

Need to confer Bharat Ratna to Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh, a renowned agriculturist

SHRI BALWANT BASWANT WANKHEDE (AMRAVATI): Hon?ble Speaker Sir, today I rise to urge you to confer Bharat Ratna Award upon Bhausaheb Panjabrao Deshmukh. Bhausaheb Panjabrao Deshmukh was a member of this House and as the first Agriculture Minister of India, he contributed a lot in the field of agriculture and for the welfare of farmers.

Hon?ble Sir, he was also a member of the constituent assembly of the Indian constitution and had made a great contribution to the constitutional bench. He has also contributed his best while working with Dr. Baba Sahib Ambedkar for the eradication of untouchability.

By establishing Shivaji Education Society, he opened the doors of education for the poor Bahujans not only from Vidarbha region but also from the entire Maharashtra, and it was a remarkable and gigantic task. So, I request the government to confer Bharat Ratna Award upon Bhausaheb Panjabrao Deshmukh posthumously. And also requesting you that Amravati Airport be named as Bhausaheb Panjabrao Deshmukh Amravati Airport. Thank you.