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Title: Need to issue a commemorative stamp on the Centenary celebration of Late Shri Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar, a veteran freedom fighter from Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): Pasumpon Mutharamalinga Thevar, widely known as Thevar a great patriot and liberator was born on 30th October 1908 and died on 30th October 1963. Within this short period of 55 years he did yeomen service to Indian Nation.

He was at first introduced to Subash Chandra Bose by Srinivasa Iyyangar at Chennai during the All India Congress Conference held on 1927 at his age of 19 years. Since then he became a veteran congress man and became the President of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee. He stood first in allowing scheduled caste people to Sri Meenakshi Temple at Madurai during temple entry agitation.

He was a ferocious orator by which he popularized Congress party among the rural masses and made them to fight against alien rulers.

Though Thevar was a staunch Hindu he respected all religions. As a social reformer he gave practical suggestions to the government like providing land for the landless labourers belonging to scheduled caste. Further he was a champion for the cause of repealing the Criminal Tribes Act of 1911 by which more than 90 communities were benefited in Madras Presidency alone.

He was also a trade union leader and stood for the cause of workers in mills at Madurai for which he was imprisoned in 1938. He was a great orator both in English and Tamil. He loved Tirukural very much.

* Treated as laid on the Table

He visited Burma twice since Independence. He was elected twice both for Parliament and state assembly (1952, 1957) one and same time. In 1962, again he was elected to Parliament but did not attend to it due to ill health. He was a true bachelor known for his service and sacrifice.

To honour this patriot and champion of the down-trodden, I urge upon the Government of India to release a postal stamp to commemorate Pasumpon Mutharamalinga Thevar, birth centenary year which starts from 30th October, 2007.