quit India Movement of 9th August 1942, as a young 15 year old College Student. However Hande made a debut in electoral politics in 1964. When he contested as an Independent, to the Madras Legislative Council from the Madras City Graduates Constituency, trouncing the bigwigs of all major political parties like the Congress, DMK and Swatantra Party.

Taking a fascination towards Dr. Hande for the ease with which he won from the Graduates Constituency as an independent, late lamented Rajaji invited him to join the Swatantra Party.

During the 1966 floods that shook the City of Madras, Dr. Hande toiled day and night and went around the whole of North Madras as a single individual, organizing relief to the flood afflicted areas of Vyasarpadi, Perambur, Park Town and Harbour. The news reached the ears of the DMK founder and leader late lamented Arignar Anna who was then the de facto Opposition leader in Tamilnadu. He was immensely pleased with the good work done by Dr. Hande.

Three years later, even before his Legislative Council term expired, Dr. Hande was fielded jointly by Anna and Rajaji in a Congress dominated constituency of Park Town, consisting of a sizable Gujarati and Marwari voters (Sowcarpet). Dr. Hande defeated a powerful Congress Candidate, Smt. T.N. Anandanayaki for whom Shri. Kamaraj, Smt. Indira Gandhi, and Shri. Moraji Desai canvassed. This was in 1967. Dr. Hande was then the Swatantra Party candidate.

Dr. Hande's victory was the first to be announced on 21st Feb in the 1967 elections which brought about a dramatic change in Tamilnadu politics, keeping Congress out of power in the state till now.

The All India Swatantra Party held elections for its office bearers in Chennai in 1970. Dr. Hande contested and secured the highest number of votes and became one of the four All India Secretaries of Swatantra Party and took charge of the Party's affairs in the southern states comprising Tamilnadu, Andhra, Karnataka, and Kerala. The other

Dr. H.V. HANDE

three, who secured lesser votes, were R.K. Ameen M.P from Gujarat, Mr. Harihar Patel (Industries Minister of Orissa) and Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh of UP (Who later became Governor of Karnataka). These three were in charge of the party work in the Western, Eastern, and Northern regions respectively.

Again in 1971, when there was an “Indira wave”, all over India including Tamilnadu, Dr. Hande defeated a powerful National Party’s supported opponent candidate Mr. A.V.P. Asai Thambi.

After the demise of Rajaji, Dr. Hande joined MGR and became AIADMK’s HQR’s Secretary, Organising Secretary and finally as Deputy Secretary with MGR as General Secretary.

In 1978, Dr. Hande was elected for a second time from the Madras City Graduates Constituency with a very huge margin. All the other candidates lost their deposit.

In 1980, MGR pitted Dr. Hande against his powerful political rival in Anna Nagar. Amidst great confusions during counting Dr. Hande lost by six hundred odd votes against his opponent. However MGR inducted Dr. Hande (who was already a MLC) into his cabinet as Health Minister.

Dr. Hande was re-elected in 1984, the Legislative Council again, with a huge margin and served as Health Minister twice under MGR Supremacy.

After MGR demise demitting the office Dr. Hande entered into literary field.

In 1999 Dr. Hande joined the BJP and worked hard for Hon Smt. Sushma Swaraj in Bellary. As the Chairman of the State BJP Intellectual cell. Dr. Hande had published several brochures which became very popular, including “Who created the Kashmir problem?” and “Focus on common civil code” etc.

In 2009 Lok Sabha elections, Dr. Hande vigorously canvassed for Shri Naleen Kumar Kateel in Mangalore and Shri Sadananda Gowda in Uidpi/Chickmangalur. Both of them won.

During the present General election (2014) Dr. Hande worked in South Chennai, Virudhunagar, and Nagarcoil (from where Union Minister of State, Hon Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan won).

Dr. Hande has been an active member of BJP for the last 15 years. He is presently in the BJP National Council, actively

Dr. H.V. HANDE

participating on behalf of the party, in all the Tamil TV Channel debates.

In Tamilnadu, even after the demise of MGR more than 26 years ago, nearly sixty percent of the common people of the State, continue to adore MGR. However, most of them have a soft corner for Dr. Hande, because it was he who in 1984 took up the difficult task of organizing and transporting to Newyork Brooklyn Hospital, a very sick and unconscious MGR in a 'FLYING HOSPITAL' and brought him back to Chennai two months later in a hale and health condition.

Having started his Medical Practice, 65 years ago, in 1950 in Shenoy Nagar, Dr. Hande regularly attends his clinic even now, day and night treating the poor.

Writings

Working hard for nearly 10 years, he brought out an English prose rendering of Kamba Ramayanam in 1997, published by the prestigious Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan and released by President Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma.

In 1999, Dr. Hande brought out a Tamil Biography of Rajaji, which was released by Shri C. Subramanian (Late Governor of Maharashtra).

In 2002 Dr. Hande brought out a sensational book on 'Constitutional Distortions during Emergency'. This book was highly lauded and released by Aadaraniya Hon. Shri Atalji, the then Prime Minister of India.

In 2009, Dr. Hande brought forth a book on how Dr. Ambedkar took pains to shape our Constitution. The book was published by the prestigious Macmillan and Co. with an excellent Foreward by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

While flagging off a BJP Dalit Morcha, on the birthday of Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar on 14.4.2009, aadaraniya Hon. Shri L.K. Advaniji complimented Dr. Hande for bringing out in his book, several new facets of Dr. Ambedkar, hitherto unknown. In June 2013, a Hindi version of this book was brought out by Dr. Hande, with a telling 'SANDESH' by Hon Shri Narendra Modiji (printed inside) before he was declared Prime Ministerial Candidate.

Awards and achievements

During his period in Tamilnadu politics, Dr. Hande brought Tamilnadu into first slot consecutively for 3 years and received the Dr. B.C. Roy award for his excellent work, at the behest of the then Union Health Minister Shri P.V. Narasimha rao.