

Title: Need to confer Bharat Ratna Award on Dr. Raj Kumar, Kannada Film Icon -laid.

SHRIMATI TEJASWINI SEE RAMESH (KANAKAPURA): I request the Government of India to confer Bharat Ratna award on Dr. Raj Kumar, the Kannada film icon. Dr. Raj Kumar was a unique Kannada actor in Indian cinema who acted in more than 206 movies. His characters ranged from comedy to action, from lover to double-triple roles, from mythological to portrayal of modern days social causes. He received Padmabhushan in 1983. The Government of Karnataka awarded the highest state civilian award 'Karnataka Ratna' to him in 1993. The Government of India awarded him 'Dada Saheb Phalke' award in 1995. In 1995 he also won a prestigious 'Kentucky Colonel Award' presented in Bangalore by the then Governor of Kentucky State of USA. His fans conferred on him the title 'Natasarvabhooma' means the emperor of acting. Dr. Raj Kumar won 10 Film Fare Awards for the best actor category which is second highest in the history of Indian films. He won 9 State awards in the best actor category. He also won National Award in best singer category.

If Government of India rewards Dr. Raj Kumar with the highest civilian award of the Nation 'Bharat Ratna' it will honour the Nation itself. On behalf of the 5 crore Kannadigas, I am urging the Government of India to award Dr. Raj Kumar with 'Bharat Ratna'.

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