

Need for official recognition for celebration of Sant Shri Sevalal Maharaj Jayanthi on 15th February-Laid

SHRIMATI D. K. ARUNA (MAHBUBNAGAR): I would like to bring to the kind notice of the Government the need to declare and give official recognition and nationwide celebrations of Sant Shri Sevalal Maharaj Jayanthi on 15th February every year. In this regard, I would like to state that 12 crore Banjaras in the country have significantly contributed to the nation's welfare, especially during times when there were no roads and they pioneered transportation creating trade routes to carry essential goods and also helped Army during battles. Unfortunately, despite their sacrifices and contributions, the rich history of the Banjaras remain unrecognized in written records. At a time of socio-economic despair with Banjaras, Sant Shri Sevalal Maharaj emerged as a guiding light, blessed by Goddess Jagadamba who is callipered and a reformer, he dedicated his life as a social reformer, spiritual leader, pioneer, warrior and mentor to lead the Banjaras into a righteous path and today he is worshipped as a spiritual guru in the form of God with grand Bhog, Bhandaras conducted worldwide in his honour. States like Telangana, AP, Karnataka and Maharashtra have already officially recognized and celebrated his Jayanthi on 15th February every year and by recognizing his services at the national level, this would be an acknowledgement of his unparalleled social and humanitarian contributions in recognition of his invaluable services to the nation. Therefore, considering the deep sentiments of Banjaras national and worldwide, I humbly request the Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment to kindly declare and give official recognition and nationwide celebrations of Shri Sevalal Maharaj Jayanthi on 15th February every year.