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Title: Regarding conferring Bharat Ratna on Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, the former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS (VIJAYAWADA): I represent the desire of the people of Andhra Pradesh regarding our former Chief Minister, Shri Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao. He was the founder of our party, the Telugu Desam Party, and one of the greatest Chief Ministers of our state.

He launched our party in 1982 and created a record by coming to power in Andhra Pradesh within nine months. As Chief Minister, he championed anti-corruption and social justice principles. He introduced multiple schemes for the disadvantaged sections of society and provided women equal rights to inheritance. He overhauled the state education and healthcare systems and invested in infrastructure for electricity, irrigation and housing and laid the foundation of Andhra Pradesh's development.

Given his multiple achievements and his dedication to the Telugu people, I urge the Government of India on behalf of the Telugu people to confer Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award on  
Shri Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao.