# POLITICAL BACKGROUND AND RESPONSIBILITY OF SRI V S UGRAPPA – A **STUDY**

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#### INTRODUCTION

It is rare that ordinary people come to light in the Indian political system. It is very rare for people to become a leader in a system. Democracy is essential for all classes to have a good status. It is natural to guess the need for good leaders to have a better system. It is common for people to feel the hope of a good leader in the democratic system and to expect a confidence. A leader in a democracy can create a feeling of hope and confidence in the people. The leadership has the most responsibility of initiating, a conscious programmer of social change. The targets of social and political change are to be reached by it. The generation of politicians who brought freedom to India included a number of persons who were deeply steeped in culture. They were poets, novelists, historians, philosophers, jurists and connoisseurs of music and art, while being engaged in the toils of nation-building. Today the word politician, more often than not, conjures up the picture of a rath<mark>er coarse go-getter, for whom power is all, no matter how</mark> it is gained and retained. We, always find today in India, leaders lacking the spirit of devotion and dedication to the people. Because, party politics is such, it does not allow anyone to become leaders of the masses because, party is a machine of which leader is a nut and bolt of it. Such party leadership has been proved as a bottleneck to many people to emerge as leaders of the masses.

# OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY -

The research study seeks to analyses the characteristics' and behaviour of Sr. V.S. Ugrappa, the objectives of the study, specially, are as under -

- 1. To study and review the political life of Sri V S Ugrappa.
- 2. To assess the leadership quality of a brilliant member of Karnataka Legislative Council Sri V S Ugrappa.
- 3. To analyze the responsibility of Sri V S Ugrappa as member of Karnataka Legislative Council.

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY -

The present work is mainly based more on secondary source of data like records and essential documents including newspapers, legislative debates, proceedings and government orders. The primary sources of data will be collect from conducting personal interview with him and wellwishers and other dignitaries familiar with the work and achievements.

## PERSONAL LIFE - AN OVERVIEW OF V.S. UGRAPPA -

The object of the Indian National Congress is the well-being and advancement of the people of India and the establishment in India, by peaceful and constitutional means, of a Socialist State based on Parliamentary Democracy in which there is equality of opportunity and of political, economic and social rights and which aims at world peace and fellowship.

Full Name: Venkatapura Subbaiah Ugrappa

**Date of Birth:** 03 Jun 1954 (Age 65)

Place of Birth: Venkatapura, Tumkur

Party name: Indian National Congress

**Education:** Profession Advocate, Agriculturist

Father's Name: Subbaiah

Mother's Name: Smt. Lakkamma

Spouse's Name: Dr. Manjula K. V. Spouse's Profession Doctor

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Social and Culture activities: Actively involved in promoting the environmental activities, creating awareness among public regarding environmental issues, health, education and empowerment of women and weaker sections of the society and also working for afforestation by involving schools, colleges and local public at Bengaluru has been working to achieve social justice to all sections of the society, took initiatives in gathering the Status of Maharshi Valmiki and Saint Kanakadasa were installed in the premises, at native place, and in Parlimentary constituency (Ballari) of Vidhana Soudha Bengaluru.

**Special Interests:** Reading Books, Farming

Favorite Pastime and Recreation: Listening to Music, Travelling.

**Sports and Clubs:** Chess

Sri. V.S.Ugrappa is to discuss the issues and arguments expressed in the legislature and outside. It is important that people who have such a good speech are in the House. If this is the case he is a politician who has a great idea of expertise. In his own style he is a loyal person who expresses his doctrine and philosophical ideas directly. Analysis of ideas or opinions presented by a member of the Legislative Council of Karnataka.

Is a rationalist politician in favor of the weakest class of society. His service issues differ in different fields. Social and political have grown through the lower levels of society. They have a different contribution to society and politics. 2015 – 2018 = Chairperson, the Expert Committee on Preventing Sexual Violence Against Women and Children. Sri. V.S. Ugrappa was the Chairman of the Truth Selection Committee, which formed the Congress government on illegal mining in Ballari.

#### THE STUDY -

## **OVERVIEW OF SRI V S UGRAPPA:**

Mr. Sri Ugrappa is one of the few leaders who grew up in the political system of Karnataka from the general lower classes. He has identified himself through his multi-faceted ideas and struggles. The personality of social and political justice is emboldened by their direct speech.

Sri.V.S.Ugrappa made his politics throughout his life. He did not make opportunistic politics, rather believed in society, the nation's concern and the constitutional hopes. Mr. Ugrappa, a law graduate, got the opportunity to contest the byelections because of his "clean" image and fluency in Telugu, which is expected to help him in appealing to the voters of Ballari. Moreover, his contribution to installing a Valmiki statue on the Vidhana Soudha premises should fetch him votes from the community.

TABLE NO - 1: NETWORTH OF VENKATAPURA SUBBAIAH UGRAPPA - IN VIEW

| Particulars       | Amount in Rupees |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Total Assets      | Rs.10.82 Crore   |
| Movable Assets    | Rs.2.77 Crore    |
| Immovable Assets  | Rs.8.05 Crore    |
| Total Liabilities | Rs.2.22 Crore    |

The Congress believes the 'outsider' tag will help Mr. Ugrappa in ensuring unity in the party and galvanising its workers. The central leadership chose Mr. Ugrappa over MLA B. Nagendra's brother Venkatesh Prasad because of the MLC's loyalty to former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and district in-charge Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

The by-election to the Ballari Lok Sabha seat is set to witness an 'outsider versus insider' battle, with three-time Congress MLC V.S. Ugrappa taking on J. Shanta, former MP and sister of B. Sriramulu, MLA. Both belong to the Nayaka (Valmiki) community. V. S. Ugrappa is currently serving as Member of Parliament from Ballari Constituency in Karnataka. A member of the Indian National Congress, he was elected in a bypoll in November 2018. He defeated the BJP candidate J.Shantha by 2.1 lakh votes. It is believed that lack of consensus among the six legislators in the district Congress led to the choice of Mr. Ugrappa, who hails from a village in Pavagada of Tumakuru district. Mr. Ugrappa was among those who were vociferous against illegal mining in the district during the BJP regime (2008-13). Mr. Ugrappa had sought ticket to contest the 2018 Assembly elections, but the party did not field him as he was an MLC. Mr. Ugrappa contested in the 1989 and 1991 parliamentary elections, but lost on both occasions.

Mr. Ugrappa told the Hindu that Mr. Sriramulu's thrust on his being an outsider would not work since the BJP man himself had contested from Badami and Molakalmuru, which are outside Ballari, in the 2018 Assembly polls. Mr. Sriramulu lost in Badami but won in Molakalmuru, Chitradurga. "Secular versus communal, corrupt BJP versus democratic Congress is my poll issues," he said. "Moreover, the voters will be urged to punish Sriramulu for imposing bypolls at the end of the Lok Sabha term."

#### **POLITICAL TIMELINE -**

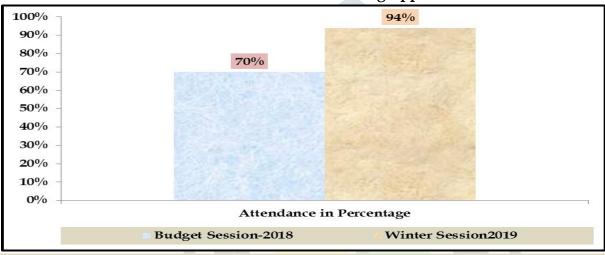
2018 On 6th Nov 2018, he was elected to 16th Lok Sabha from Ballari constituency in a byelection. He defeated V Shantha of BJP. 2014 Again elected as Member, Karnataka State Legislative Council (Third Term). Also, he became the Chairperson of Expert Committee to give Report to Prevent Atrocity on Women and Children, Karnataka Legislative Council. 2008 From 2008-2010, he was the leader of Opposition, Karnataka Legislative Council. 2004 He was re-elected as Member of Karnataka State Legislative Council. He served this post till 2010. 1996 From 1996 to 1998, he was Chairperson, Subject Committee, and Karnataka Legislative Council. 1995 He was elected a member of Karnataka State Legislative Council. He served as MLC till 1998.

TABLE NO - 2: ATTENDANCE DETAILS OF V.S.UGRAPPA IN LOK SABHA

| Session        | Year | Attendance in Percentage |
|----------------|------|--------------------------|
| Budget Session | 2019 | 70%                      |
| Winter Session | 2018 | 94%                      |

Source: Lok Sabha sessions.

GRAPH NO – 1: Attendance Details of V.S.Ugrappa in Lok Sabha



## **POSITIONS HELD:**

| Year                                   | Positions  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1995-1998, 2004-2010, 2014-17 Dec.2018 | Member, Karnataka State Legislative                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Council (Three Terms)                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1996-1998                              | Chairperson, Subject Committee,                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Karnataka Legislative Council                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2008-2010                              | Leader of Opposition, Karnataka                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Legislative Council                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2014-2018                              | Chairperson, Expert Committee to give                    |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Report to Prevent Atrocity on Women                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | and Children, Karnataka Legislative                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Council.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018              | Elected to 16 <sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha in a bye-election. |  |  |  |  |  |

He was a senior member of the Upper House of Karnataka Legislative Assembly. He was the achieve member in the House to effectively handle their party or their government. V.S. Ugrappa is an Indian politician and currently an Ex-member of parliament from Ballari constituency in Karnataka who lost the election to Devendrappa. A member of the Indian National Congress, he was elected in a bypoll in November 2018.

TABLE NO -3: BELLARY LOK SABHA CONSTITUENCY STATISTICAL RESULTS

| Assembly<br>Constituency | Total Polling<br>Booths | General<br>Voters- Male | General Voters-<br>Female | General Voters-<br>Others | General<br>Voters- Total |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 93-Ballari               | 234                     | 108590                  | 112909                    | 42                        | 221541                   |
| 94-Ballari City          | 243                     | 116712                  | 120737                    | 15                        | 237464                   |
| 95-Sandur                | 249                     | 109195                  | 107434                    | 35                        | 216664                   |
| 96-Kudligi               | 243                     | 101405                  | 98310                     | 10                        | 199725                   |
| Total                    | 2151                    | 962950                  | 971459                    | 260                       | 1934669                  |

Source: Election Commission of India - 2018.

TABLE NO -4: BELLARY LOK SABHA CONSTITUENCY STATISTICAL RESULTS

| Assembly<br>Constituency | Service<br>Voters-Male | Service<br>Voters-<br>Female | Service<br>Voters-<br>Total | Total<br>Voters-<br>Male | Total<br>Voters-<br>Female | Total<br>Voters-<br>Others | Grand<br>Total |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 93-Ballari               | 25                     | 2                            | 27                          | 108615                   | 112911                     | 42                         | 221568         |
| 94-Ballari City          | 26                     | 3                            | 29                          | 116738                   | 120740                     | 15                         | 237493         |
| 95-Sandur                | 50                     | 1                            | 51                          | 109245                   | 107435                     | 35                         | 216715         |
| 96-Kudligi               | 41                     | 0                            | 41                          | 101446                   | 98310                      | 10                         | 199766         |
| Total                    | 422                    | 11                           | 433                         | 963372                   | 971470                     | 260                        | 1935102        |

**Source:** Election Commission of India - 2018.

Bellary is one of the constituencies in 28-seat Karnataka. At the time of the previous Lok Sabha elections in 2014, Bellary had 1,487,945 registered electors -- 750,789 of them male and 737,156 female. The constituency had seen a 70.28% voter turnout in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. In Bellary the male voter turnout was 72.21% and 68.32% female voters turned out for voting. A total of 12 candidates contested in this constituency -- R. Ravinayaka, B. Ramudu (Addigeri Ramanna), B. Sreeramulu, N.Y. Hanumantappa, A. Devdas, Doddamani Prasad, G. Nataraja, Comrade S. Bheemappa, Malagi Shivakumar Giriyappa, K. Raghavendra, N.B. Krishnappa Nayaka, N.R. Mallayya Swamy . The participation of women candidates in this seat was 0.

## BELLARY LOK SABHA CONSTITUENCY CANDIDATE LIST - 2019

| Constituency | Candidate Name | Photo | Gender | Category | Party    | % Vote Polled | STATUS |
|--------------|----------------|-------|--------|----------|----------|---------------|--------|
| Bellary (ST) | Y Devendrappa  |       | М      | ST       | ВЈР      | 50.44         | 16     |
| Bellary (ST) | V S Ugrappa    |       | М      | ST       | CONGRESS | 45.89         | II (a) |

### **CONCLUSION -**

It is very rare for people to become a leader in a system. Democracy is essential for all classes to have a good status. It is natural to guess the need for good leaders to have a better system. It is common for people to feel the hope of a good leader in the democratic system and to expect a confidence. A leader in a democracy can create a feeling of hope and confidence in the people. The leadership has the most responsibility of initiating, a conscious programmer of social change. The targets of social and political change are to be reached by it. Sri V S Ugrappa's ideas have a profound effect on social classes as well as exploited classes. The Congress Party or the party government has played a vital role in stabilizing the party or party government in a state of distress. He was a senior member of the Upper House of Karnataka Legislative Assembly. He was the achieve member in the House to effectively handle their party or their government. V.S. Ugrappa is an Indian politician and currently an Ex-member of parliament from Ballari constituency in Karnataka who lost the election to Devendrappa.

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